



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

4 EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024 | 10:30 AM

Welcome!

Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

LIVESTREAM BROADCAST

This service is livestreamed on our website at www.luthermem.org and YouTube. Cameras are installed in the nave, and worshipers may occasionally be visible on this broadcast.

PARKING

Free parking is available Sundays in the Grainger Hall parking ramp, one block east of the church, off Brooks Street. For closer access, parking is available in the garage under the church off Conklin Place alley.

RESOURCES

T-coil audio is available in the nave. Ushers can provide hearing assistance and a wheelchair, if needed. Prayer shawls are available in the narthex.

CHILDCARE

Infants and children are welcome in worship. Changing tables are located in the restrooms. A staffed nursery is available Sundays 9:15-11:45 am.

LEARN MORE

If you would like a pastor to call, or want to learn more:

- Please fill out a pew card and place in the offering plate
- Visit us online at www.luthermem.org or Facebook

PRELUDE *Adagio from Symphony No. 4* | Charles-Marie Widor

GATHERING

Please turn and face the baptismal font at the rear of the nave.

P. 227 SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the altar.

#308 PROCESSIONAL HYMN O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
(Stanzas 1 & 2: all; stanza 3: high voices; stanza 4: low voices; stanzas 5 & 6: all)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



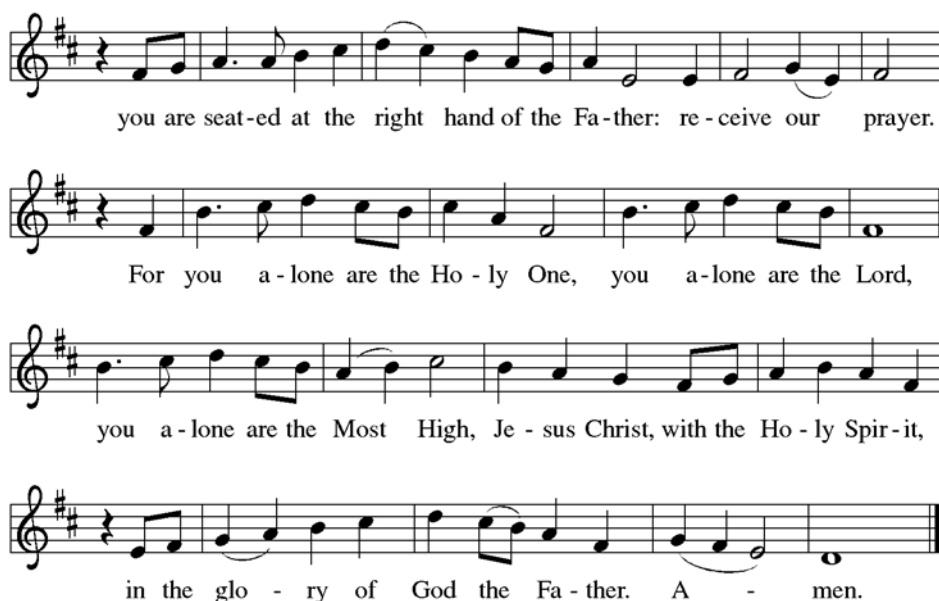
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you gather the whole creation into your gracious presence and continually reveal your Son as Savior. Bring healing to all that is broken, that the whole world may see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 18:15–20

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111

The choir sings the antiphon, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,” before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with | my whole heart,*
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

Great are your | works, O Lord,*

pondered by all who de- | light in them.

Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,*

and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

You cause your wonders to | be remembered;*

you are gracious and full | of compassion.

You give food to | those who fear you,*

remembering forev- | er your covenant.

You have shown your people the power | of your works*

in giving them the lands | of the nations.

The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;*

all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

They stand fast forev- | er and ever,*

because they are done in | truth and equity.

You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;*

holy and awesome | is your name.

The fear of the Lord is the begin- | ning of wisdom;*

all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- | dures forever.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as in fact there are many gods and many lords — yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not bring us close to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light; for those who sat in the shadow of death light has dawned.

GOSPEL Mark 1:21–28

Glory to you, O Lord.

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#665 HYMN OF THE DAY Rise, Shine, You People!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet your neighbor: **Peace be with you.**

MEAL

Please sit.

OFFERING How Lovely are the Messengers from St. Paul | Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Please stand.

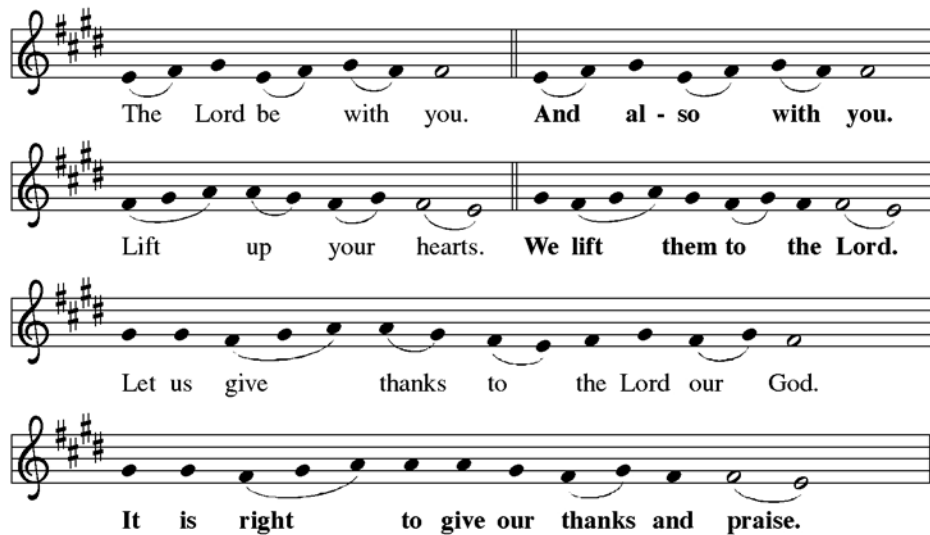
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



