



Luther Memorial Church

## Holy Communion

2 CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, JAN. 5, 2025 | 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.

### 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

Variations on an Ancient Polish Carol | Alexandre Guilmant

## 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.*

#298 PROCESSIONAL HYMN The Bells of Christmas

### 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,

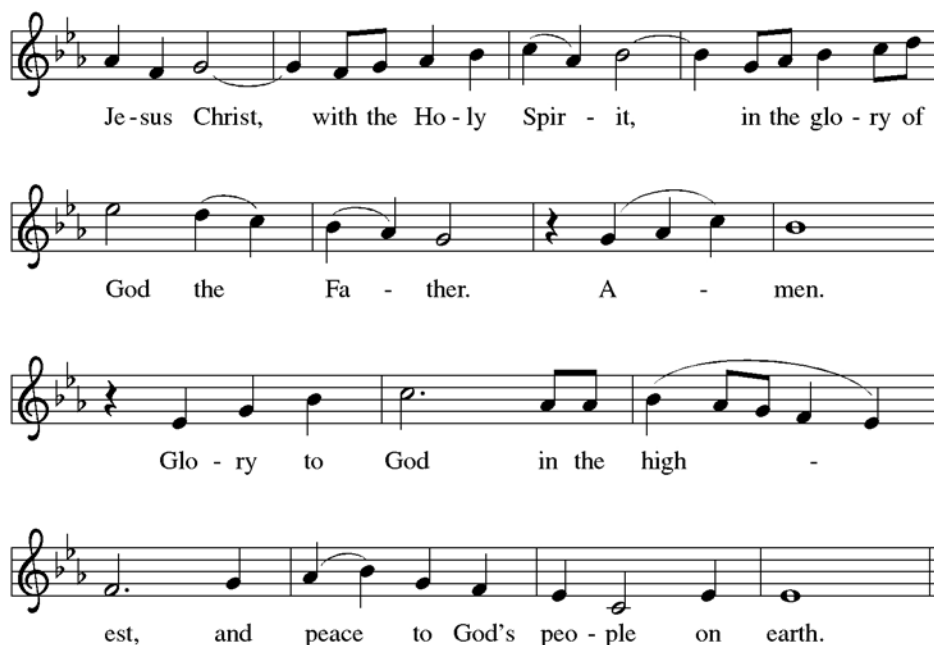
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

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,



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

*Please sit.*

### FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** Psalm 147:12–20 (*Setting by Peter R. Hallock*)

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



Choir: Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion; For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.

**Antiphon sung by all.**

Choir: He has established peace on your borders; he satisfies you with the finest wheat. He sends out his command to the earth, and his words runs very swiftly.

**Antiphon sung by all.**

Choir: He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and his judgments to Israel. He has not done so to any other nation; to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

**Antiphon sung by all.**

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise.*

**GOSPEL**



Cantor: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**GOSPEL** John 1:1-18

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

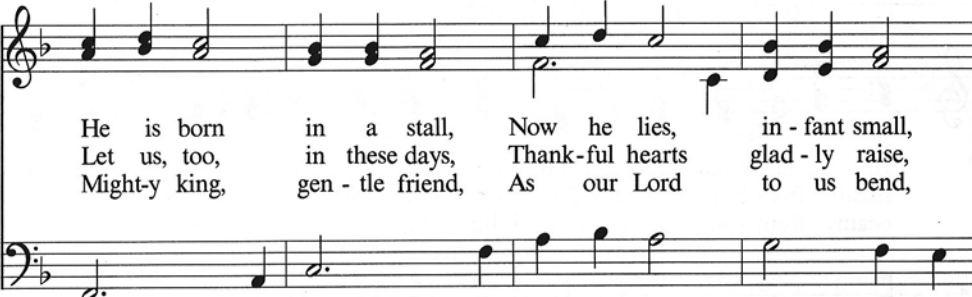
**SERMON**

*Please rise.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Come Rejoicing, Praises Voicing (*Lutheran Book of Worship* #66)

1 Come re - joic - ing, prais - es voic - ing; Christ - mas Day is break - ing.  
2 Whom the sa - ges and the a - ges Anx - ious - ly a - wait - ed,  
3 Child ap - peal - ing, light re - veal - ing, Je - sus Christ, our plea - sure;

The e - ter - nal Lord su - per - nal Hu - man form is tak - ing.  
An - gels proud - ly her - ald loud - ly In their songs e - lat - ed.  
God, yet ver - y Son of Mar - y, Heav - en's gift and trea - sure.



