



Luther Memorial Church

## Holy Communion

1 ADVENT

SUNDAY, DEC. 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. A staffed nursery is available Sundays 9–11:45 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](http://www.luthermem.org) or Facebook

### PRELUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 645) | Johann Sebastian Bach

## GATHERING

*Please rise.*

### ADVENT CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

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

**#239 PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Hark, the Glad Sound!

### 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.**

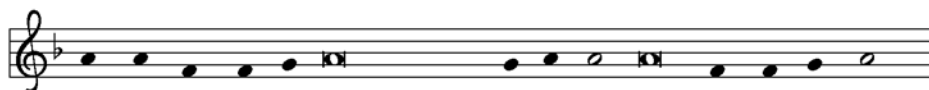
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



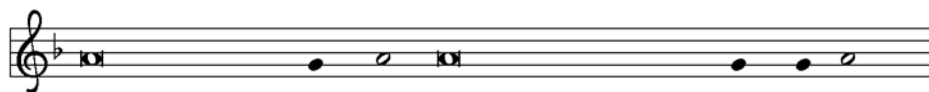
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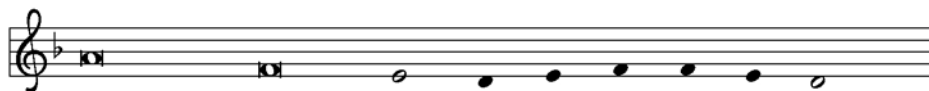
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



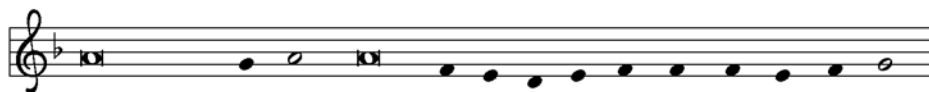
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

*Please sit.*

### FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14–16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 25:1–10 *Setting by Peter R. Hallock*

**Antiphon** (*Sung once by the choir, then by all*)



Choir: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
My God, I put my trust in you;  
Let me not be humiliated,  
Nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**All sing the antiphon.**

Choir: Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
For you are the God of my salvation;  
In you have I trusted all the day long.

**All sing the antiphon.**

Choir: Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
For they are from everlasting.  
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
Remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

**All sing the antiphon.**

Choir: Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
Therefore he teaches sinners in his way.  
He guides the humble in doing right  
And teaches his way to the lowly.

**All sing the antiphon.**

## SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise.*

## GOSPEL



Choir: Stand up and raise your hands—your redemption is drawing near.

## GOSPEL Luke 21:25–36

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

## SERMON

*Please rise.*

#436 HYMN OF THE DAY Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

## 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**

**MUSIC AT THE OFFERING** The Day Is Surely Drawing Near | Johannes Eccard

*Please rise.*  
**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.  
**Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish  
your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all  
may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, 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 'GREAT THANKSGIVING' consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure.

## 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.

The musical notation for 'SANCTUS' consists of five staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, the fourth has one measure, and the fifth has one measure.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life...  
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

The musical notation for 'THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE' consists of one staff of music in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The staff has one measure.

With this bread and cup... We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

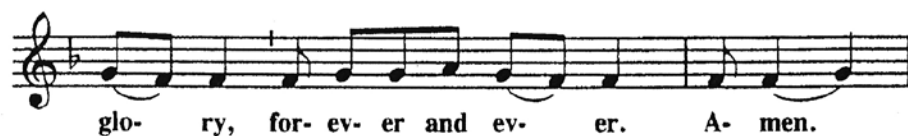
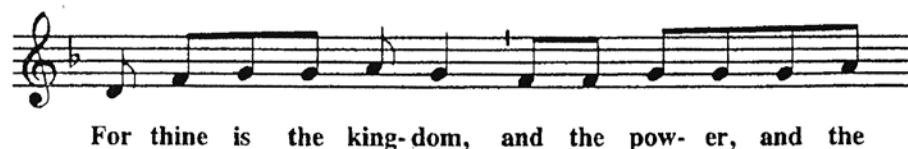
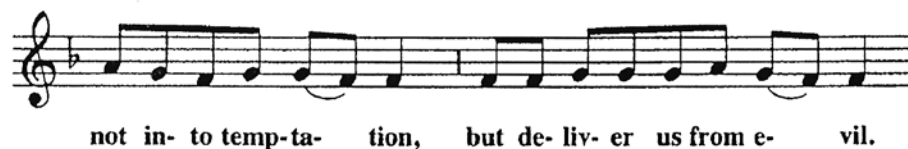
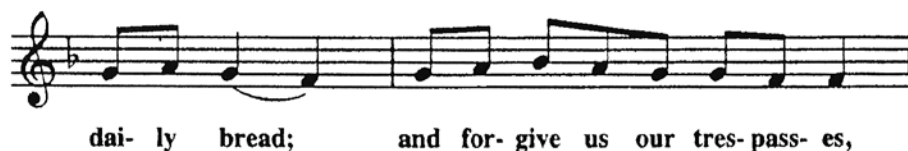
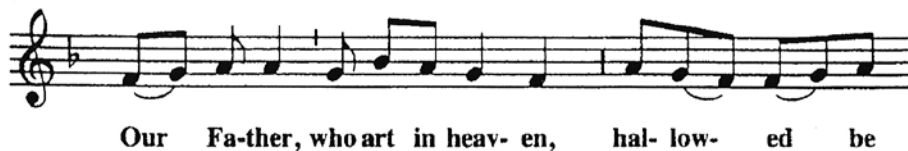
Holy God, we long for your Spirit... Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

