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. The nursery is open but unstaffed today.

LEARN MORE

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Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion pentecost 14 sunday, august 25, 2024 | 10:30 am

PRELUDE Nocturne | Dale Wood

GATHERING

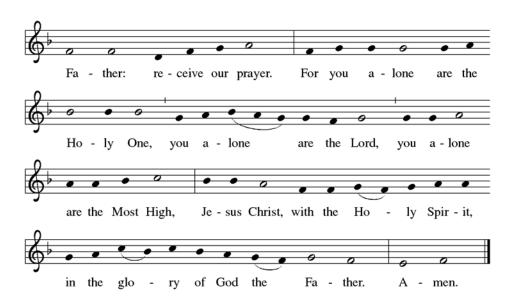
Please turn and face the baptismal font at the rear of the nave. P. 227 SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the altar.#853 PROCESSIONAL HYMN When Morning Gilds the Skies

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.**





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, your word feeds us with eternal life. Direct our choices and preserve us in truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name — for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm — when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

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

PSALM 84

The psalm is sung responsively, beginning with the choir.



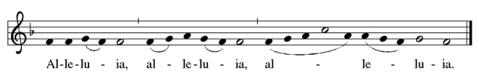
SECOND READING Ephesians 6:10–20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

Please rise. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

GOSPEL John 6:56–69

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

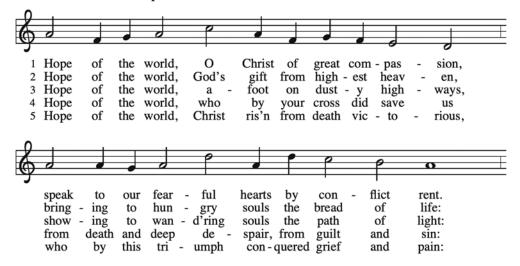
When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

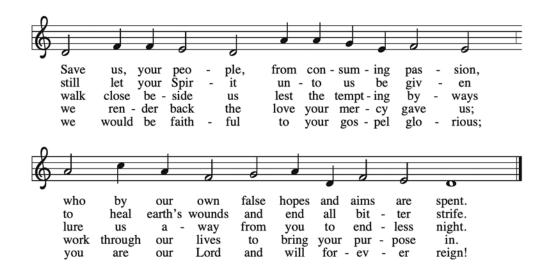
Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

Please sit. SERMON

Please rise. **HYMN OF THE DAY** Hope of the World





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 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence | arr. Carleton Young *The text may be found at hymn #490.*

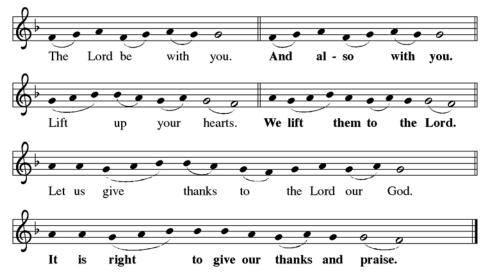
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

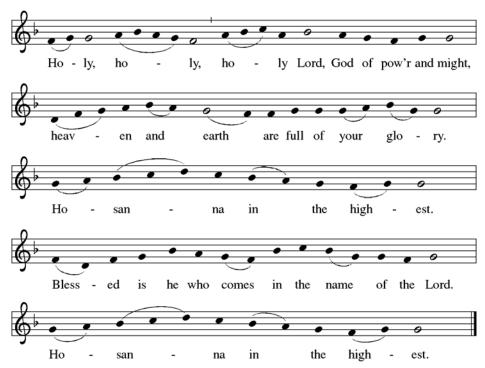
Let us pray.

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



SANCTUS



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. 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 Lente from Trio Sonata VI (BWV 530) | Johann Sebastian Bach

#476 COMMUNION HYMN Thee We Adore, O Savior

Please rise.

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.#638 RECESSIONAL HYMN Blessed Assurance

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Improvisation on *Blessed Assurance*

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Lord, without Thee I can do nothing; with Thee I can do all. Help me by Thy grace, that I fall not; help me by Thy strength, to resist mightily the very first beginnings of evil, before it takes hold of me; help me to cast myself at once at Thy sacred feet, and lie still there, until the storm be overpast; and, if I lose sight of Thee, bring me back quickly to Thee, and grant me to love Thee better, for Thy tender mercy's sake. Amen.

Edward Bouverie Pusey

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTE	Roman Worzala Dumke
ASSISTING MINISTER	Luis Reynaldo
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Lynn Washington, Derren Slinde, Daniel David
CRUCIFER	Corbin Slinde
LECTOR	Rhiannon Talbot
SACRISTAN	Cynthia Vander Woude
AUDIO	David Heins
HEAD USHER	Eric Oelkers
USHERS	Casey Oelkers, Dylan Oelkers, Kendall Oelkers

Baptized today is Lillian Barbara Linske, child of Kai & Luke Linske.

Altar flowers are given by Woody Klipp in honor of Ian & Nicole Klipp on their first wedding anniversary (August 25, 2024).

Today we remember the inurnments of Otto Bremer, Murray Martin and Robert B. Martin in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read their pages in the memory books.

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