



Luther Memorial Church

## Holy Communion

2 LENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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
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PRELUDE Madrigal | Thomas Tomkins

## 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.*

#667 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

## 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.**

## KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.

[illegible]

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

The first line of musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half), C4 (half), and B3 (half). A slur is placed under the notes G4, A4, Bb4, A4, and G4.

Lord,                      have mer - cy.

For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord,                      have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

**A** - **men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, by the passion of your beloved Son you made an instrument of death to be the means of life. Grant us so to take up the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

*Please sit.*

### FIRST READING Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 22:23-31

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



You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.\*

Stand in awe of the Lord, all you off- | spring of Israel.

For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face | hidden from them;\*

but when they cry out, | the Lord hears them.

**From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;\***

**I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the Lord.**

**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied;\***

**Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the Lord;\*

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

For dominion belongs | to the Lord;\*

who rules o- | ver the nations.

**Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;\***

**all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the Lord.**

**Their descendants shall | serve the Lord;\***

**whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn;\*

saying to them, "The | Lord has acted!"

## **SECOND READING** Romans 4:13–25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **GOSPEL**

*Choir:* May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.

## **GOSPEL** Mark 8:31–38

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

## **SERMON**

*Please stand.*

**#802 HYMN OF THE DAY** Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

## 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** Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake | Richard Farrant  
Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,  
lay not our sins to our charge,  
but forgive that is past,  
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.  
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,  
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee,  
now and evermore.  
Amen.

*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.

The musical notation for 'GREAT THANKSGIVING' consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes with various phrasing slurs. The lyrics are printed below each staff.

## 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.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation for 'SANCTUS' consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes with various phrasing slurs. The lyrics are printed below each staff.

## 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

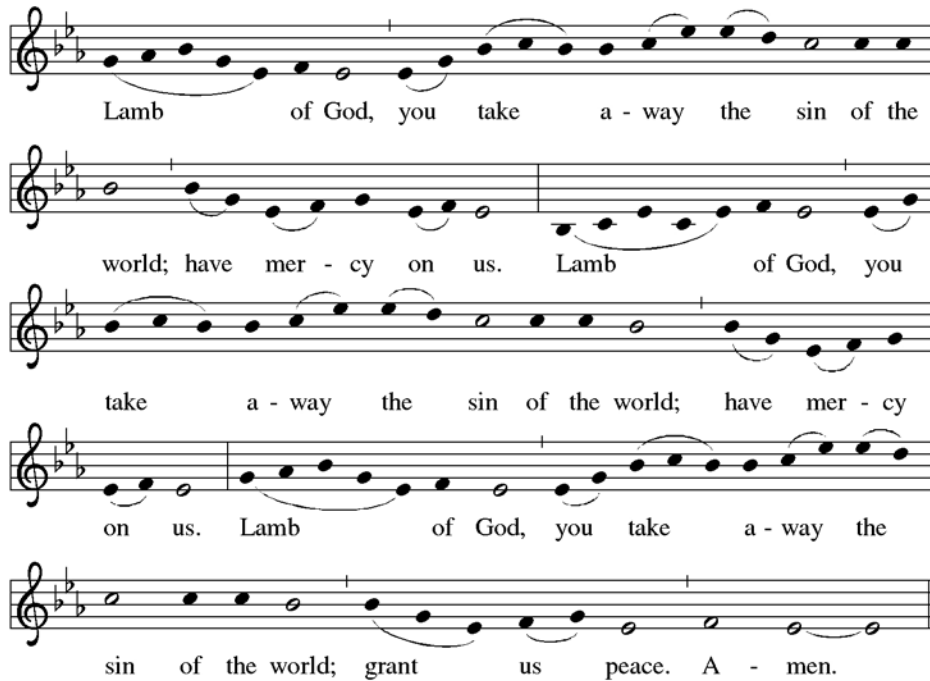
not in- to temp- ta- tion, but de- liv- er us from e- vil.

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



## 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** O Lord, in Thy Wrath Rebuke Me Not | Orlando Gibbons

Kyrie | Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

## #325 COMMUNION HYMN I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

*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** Präludium in d minor | Dietrich Buxtehude





## 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	The Rev. David Berggren
PREACHER	Seminarian Laura Frost
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Michael Thiele, Tyler Thiele
ASSISTING MINISTER	Margaret Miner
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Corbin Slinde, Derren Slinde, Panka McGuire
CRUCIFER	Randy Raasch
LECTOR	Deb Raasch
SACRISTAN	Randy Raasch
AUDIO	David Heins
VIDEO	
USHERS	Eric Oelkers, Casey Oelkers, Dylan Oelkers, Kendall Oelkers

**We welcome the Rev. David Berggren and Seminarian Laura Frost** this morning. Pastor Brad Pohlman and Pastor John Worzala Dumke are on a mission trip in Puerto Rico until Tuesday, Feb. 27.

**Our thanks to the recorder ensemble** for playing this morning.

**Today we remember the inurnments of Barbara Luebs and Arthur Luebs** in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read their pages in the memory books.

### A note about our Lenten liturgy

Throughout the Sundays of Lent, you may notice several deviations from our usual worship patterns. Due to the penitential nature of this season, we refrain from singing the joyous words of the *Gloria*, singing instead the traditional *Kyrie*, which calls to mind our need for repentance and peace. Instead of a boisterous recessional hymn, we will utilize the simple chorale "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" every Sunday. Finally, the organ, which traditionally enjoys a prominent voice in our liturgy, is used as sparingly as possible. It is our hope that these changes will aid in your introspection during this holy season, and lead to a more profound *Alleluia* at Easter.

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