



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY, MAY 12, 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

Sunday School Bells

Father, Give Thy Benediction | arr. F. Callahan

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow | arr. M. L. Thompson

Youth Bells

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee | arr. H. H. Hobson

How Firm a Foundation | arr. M. L. Thompson

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.

#855 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Crown Him with Many Crowns


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.


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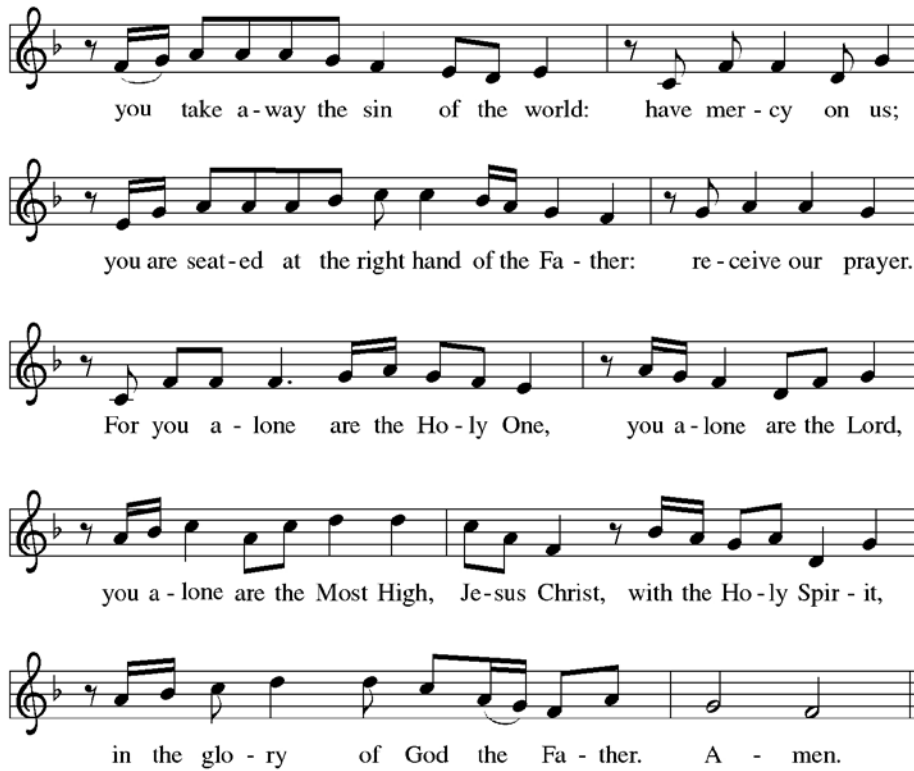
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



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.

Gracious God, heavenly Father: in Baptism you have chosen and named us as a sign of salvation. Protect us from the power of sin, and transform us to be the body of Christ in the world. We ask this 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 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

The choir sings the antiphon, "The Lord knows the way of the righteous," before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law | of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;

everything they | do shall prosper.

**It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

**For the Lord knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

SECOND READING 1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL PROCESSION



Choir: I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord. I am coming to you.

GOSPEL John 17:6-19

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus prayed: "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

#392 HYMN OF THE DAY Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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 Festival Te Deum | Benjamin Britten

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.

To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens and all the powers therein.

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;
 Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory.
 The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.
 The godly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.
 The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.
 The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;
 The Father of an infinite Majesty;
 Thine honourable, true, and only Son;
 Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.
 Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
 Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
 When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man: Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
 When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all
 believers.
 Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.
 We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.
 We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.
 Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting.
 O Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine heritage.
 Govern them and lift them up for ever.
 Day by day we magnify Thee; and we worship Thy Name, ever world without end.
 Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
 O Lord, have mercy upon us.
 O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in Thee.
 O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

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



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 Everywhere I Go | arr. Natalie Sleeth

COMMUNION HYMNS

- #463 Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed
- #826 Thine the Amen

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.

- #657 **RECESSIONAL HYMN** Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE Marcia from *Organ Symphony III* | Charles-Marie Widor

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Of a violinist who is moving his bow over the strings of his violin we do not say he is performing a symbolic act. Why? Because the meaning of his act is in what he is doing, regardless of what else the act may represent. In rendering a service to a friend, I am not primarily conscious of carrying out an act which should symbolize my friendship; the act is friendship. Symbolism is not something that characterizes all aspects of human life. Why are there no symbols in morality? Because a moral deed is endowed with intrinsic meaning; its value is in itself, not in what it stands for.

No one eats figuratively, no one sleeps symbolically; so why should the pious man be content to worship God symbolically?

Those who are in the dark in their lonely search for God; those to whom God is a problem, or a Being that is eternally absent and silent; those who ask, "How does one know Him? Where can one find Him? How does one express Him?" will be forced to accept symbols as an answer.

But the Bible is not a religion of an unknown God. It is built upon a rock of certainty that God has made known His will to His people. To us, the will of God is neither a metaphor nor a euphemism but more powerful and more real than our own experience.

Abraham Joshua Heschel
(1907-1972)

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	The Rev. Stephen Wenk
PREACHER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
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LECTOR	Heidi Notbohm
SACRISTAN	Randy Raasch
AUDIO	David Heins
VIDEO	Lee Powell
HEAD USHER	Jeff Van Fleet
USHERS	Derren Slinde, Corbin Slinde, Phyllis Pleuss

Baptized today is Noah Victor Benzine, child of Kelsey & Tyler Benzine.

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

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