



Luther Memorial Church

Welcome!

Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

LIVESTREAM BROADCAST

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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.

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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 | 10:30 AM

PRELUDE Air | Gerre Hancock

GATHERING

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

#389 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing


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

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.


All



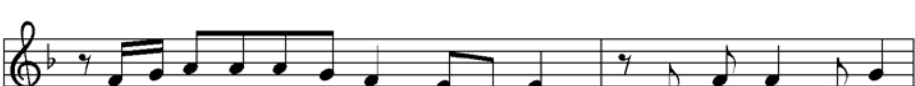
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,




we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.




Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



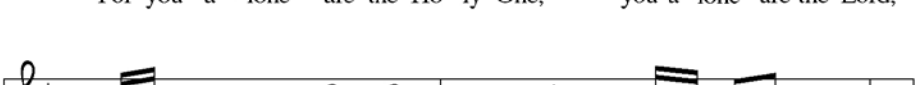
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



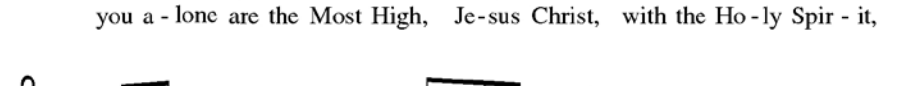
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you give us your Son, the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish in us the life of his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of his love and know the fullness of your joy, 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 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:25-31

The choir sings the antiphon, "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord," before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



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 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL PROCESSION



Choir: I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.

GOSPEL John 15:1-8

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#447 **HYMN OF THE DAY** O Blessed Spring
Stanzas 1 & 2: Choir; Stanzas 3-5: All

P. 234 **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM** Reception of new 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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven | David H. Williams
The text may be found at hymn #865

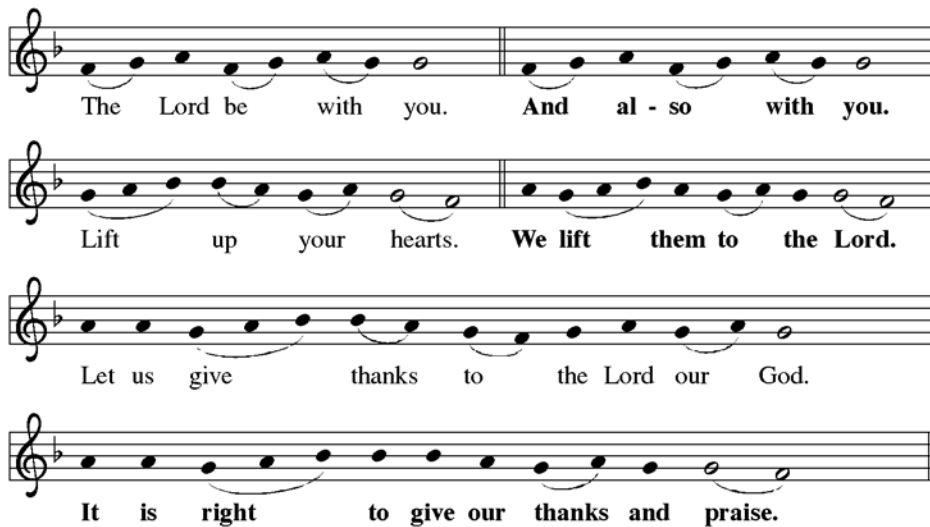
Please stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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



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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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. Ho -
san-na. 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

You are indeed holy... until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER *(See inside back cover of hymnal)*

Please sit.

LAMB OF GOD

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.

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 Amid the World's Bleak Wilderness | Richard Hillert

COMMUNION HYMNS

- #403 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song
- #468 Around You, O Lord Jesus

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.

- #449 **RECESSIONAL HYMN** We Know That Christ Is Raised

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE Fugue in G Major (*Jig*) BWV 544

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

That we may not be as far from God's ears as we are from His laws, the memory of His precepts paves for our prayers a way to heaven. Of these precepts the chief is, that we go not up unto God's altar before we compose whatever discord or offense we have contracted with our brethren. For what sort of deed is it to approach the peace of God without peace? The forgiveness of debts while you retain them? How will someone appease the Father who is angry with a brother, when from the beginning all anger is forbidden us? For even Joseph, when sending his brothers away for the purpose of fetching their father, said, "And be not angry on the way." [Genesis 45:24]... After that, the Lord Jesus, amplifying the Law, openly adds the prohibition of anger against a brother to that of murder. Not even by an evil word does He permit it to be vented. If we must ever be angry, our anger must not be maintained beyond sunset, as the Apostle admonishes. [Eph. 4:26] But how rash is it, either to pass a day without prayer, while you refuse to make satisfaction to your fellow believer; or else, by remaining in anger, to lose your prayer?

Tertullian (160–230)

SERVING TODAY

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