



Luther Memorial Church

## Holy Communion

2 ADVENT

SUNDAY, DEC. 8, 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** On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry | Pierre Dandrieu

## 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.*

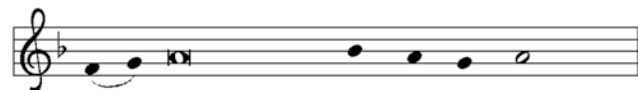
**#249 PROCESSIONAL HYMN** On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

## 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.**

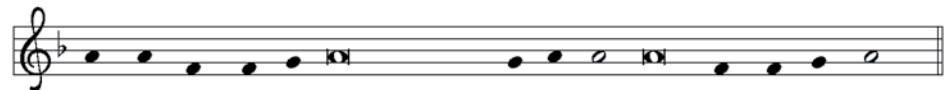
## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



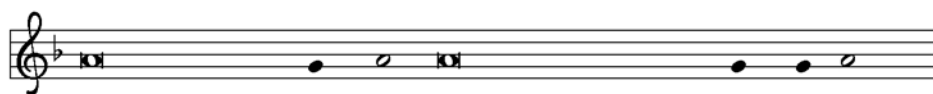
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

*Please sit.*

### FIRST READING Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings

to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**#250 PSALM HYMN** Blest Be the God of Israel

**SECOND READING** Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise.*

**GOSPEL**



Cantor: Prepare the way of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**GOSPEL** Luke 3:1-6

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**SERMON**

*Please rise.*

**#256 HYMN OF THE DAY** Comfort, Comfort Now My People

## 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** He Came Down | arr. John Bell

*The text may be found at hymn #253.*

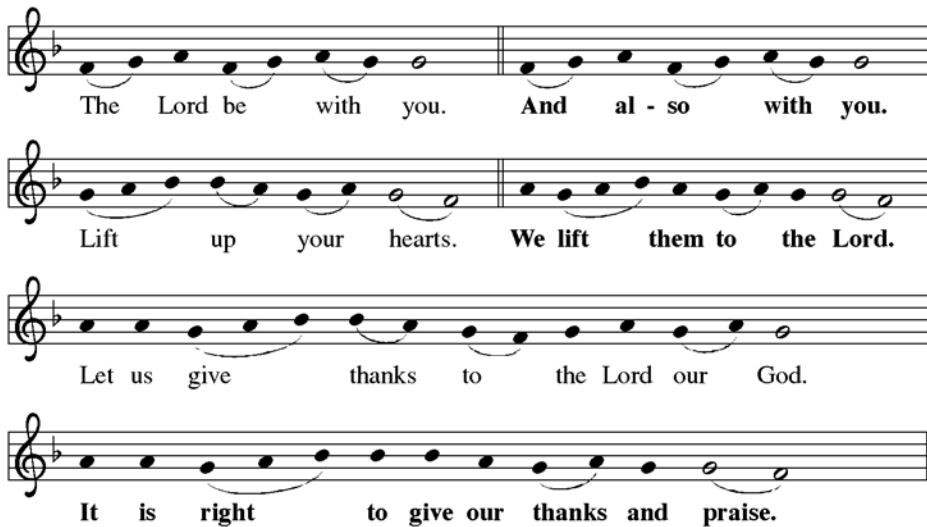
*Please rise.*

## 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



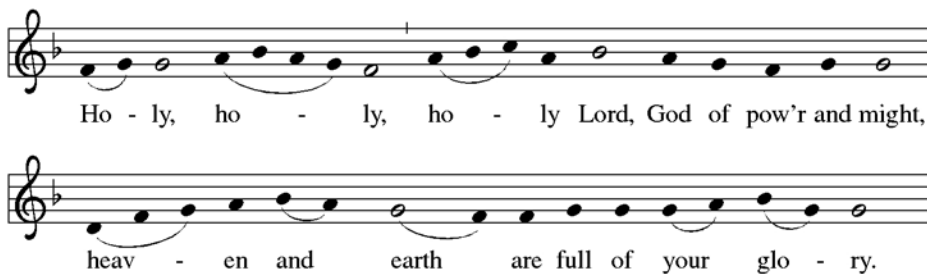
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

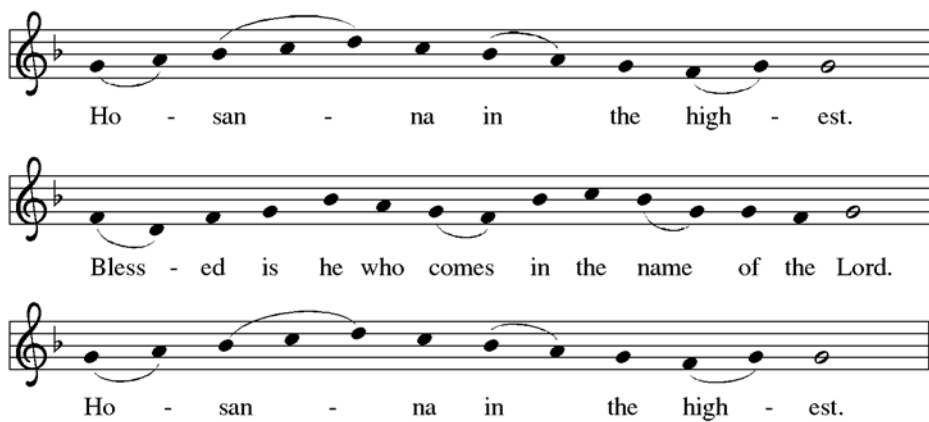
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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



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



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

**MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION** Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying | arr. Marc Germain

**COMMUNION HYMN** The Advent of Our God (*Lutheran Book of Worship #22*)



1 The ad - vent of our God shall be our theme for prayer;  
 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son in - car - nate stoops to be,  
 3 Come, Zi - on's daugh-ter, rise to meet your low - ly king,  
 4 As judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come a - gain,



come, let us meet him on the road and place for him pre - pare.  
 him - self the ser - vant's form puts on to set his peo - ple free.  
 nor let your faith - less heart de - spise the peace he comes to bring.  
 and all his scat - tered saints u - nite with him on high to reign.

5 Before the dawning day  
 let sin be put to flight;  
 no longer let the law hold sway,  
 but walk in freedom's light.

6 All glory to the Son,  
 who comes to set us free,  
 with Father, Spirit, ever one  
 through all eternity.

**#490 COMMUNION HYMN** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*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.*

**#264 RECESSIONAL HYMN** Prepare the Royal Highway

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying | Emma Lou Diemer

## TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

They watch for Christ who are sensitive, eager, apprehensive in mind, who are awake, alive, quick-sighted, zealous in honoring him, who look for him in all that happens, and who would not be surprised, who would not be over-agitated or overwhelmed, if they found that he was coming at once...

This then is to watch: to be detached from what is present, and to live in what is unseen; to live in the thought of Christ as he came once, and as he will come again; to desire his second coming, from our affectionate and grateful remembrance of his first.

*John Henry Newman*  
(1801-1890)

## SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Caroline Schinke, Kendall Oelkers
ASSISTING MINISTER	Mary Jean Huston
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Al Larson, Mary Powell, Janelle Allen
CRUCIFER	Rolf Wulfsberg
LECTOR	Kelly Olson
SACRISTAN	Karen Harris
AUDIO	David Heins
VIDEO	Lee Powell
HEAD USHER	Jeff Van Fleet
USHERS	Derren Slinde, Corbin Slinde, Phyllis Pleuss

**We welcome Michael Gu** into our congregation through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

**Our thanks to Marc Germain**, guitar, and the Children's Choir for sharing their gifts this morning.

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