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



Holy Communion second sunday of easter sunday, april 7, 2024 | 10:30 Am

PRELUDE Maria Magdalena et altera Maria Cominica in Resurrectione Domini | Francisco Guerrero

GATHERING

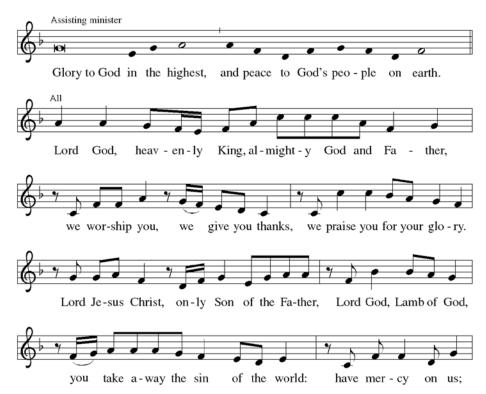
Please turn and face the baptismal font at the rear of the nave. P. 227 SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

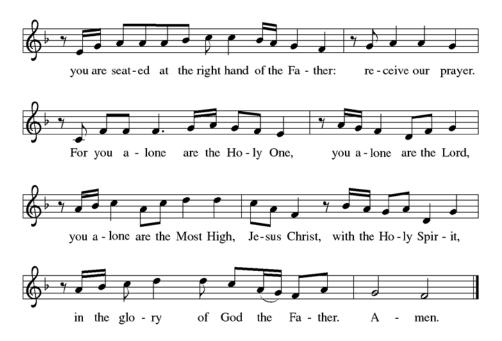
Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the altar.#369 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!

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.**

GLORIA





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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 Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133

The cantor sings the antiphon, "How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity!" *before and after the psalm. The cantor and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.*



How good and how pleas- | ant it is, when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard,

upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life for- | evermore.

SECOND READING 1 John 1:1–2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

#368 GOSPEL PROCESSION With High Delight Let Us Unite (Stanza 1)

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit. SERMON

Please stand.

#386 HYMN OF THE DAY O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing Stanzas 1-3: all; stanza 4: high voices; stanza 5: low voices; stanza 6: organ: stanzas 7-9: all

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light | Kathleen Thomerson

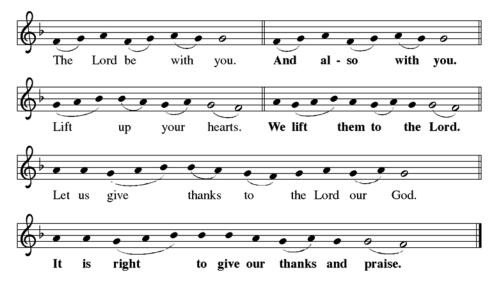
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Let us pray.

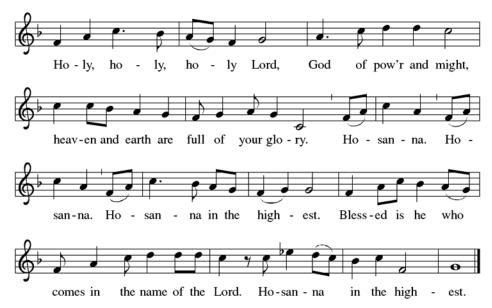
God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

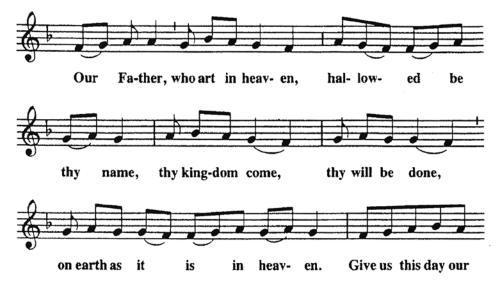
You are indeed holy... until he comes.



Remembering, therefore... now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER





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; persons unable to drink wine are encouraged to abstain from the cup and receive Christ in the bread. 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. Persons unable to drink wine are encouraged to abstain from the cup and receive Christ in the bread. *Gluten-free bread is available on request.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

Gloria in excelsis Deo de la misa Vide Speciosam | Tomás Luis de Victoria

COMMUNION HYMNS

- **#384** That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright
- **#390** The Risen Christ

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.***#376 RECESSIONAL HYMN** Thine Is the Glory

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Sortie in E-flat Major | Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wély

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
PREACHER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Kendall Oelkers, Alice Blackmore
ASSISTING MINISTERS	George Alexander
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Derren Slinde, Corbin Slinde, Phyllis Pleuss
CRUCIFER	Randy Raasch
LECTOR	Corbin Slinde
SACRISTAN	Cynthia Vander Woude
AUDIO & VIDEO	Lee Powell
HEAD USHER	Robert Steffen
USHERS	Marsha Steffen, Kris Gruber-Twardy, Paul Twardy

Baptized today is Orion Lefter, child of Nicholas & Elise Lefter.

Our thanks to the Recorder Ensemble, and Margaret Stansfield, soprano, for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning.

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

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