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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 9-11:45 am.

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Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

PENTECOST 17

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 | 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Adagio from Symphony II* | Charles-Marie Widor

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.

#511 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Thy Strong Word

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

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, through suffering and rejection of Christ, you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of his cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4–9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1–9

The choir sings the antiphon, “I will walk in the presence of the Lord,” before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
for the Lord has given | ear to me
whenever | I called.

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray you, | save my life.”

Gracious is the | Lord and righteous;
our God is full | of compassion.

The Lord watches over | the innocent;
I was brought low, | and God saved me.

Turn again to your rest, | O my soul.
for the Lord has dealt | well with you.

For you have rescued my | life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;

I will walk in the presence | of the Lord
in the land | of the living.

SECOND READING James 3:1–12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue — a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.

GOSPEL Mark 8:27–38

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

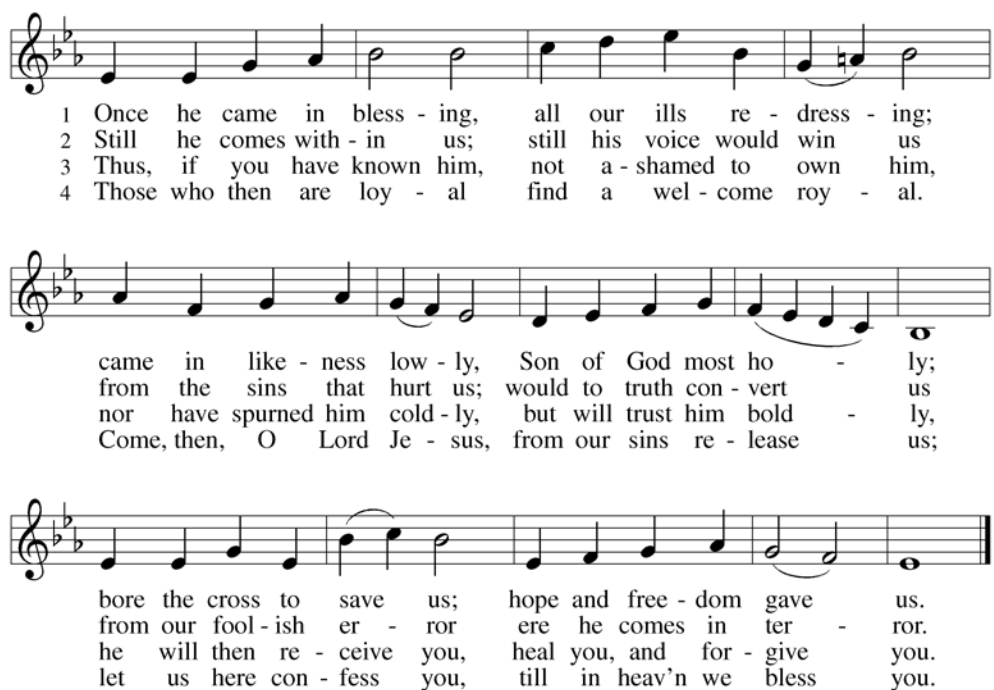
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please rise.

HYMN OF THE DAY Once He Came in Blessing (*Lutheran Book of Worship #312*)



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
2 Still he comes with - in us; still his voice would win us
3 Thus, if you have known him, not a - shamed to own him,
4 Those who then are loy - al find a wel - come roy - al.

came in like - ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
from the sins that hurt us; would to truth con - vert us
nor have spurned him cold - ly, but will trust him bold - ly,
Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;

bore the cross to save us; hope and free - dom gave us.
from our fool - ish er - ror ere he comes in ter - ror.
he will then re - ceive you, heal you, and for - give you.
let us here con - fess you, till in heav'n we bless you.

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 Behold My Servant | Bruce Bengtson

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,

I am the Lord, I am the Lord.

Choir and congregation sing the refrain:



Be - hold my ser - vant, whom I up - hold,
my cho - sen, in whom my soul de - lights.

I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I am the Lord, I am the Lord.

Refrain sung by all.

I have given you as a covenant, a covenant to the people.
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations, a light to the nations.

Refrain sung by all.

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.

The musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures.

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation for the Sanctus is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

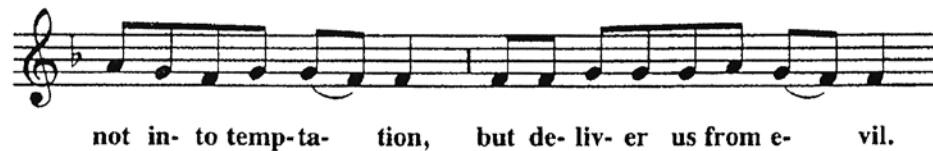
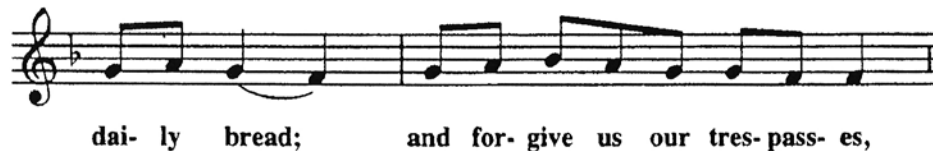
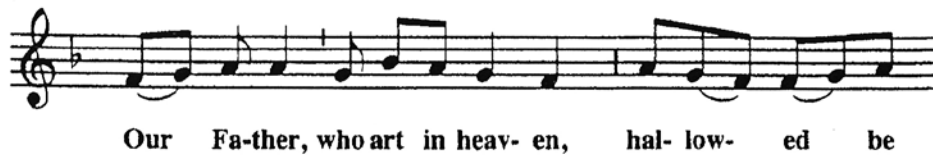
You are indeed holy... until he comes.

