



Luther Memorial Church

## Holy Communion

4 LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 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** Aus tiefer Not "Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee" (BWV 687) | Johann Sebastian Bach

## 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.*

### #323 PROCESSIONAL HYMN God Loved the World

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

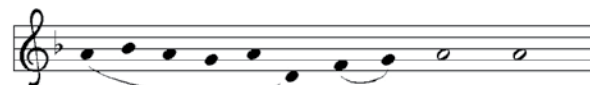
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



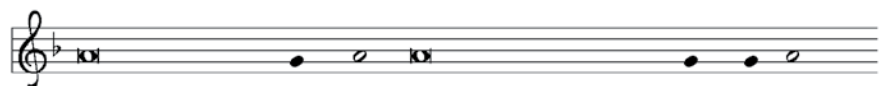
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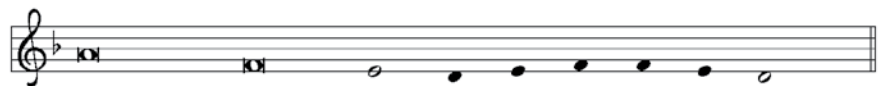
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

O God of mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through 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 Numbers 21:4–9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22**

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



Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good,\*  
for God's mercy en- | dures forever.  
Let the redeemed of the | Lord proclaim\*  
that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,  
**gathering them in | from the lands;\*  
from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.**  
**Some were fools and took re- | bellious paths;\*  
through their sins they | were afflicted.**  
They loathed all man- | ner of food\*  
and drew near | to death's door.  
Then in their trouble they cried | to the Lord\*  
and you delivered them from | their distress.  
**You sent forth your | word and healed them\*  
and rescued them | from the grave.**  
**Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your | steadfast love\*  
and your wonderful works | for all people.**  
Let them offer sacrifices | of thanksgiving\*  
and tell of your deeds with | shouts of joy.

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL** *Choir:* God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

**GOSPEL** John 3:14-21

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**SERMON**

*Please stand.*

**#666 HYMN OF THE DAY** What Wondrous Love Is This

**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** Give Me Jesus | Larry Fleming

*The text may be found at Hymn # 770*

*Please stand.*

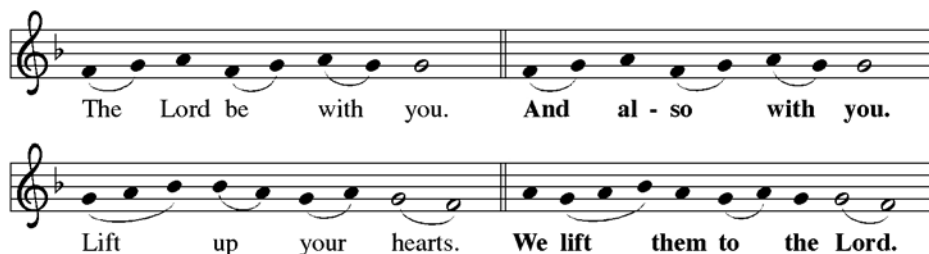
**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

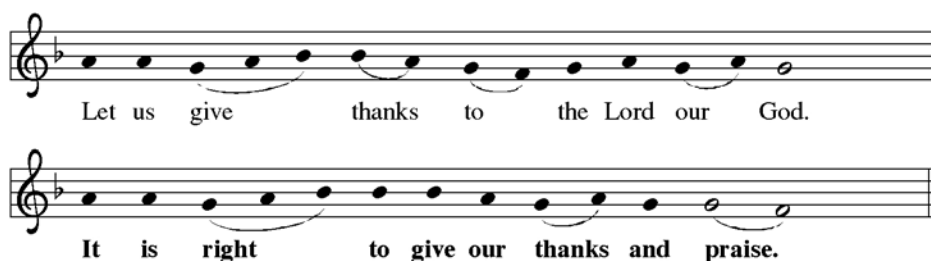
Let us pray.

**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**





# 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.

# 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**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy  
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

## 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** Let My Complaint Come Before Thee | Adrian Batten

## COMMUNION HYMNS

- #803 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
- #779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*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** Praeludium in g minor | Georg Böhm

## 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 John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Kendall Oelkers, Elise Shirek
ASSISTING MINISTER	Christopher Beaver
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Helen Hartman, Panka McGuire, Randy Raasch
CRUCIFER	Branden Metzler
LECTOR	Bonnie Gruber
SACRISTAN	Randy Raasch
AUDIO	David Heins
VIDEO	Lee Powell
USHERS	Jeff Van Fleet, Derren Slinde, Corbin Slinde

**Altar flowers are given by the Szczykutowicz family** in celebration of Levi James Otto Szczykutowicz.

### 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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