



Luther Memorial Church

## Holy Communion

1 CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, DEC. 29, 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.

### 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

### 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.*

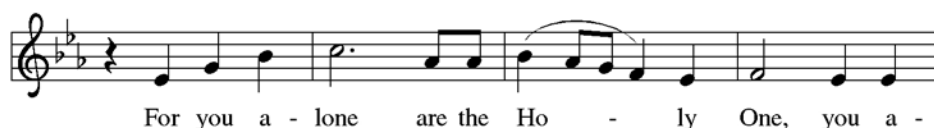
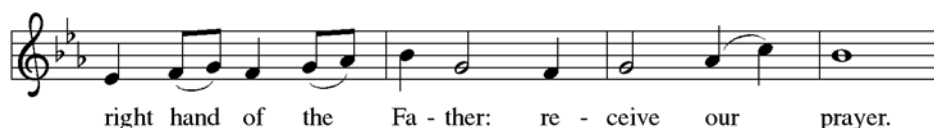
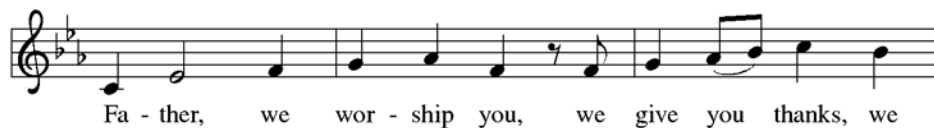
#275 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Angels, from the Realms of Glory

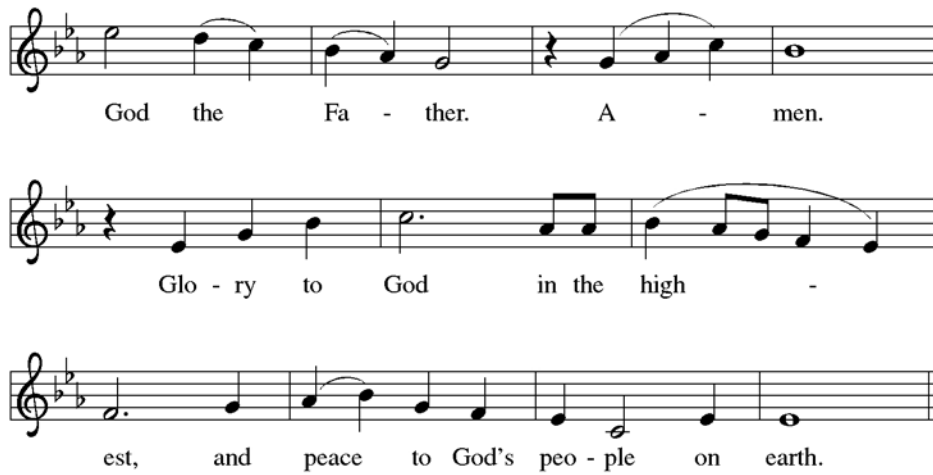
### APOSTOLIC GREETING

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





### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### WORD

*Please sit.*

#### FIRST READING 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 148

*The cantor sings the antiphon, "The splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven," before and after the psalm. The psalm is sung responsively, beginning with the cantor.*



**Praise the Lord, | all you angels;**

**sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

Praise the Lord, | sun and moon;

sing praise, all you | shining stars.

**Praise the Lord, heav- | en of heavens,  
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**  
Let them praise the name | of the Lord,  
who commanded, and they | were created,  
**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.**

Praise the Lord | from the earth,  
you sea monsters | and all deeps;  
**fire and hail, | snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**  
mountains | and all hills,  
fruit trees | and all cedars;  
**wild beasts | and all cattle,  
creeping things and | flying birds;**  
sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers | of the world;  
**young | men and maidens,  
old and | young together.**

Let them praise the name | of the Lord,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.  
**The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. | Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise.*