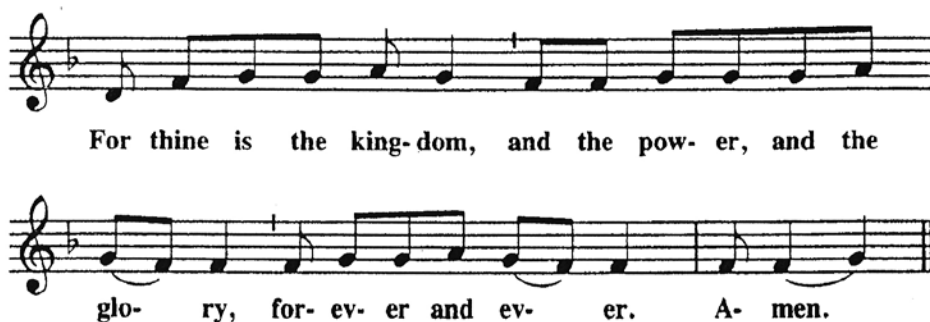


Remembering, therefore... now and forever.



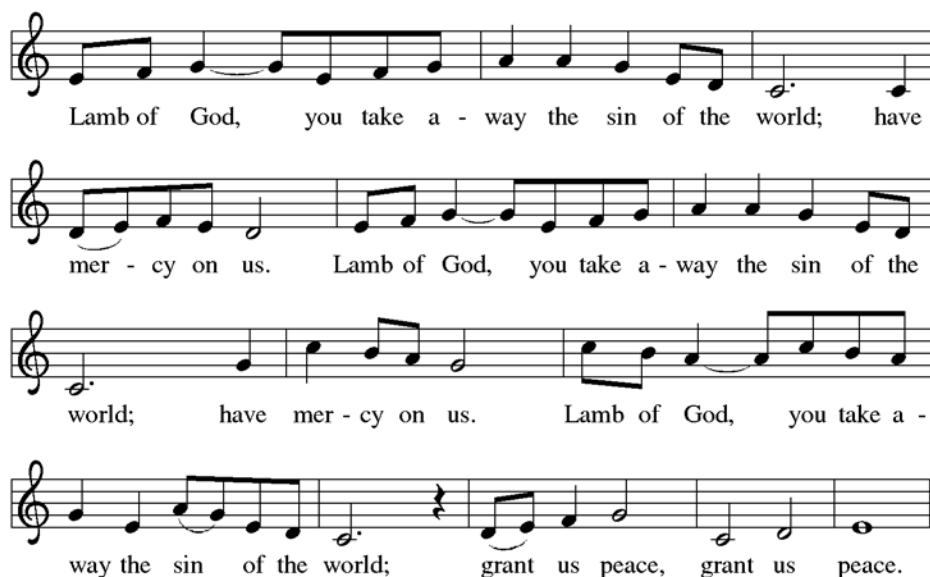
LORD'S PRAYER





Please sit.

AGNUS DEI



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

Andante un poco Adagio from First Sonata for clarinet & piano | Johannes Brahms

#810 COMMUNION HYMN O Jesus, I Have Promised

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.

#660 RECESSIONAL HYMN Lift High the Cross

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Scherzo | Eugène Gigout

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

When St. Peter's disciple, Ignatius, was brought before the Roman emperor, he called himself Theophorus; and when the emperor asked the feeble old man why he so called himself, Ignatius said it was because he carried Christ in his breast. He witnessed there was but One God, who made heaven, earth, and sea, and all that is in them, and One Lord Jesus Christ, His Only-begotten Son, "whose kingdom (he added) be my portion!" The emperor asked, "His kingdom, say you, who was crucified under Pilate?" "His (answered the Saint) who crucified my sin in me, and who has put all the fraud and malice of Satan under the feet of those who carry Him in their hearts: as it is written, 'I dwell in them and walk in them.'"

Ignatius was one against many, as St. Peter had been before him; and was put to death as the Apostle had been; but he handed on the Truth, in his day. At length we have received it. Weak though we be, and solitary, God forbid we should not in our turn hand it on; glorifying Him by our lives, and in all our words and works witnessing Christ's passion, death, and resurrection!

John Henry Ne

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
PREACHER	Laura Frost
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Emma Heggeseeth, Caroline Schinke
ASSISTING MINISTER	Dean Gardner
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Judy Braham, Phyllis Pleuss, Mary Powell
CRUCIFER	Brian Uphoff
LECTOR	Brenda Ryther
SACRISTAN	Mary Powell
AUDIO	Bill Braham
VIDEO	Lee Powell
HEAD USHER	Bob Uphoff
USHERS	Chris Uphoff

Baptized today is Madison Marie Engelhart, child of Jacob and Amanda Engelhart.

Our thanks to Abby Ryan, clarinet, for playing this morning.

Today we remember the inurnment of Paul Scheffel in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read his page in the memory books.

A note on the liturgy: We are learning a new musical setting of the liturgy this fall. Now through the end of October, we will use Setting 1 from the ELW hymnal.

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