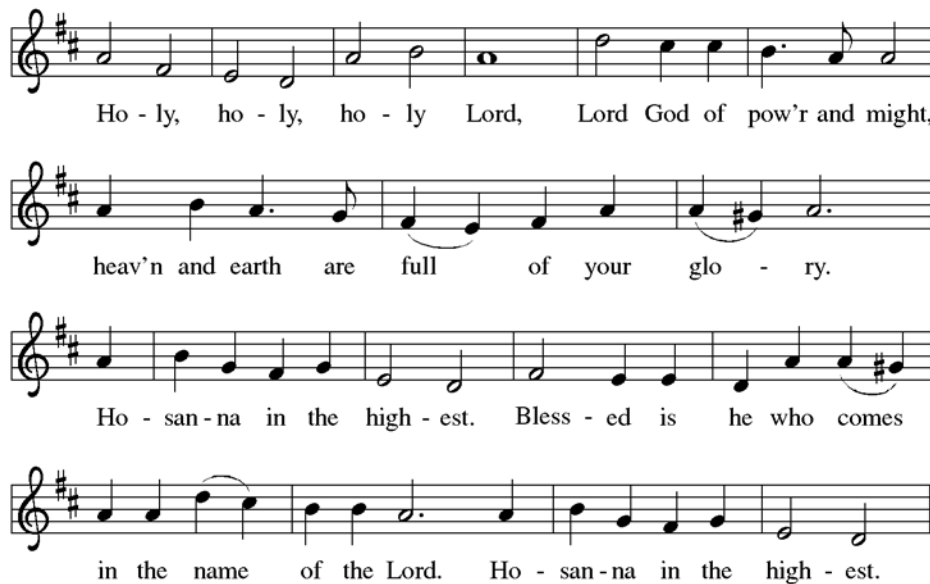
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

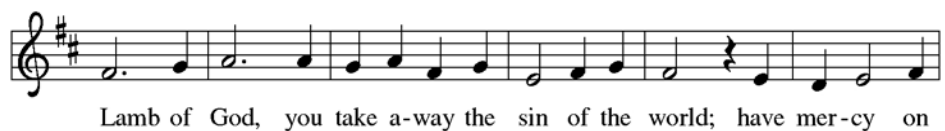
LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav- en, hal- low- ed be
thy name, thy king-dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heav- en. Give us this day our
dai- ly bread; and for- give us our tres- pass- es,
as we for- give those who tres- pass a- gainst us; and lead us
not in- to temp- ta- tion, but de- liv- er us from e- vil.
For thine is the king- dom, and the pow- er, and the
glo- ry, for- ev- er and ev- er. A- men.

Please sit.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



THE COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. We receive the Body of Christ (bread) in our open hands. Christ is fully present in both bread and cup. The Blood of Christ (wine) may be received in any of three ways: by drinking from the first chalice, by dipping the bread (intinction) into the chalice, or by drinking from an individual glass poured from a second chalice.*

**Gluten-free bread is available on request.*

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION Canticle | Charles Callahan

#614 COMMUNION HYMN There Is a Balm in Gilead

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son.
By your spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the font.

#886 RECESSIONAL HYMN Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! | Max Drischner

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

O Lord Jesus Christ, there is so much to drag us back: empty pursuit, trivial pleasures, unworthy cares. There is so much to frighten us away: a pride too cowardly to submit to being helped, cowardly apprehensiveness which evades danger to its own destruction, anguish for sin which shuns holy cleansing as disease shuns medicine. But Thou art stronger than these; do draw Thou us now more strongly to Thee. We call Thee our Savior and Redeemer, since Thou didst come to earth to redeem us from the servitude under which we were bound or had bound ourselves, to save the lost. This is Thy work, which Thou didst complete, and which Thou wilt continue to complete unto the end of the world; for since Thou Thyself hast said it, therefore Thou wilt do it—lifted up from the earth Thou wilt draw all unto Thee. Amen.

Soren Kierkegaard
(1813–1855)

SERVING TODAY

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| PRESIDER | Rev. David Berggren |
| PREACHER | Pastor John Worzala Dumke |
| ORGANIST | Andrew Schaeffer |
| ACOLYTES | Caroline Schinke, Emma Heggeseth |
| ASSISTING MINISTER | Christopher Beaver |
| COMMUNION ASSISTANTS | Corbin Slinde, Derren Slinde, Panka McGuire |
| CRUCIFER | Randy Raasch |
| LECTOR | Paul Brammeier |
| SACRISTAN | Randy Raasch |
| AUDIO | David Heins |
| VIDEO | Lee Powell |
| HEAD USHER | Eric Oelkers |
| USHERS | Casey Oelkers, Dylan Oelkers, Kendall Oelkers |

Baptized today is Isabel Rose Drake, child of Susie Chen & Ryan Drake.

Our thanks to Tom Notbohm, saxophone, for playing this morning.

Pastor Pohlman is out on vacation and returns Thursday, Feb. 1.

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