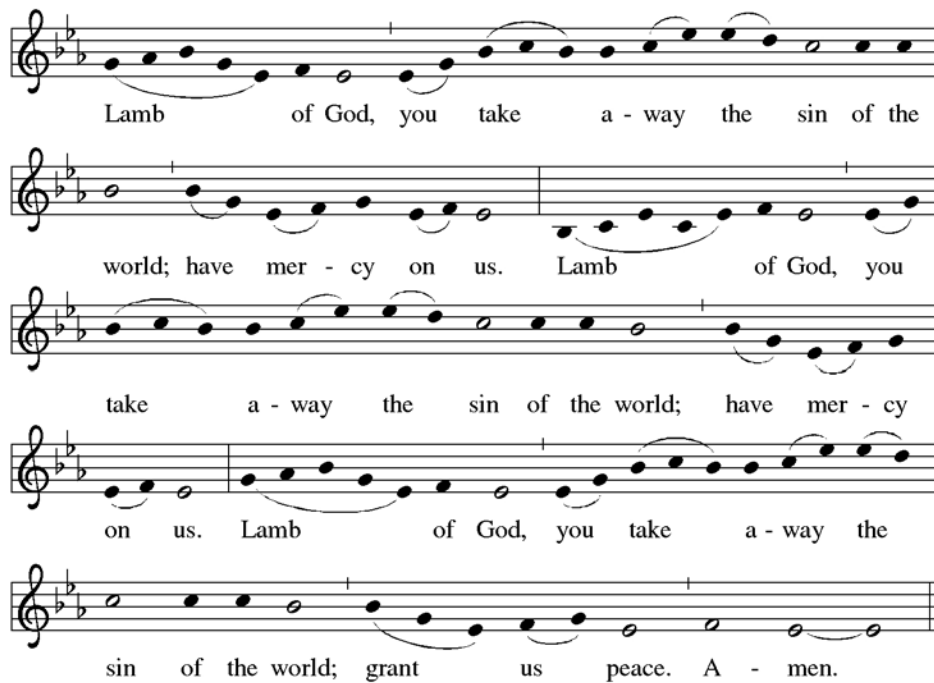
All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.



**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 the second chalice. Gluten-free bread is available on request.*

**MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION** Oh, Come, the Nations' Savior | Hugo Distler  
*The text may be found at hymn #263.*

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

- #260** The King Shall Come
- #247** Come Now, O Prince of Peace

*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.*

**#435 RECESSIONAL HYMN** Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Toccata-Prelude on “Wachet auf” | Francis Jackson





## TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

We ask thy grace, O God, that we may make a due use of this holy time... Grant we may be watchful at this time above all others, in avoiding everything that can be injurious to our neighbor, whether in afflicting, or giving scandal, or drawing into sin, or casting any blemish on a reputation; but in all things, O God, may we follow the spirit of charity, being forward in bringing comfort and relief to all, as far as their circumstances shall require, and our permit.

Grant, O Lord, that thus we may prepare to meet our redeemer.

*John Goter*

## SERVING TODAY

<b>PRESIDER</b>	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
<b>PREACHER</b>	Pastor Brad Pohlman
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Andrew Schaeffer
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Kole Consigny, Roman Worzala Dumke
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<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b>	Daniel David, Heidi Notbohm, Panka McGuire
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Branden Metzler
<b>LECTOR</b>	Paul Brammeier
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Randy Raasch
<b>AUDIO &amp; VIDEO</b>	Alex Starr
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