



Luther Memorial Church

## Holy Communion

PENTECOST 15

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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. The nursery is open but unstaffed today. Staffed nursery begins next Sunday, Sep. 8.

### 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 Aria | Andrew Carter

## GATHERING

*Please rise.*

### 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.*

#557 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

### 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



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav'n-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, O 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 God, our strength: we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers from outside, and cleanse us from all evil from within, that we may be saved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

*Please sit.*

### FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 15

*Sung responsively, beginning with the cantor.*



the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act — they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise.*

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Choir: God gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

#### **GOSPEL** Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

#### **SERMON**

*Please rise.*

#806 **HYMN OF THE DAY** O God, My Faithful God

#### **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.

#### 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** O God, My Faithful God | Sigfrid Karg-Elert

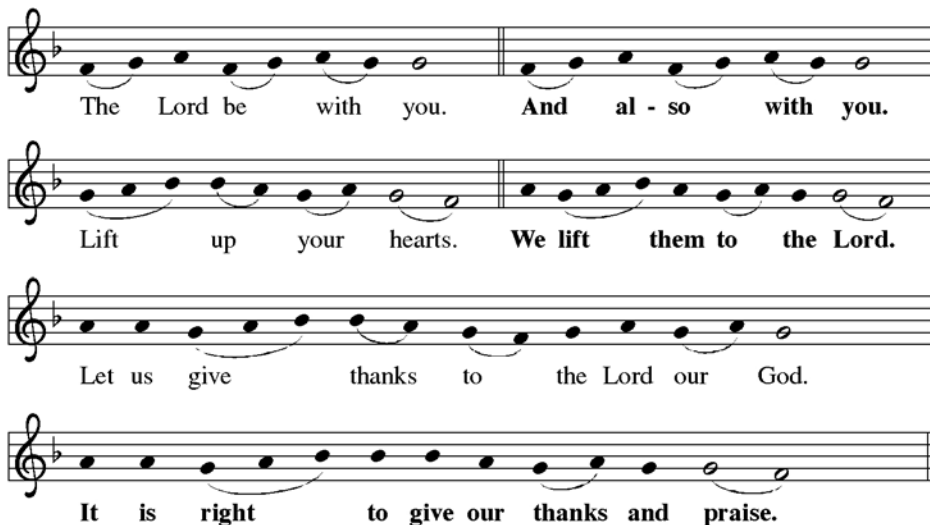
*Please rise.*

#### 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



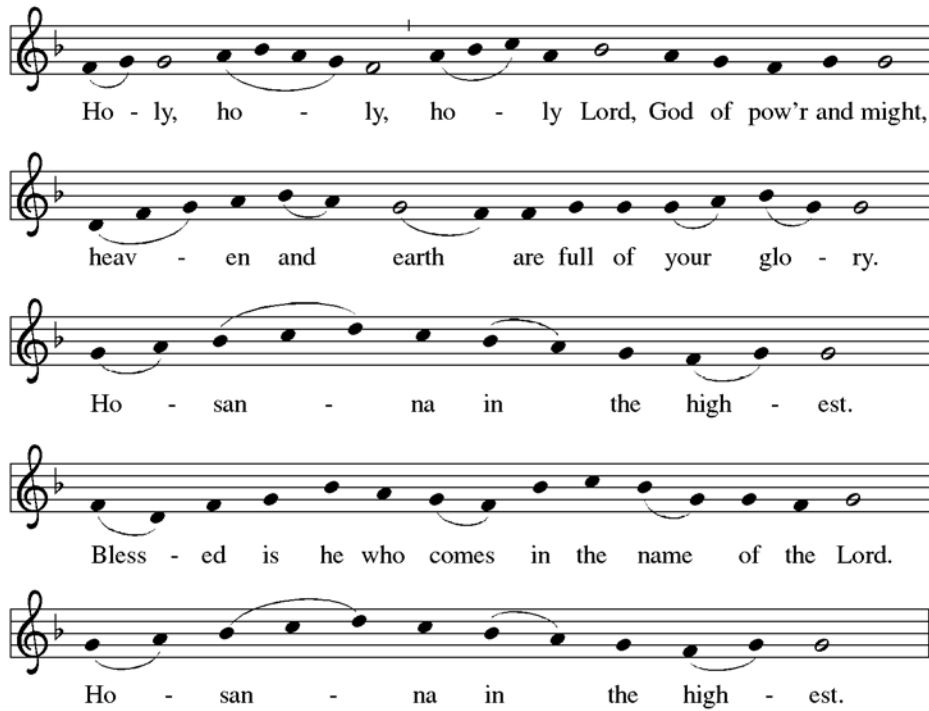
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

## 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.

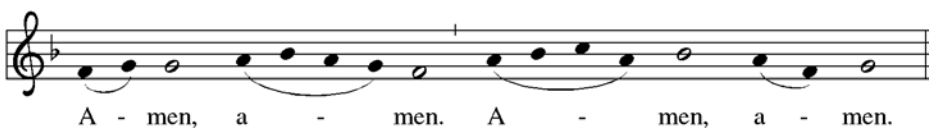
## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.