He is born in a stall, Now he lies, in - fant small,  
 Let us, too, in these days, Thank-ful hearts glad - ly raise,  
 Might-y king, gen - tle friend, As our Lord to us bend,



In a man - ger, heav'n - ly strang - er, Lord of all;  
 To the ten - der in - fant ren - der all our praise;  
 And ca - ressing us with bless - ing, now de - scend;



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# **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,  
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
 and became truly human.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
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** And the Word Became Flesh | Heinz Werner Zimmermann

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.  
We have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

It was John who spoke out about Him, saying,  
“This is He, the One. Though He comes after me now, greater than I is He, for He was before me.”

From His store of love He has blessed us fully, grace on top of grace.  
God gave the law through Moses, yet surely it was love and truth came through Jesus.

No one ever sees God, nor has he seen Him;  
But God’s only Son, He who is near the Father, He it is who has made God known, brought Him to us.

*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.

This musical score is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains two measures, the second and third staves contain two measures each, and the fourth staff contains one measure.

## 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.

This musical score is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F-sharp). The melody consists of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains two measures, the second and third staves contain two measures each, and the fourth staff contains one measure.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.

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

This musical score is written on a single staff. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F-sharp). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with lyrics written below the notes. The staff contains two measures.



Remembering, therefore... now and forever.



# 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.



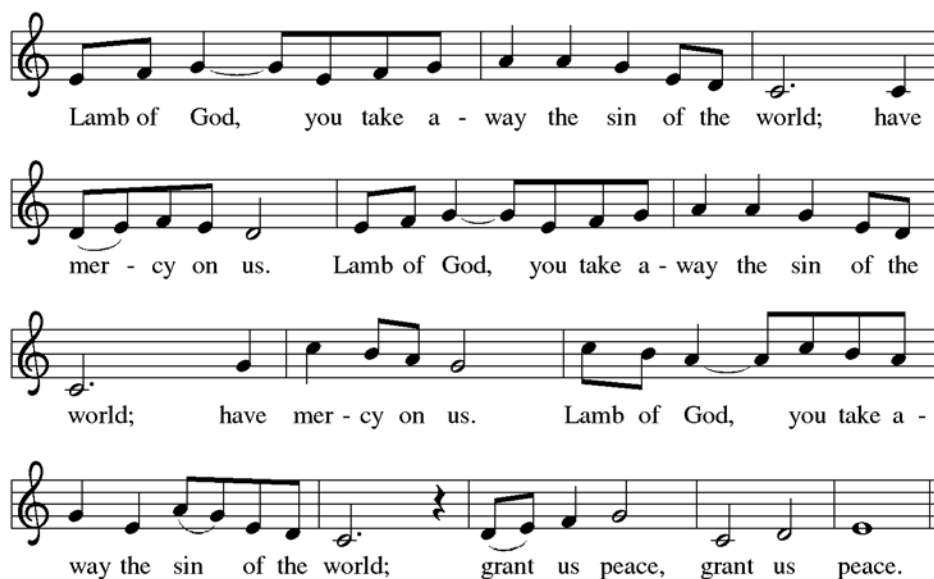
For thine is the king-dom, and the pow- er, and the



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

*Please sit.*

## AGNUS DEI



## 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** *Catilena from Incarnation Suite* | Joel Martinson  
(*"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth."*)

## COMMUNION HYMNS

- #296 What Child Is This
- #295 Of the Father's Love Begotten

*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.*

- #291 **RECESSIONAL HYMN** Let Our Gladness Have No End

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Joy to the World | Emma Diemer

## SERVING TODAY

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