



Luther Memorial Church

## Holy Communion

5 LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 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** *Two settings of Christ, the Life of All the Living* | Johann Sebastian Bach & Flor Peeters

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

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

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**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Christ, the Life of All the Living

## 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.

[illegible]

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, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers.

Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in 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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 51:1-12

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



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;

in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,

and cleanse me | from my sin.

**For I know | my offenses,**

**and my sin is ev- | er before me.**

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;**

**so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,

a sinner from my | mother's womb.

Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,

and would have me know wisdom | deep within.

**Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;**

**wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.**

**Let me hear | joy and gladness;**

**that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

Hide your face | from my sins,

and blot out | all my wickedness.

Create in me a clean | heart, O God,

and renew a right spir- | it within me.

**Cast me not away | from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.  
Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

**SECOND READING** Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL**

*Choir:* Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain, but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

**GOSPEL** John 12:20-33

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**SERMON**

*Please stand.*

**#330 HYMN OF THE DAY** Seed That in Earth is Dying

## 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.**

## INSTALLATION OF 2024 COUNCIL MEMBERS

### 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 Ode I from Triodion | Arvo Pärt

We do homage to Thy pure image, O Good One, entreating forgiveness of our transgressions,  
O Christ our God: for of Thine own good will Thou wast graciously pleased to ascend the Cross  
in the flesh, that Thou mightest deliver from bondage to the enemy those whom Thou hadst  
fashioned. For which cause we cry aloud unto Thee with thanksgiving: With joy hast Thou filled  
all things, O our Saviour, in that Thou didst come to save the world.

O Jesus the Son of God, have mercy upon us.

*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.

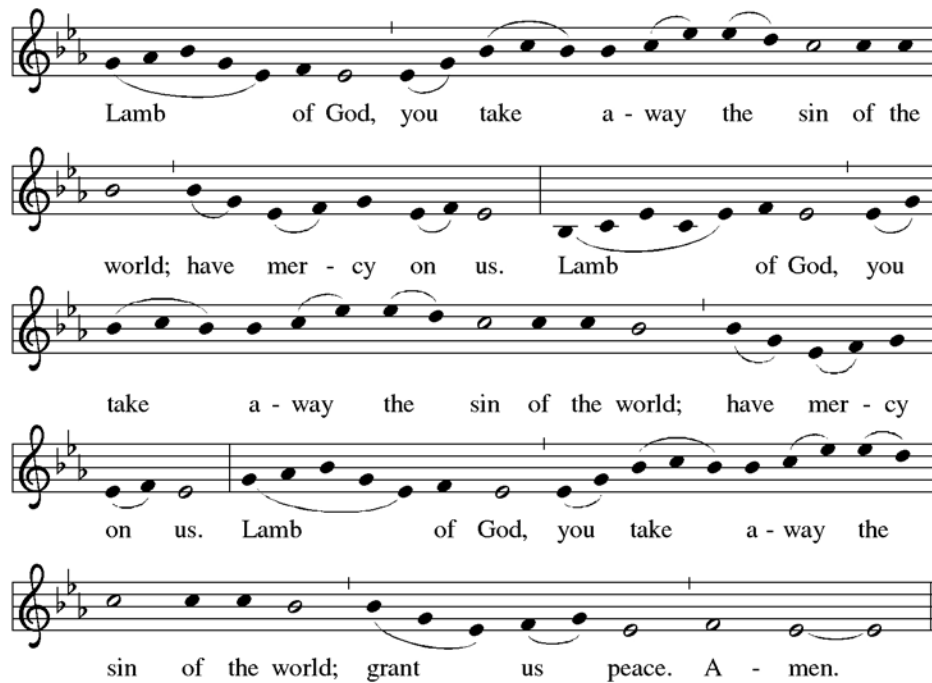
For thine is the king-dom, and the pow- er, and the

glo- ry, for- ev- er and ev- er. A- men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight measures of music, each corresponding to a line of the Lord's Prayer. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the eighth measure.

*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 Were You There? | Traditional Spiritual

### COMMUNION HYMNS

- #759 My Faith Looks Up to Thee
- #337 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

*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 e minor | Nicolaus Bruhns





## 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	The Rev. Peder Johanson
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
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ASSISTING MINISTER	Carl Anderson
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CRUCIFER	Brian Uphoff
LECTOR	Heidi Notbohm
SACRISTAN	Cynthia Vander Woude
AUDIO	Bill Braham
VIDEO	Lee Powell
USHERS	Bob Uphoff, Chris Uphoff, Jeff Van Fleet

**Our thanks to the Rev. Peder Johanson** for serving as guest preacher this morning. Pastor John Worzala Dumke is working on Lutheran Campus Ministry projects.

**Our thanks to Dave and Meredith Bray** for sharing their musical gifts this morning.

**Today we remember the inurnment of Robert Anderson** in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read his page 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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