



Luther Memorial Church

## Holy Communion

1 LENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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](http://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](http://www.luthermem.org) or Facebook

**PRELUDE** Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist (BWV 671) | Johann Sebastian Bach

## GATHERING

*Please stand.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Cleanse me from sin, O Lord, wash me with hyssop branches; cleanse me from guilt, and I shall be clean as the new snow.

**Have mercy on me, O my God, according to your great compassion.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

Amen.

**The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

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

**#238 GREAT LITANY**

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**WORD**

*Please sit.*

**FIRST READING**    Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 25:1-10

*The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.*



To | you, O Lord,

I lift | up my soul.

My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

**Let none who look to you be | put to shame;**

**rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.**

**Show me your | ways, O Lord,**

**and teach | me your paths.**

Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
 for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.  
 Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,  
 for they are from | everlasting.  
**Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;**  
**remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O Lord.**  
**You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord;**  
**therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**  
 You lead the low- | ly in justice  
 and teach the low- | ly your way.  
 All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
 to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

**SECOND READING** 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL**

*Choir:* One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**GOSPEL** Mark 1:9-15

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**SERMON**

*Please stand.*

**#766 HYMN OF THE DAY** Lord of Our Life

*Stanzas 1 sung by choir; stanzas 2–4 sung by all*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## 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** The Holy Lamb of God | K. Lee Scott

When Christ, the Holy Lamb of God,  
Was raised on Calvary's tree,  
His sinless life in ransom paid  
To set his people free,  
The sun its brightness soon withheld;  
The earth in fear did quake;  
And all of heaven stood amazed  
At love so deep, so great.

His body there was pierced and torn,  
Abused, despised, and slain;  
He bled for sins that we have done,  
God's judgment to restrain.  
To us he brings his lasting peace,  
With joy forevermore;  
And by his bruises we are healed;  
His death shall life restore.

O blessed Jesus, Lamb most pure,  
 You suffered much for me;  
 Though shamed, you opened not your mouth  
 Through bitter agony!  
 How can my voice in silence wait;  
 My heart in silence stand?  
 Now all the host of heaven sings  
 Your praise at God's right hand.

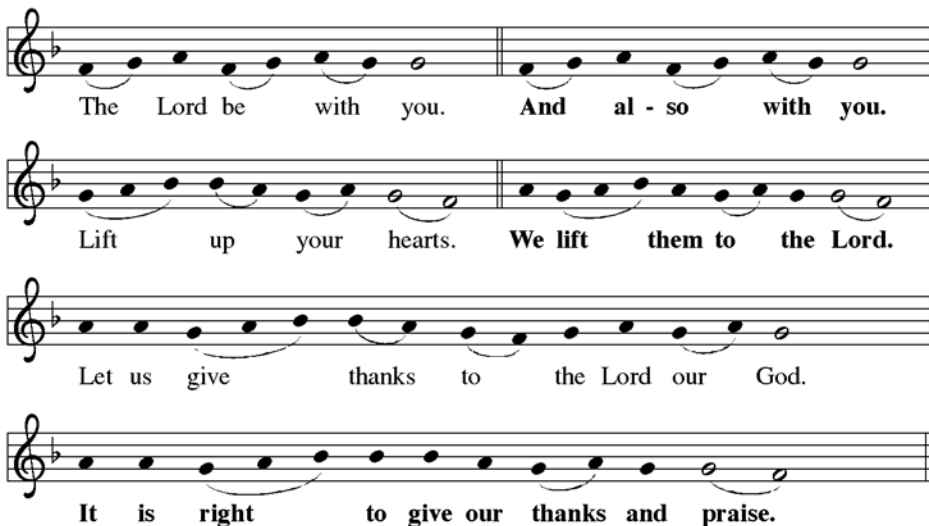
*Please stand.*

### 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



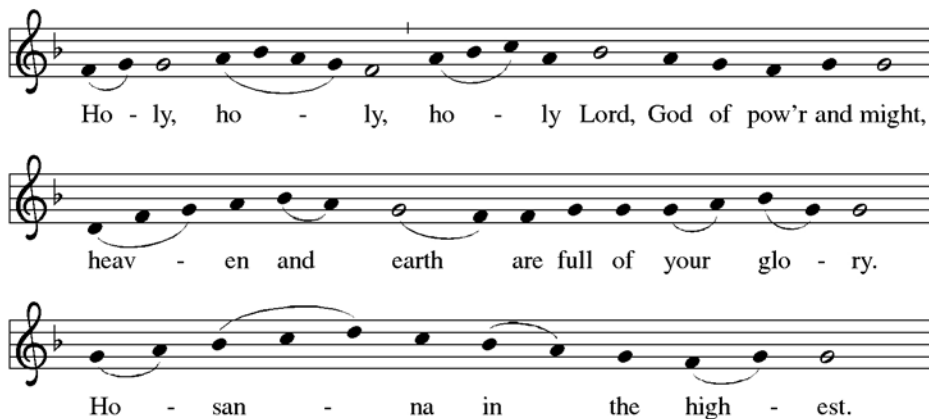
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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, God of pow'r and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.



