



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

3 LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 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 *Elegy* | Philip Moore

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.

#324 PROCESSIONAL HYMN In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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.

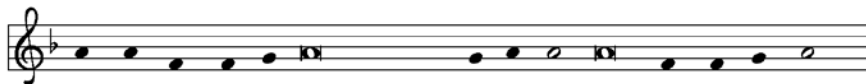
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



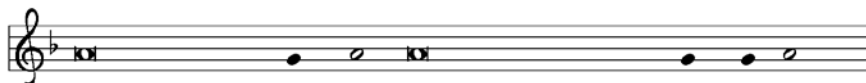
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



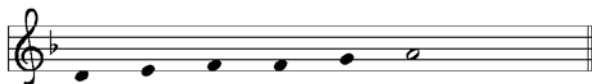
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



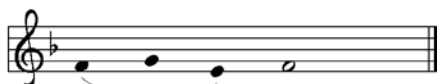
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, in your Son you call us to faith, love, and obedience to your will. Keep us steadfast in your grace, and renew us in the faith of 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 Exodus 20:1–17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

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



The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

One day tells its tale | to another,*
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

**Although they have no | words or language,*
and their voices | are not heard,**

**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world,*
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**

It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber,*
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of | it again,*
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;*
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.
The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;*
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;*
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,*
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,*
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

Who can detect one's | own offenses?*

Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;*
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,*
O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18–25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Choir: We proclaim Christ crucified, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

GOSPEL John 2:13–22

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#705 HYMN OF THE DAY God of Grace and God of Glory

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 Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child | Mitchell Eithun

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 rests and slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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 rests and slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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

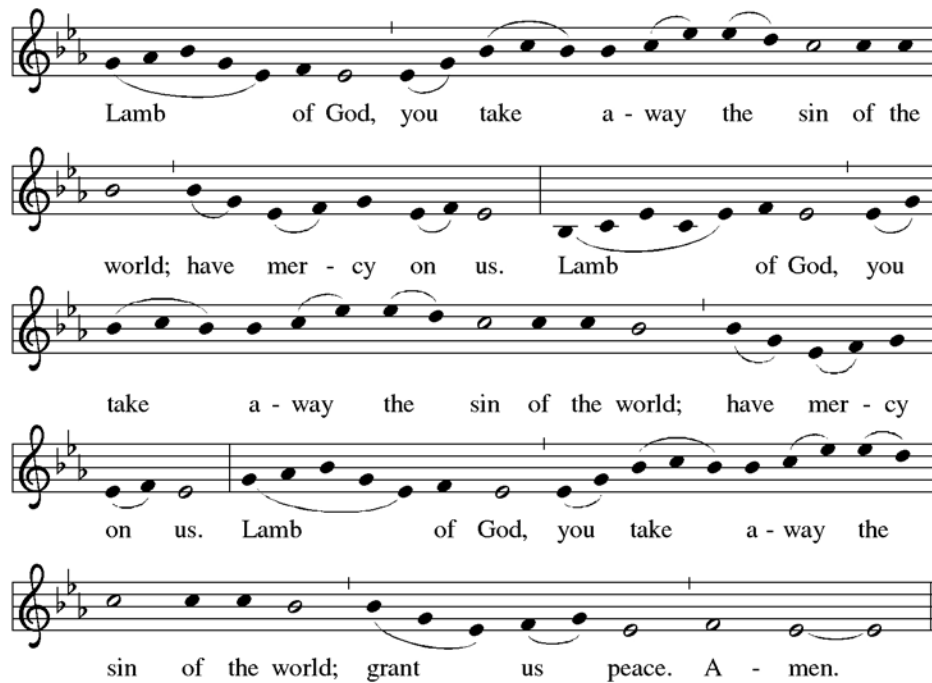
not in- to temp- ta- tion, but de- liv- er us from e- vil.

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 A Lenten Love Song | Helen Kemp

Now Jesus went into the garden of Gethsemane.

He went there sad and very weary

To be alone to pray.

“Dear God, I am so sorrowful, is there no other way?

Dear God, if it is possible, let this cup pass away.”

Now Jesus went into the garden of Gethsemane.

The olive tree bent over him,

And heard him sadly pray:

“Dear God, your Son is sorrowful, but knows your way is best.

Let love take hold of me!

Help me to be bold and free to do your will and rest.”

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

COMMUNION HYMNS

#793 Be Thou My Vision

#772 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

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 Prelude in a minor (BWV 543) | Johann Sebastian Bach

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	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Michael Thiele
ASSISTING MINISTER	Margaret Miner
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Jane Hall, Mary Powell, Janet Zentner
CRUCIFER	Paul Brammeier
LECTOR	Brenda Ryther
SACRISTAN	Dan Ruge
AUDIO & VIDEO	Alex Starr
USHERS	Nicole Lane Starr, Kris Gruber-Twardy, Paul Twardy

Our thanks to the handbell choir and George Alexander, saxophone, for playing this morning, and to the youth and children's choirs for leading our worship.

Today we remember the inurnments of John "Sid" Gallagher and Barbara Hennings 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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