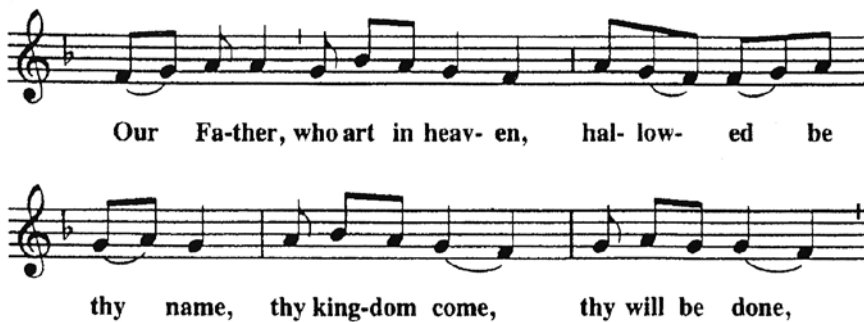
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.



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

## 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

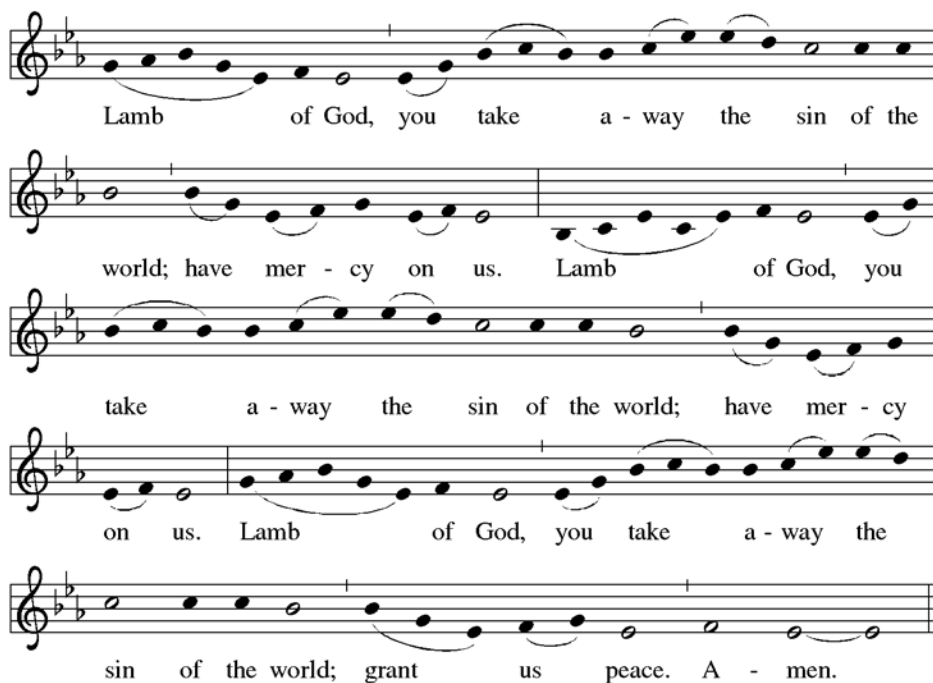
not in- to temp- ta- tion, but de- liv- er us from e- vil.

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

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

*Please sit.*

# AGNUS DEI



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. A - men.

## 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.*

## #824 COMMUNION HYMN This Is My Father's World

*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.*

### RECESSIONAL HYMN Renew Me, O Eternal Light (Lutheran Book of Worship #511)



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, and let my  
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me and cleanse all  
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, that glad - ly  
4 Grant that I on - ly you may love and seek those



heart and soul be bright, il - lu - mined with the light of  
my im - pu - ri - ty, that I may have the strength and  
I o - bey your word. Let what you will be my de -  
things which are a - bove, till I be - hold you face to



grace that is - sues from your ho - ly face.  
will temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.  
sire, and with new life my soul in - spire.  
face, O Light e - ter - nal, through your grace.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE Festive Trumpet Tune | David German









## TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Fervour is a will to do good, that is, a prevenient grace of God, and a gift given gratis by God, which we do not merit. It is true fervour doth many times grow cold; but what is the cause? Is it because we are women: No; by because we are imperfect women. There is no such difference between men and women. Fervour is not placed in feelings, but in a will to do well, which women may have as well as men. Women may do great things, as we have seen by example of many saints who have done great things. And I hope in God it will be seen that women in time to come will do much. This is truth, this is verity; to do what we have to do, well. Many think it nothing to do with ordinary things. But for us it is. To do ordinary things well... this is for us; and this by God's grace will maintain fervour.

Mary Ward (1585–1645)

## SERVING TODAY

<b>PRESIDER</b>	Pastor Juan Carlos Cabrera
<b>PREACHER</b>	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Andrew Schaeffer
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Margaret Miner
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b>	Judy Braham, Janet Zentner, Janelle Allen, John Pleuss
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Tim Szczukutowicz
<b>LECTOR</b>	Deb Raasch
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Karen Harris
<b>AUDIO &amp; VIDEO</b>	Alex Starr
<b>HEAD USHER</b>	Robert Steffen
<b>USHERS</b>	Marsha Steffen, Nicole Lane Starr, Paul Twardy, Kris Gruber-Twardy

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

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