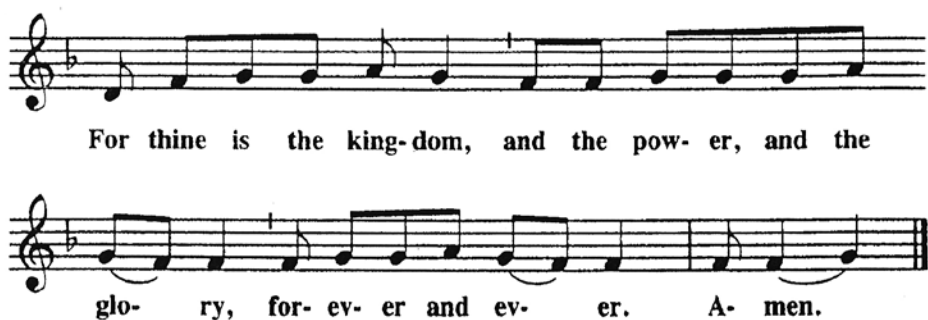
### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We give you thanks, Father... both now and forever.

**Amen.**

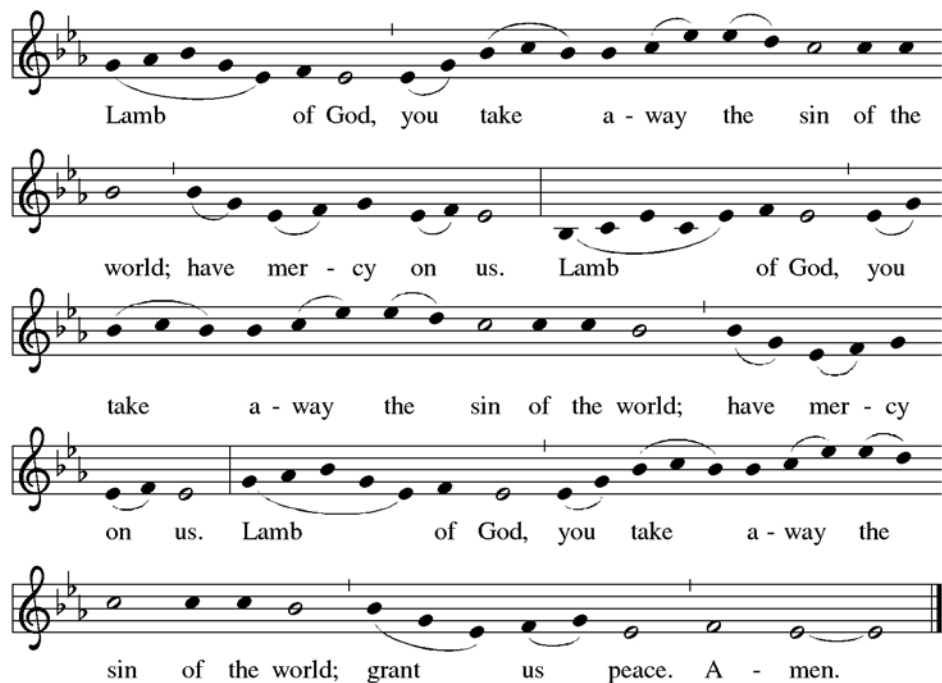
### LORD'S PRAYER

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.



*Please sit.*

## AGNUS DEI



## 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** Kyrie, Christe, aller Welt Trost (BWV 670) | Johann Sebastian Bach

## COMMUNION HYMNS

#613 Thy Holy Wings

#319 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

*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.*

**#811 RECESSIONAL HYMN** On My Heart Imprint Your Image

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** In the Cross of Christ I Glory | David Cherwien









## TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### The Lenten Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian

*Of all Lenten hymns and prayers, one short prayer can be termed the Lenten prayer. Tradition ascribes it to one of the great teachers of spiritual life, St. Ephraim the Syrian.*

O Lord and Master of my life!  
Take from me the spirit of sloth,  
faintheartedness, lust of power and  
idle talk. But give rather the spirit  
of chastity, humility, patience and  
love to your servant. Yea O Lord  
and King! Grant me to see my own  
errors and not to judge my brothers  
and sisters; for you are blessed unto  
ages of ages. Amen.

## SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
PREACHER	Rev. Peder Johanson
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Kole Consigny
ASSISTING MINISTER	Luis Reynaldo
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Jane Hall, Mary Powell
CRUCIFER	Brian Uphoff
LECTOR	Karole Leadholm
SACRISTAN	Karen Harris
AUDIO	Bill Braham
VIDEO	Lee Powell
USHERS	Bob Uphoff, Chris Uphoff, Jeff Van Fleet

**We welcome the Rev. Peder Johanson as our guest preacher** this morning. Pastor John Worzala Dumke is preaching at New Hope Lutheran Church in Hollandale on behalf of Lutheran Campus Ministry.

**Altar flowers are given by the Collins and Edwards families** in memory of Mary Collins.

**Today we remember the inurnment of Mary Collins** in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read her page in the memory books.

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