## GOSPEL



Cantor: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

## GOSPEL Luke 2:41-52

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know

it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**SERMON**

*Please rise.*

**#300 HYMN OF THE DAY** The First Noel

**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.*

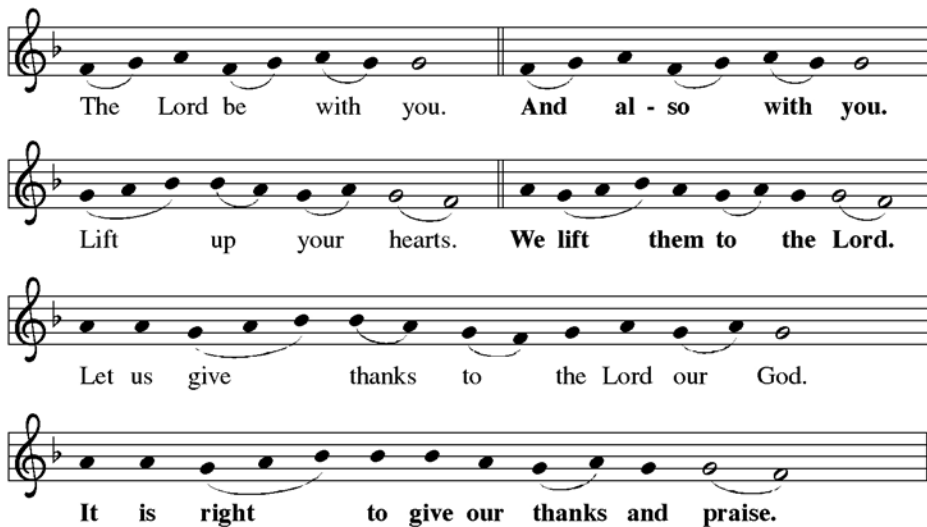
#### OFFERING

*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



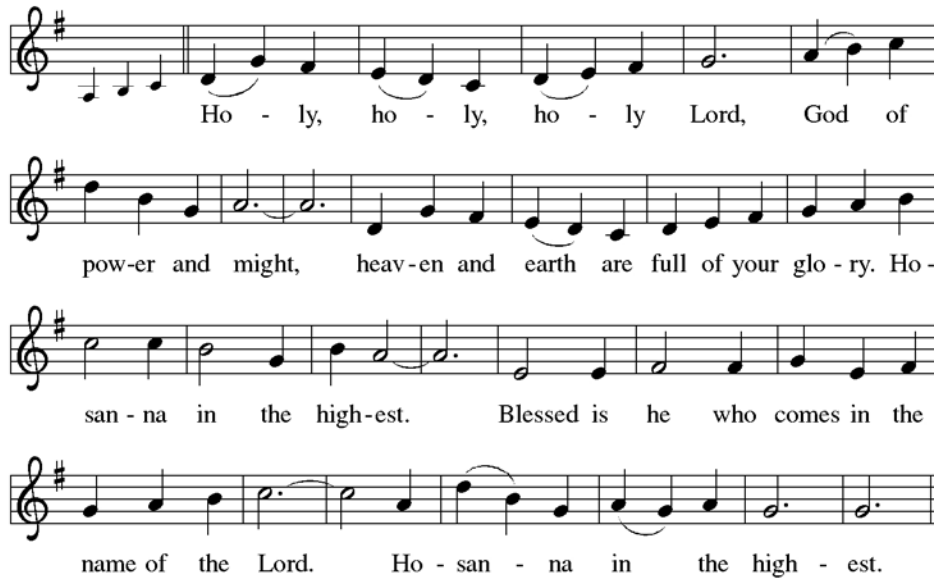
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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-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.

## 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.

## 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, grant us peace.

#### 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.*



## COMMUNION HYMNS

- #289 Angels We Have Heard on High  
#287 Let All Together Praise our God

*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.*

- #299 RECESSIONAL HYMN Cold December Flies Away

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE





## TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

O thou who camest from above,  
The pure celestial fire to impart,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn  
With inextinguishable blaze,  
And trembling to its source  
return  
In humble prayer and fervent  
praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
To work and speak and think for  
thee;

Still let me guard the holy fire,  
And still stir up thy gift in me.

Amen.

*John Wesley (1703-1791)*

## SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
PREACHER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
ORGANIST	Gary Lewis
ASSISTING MINISTER	George Alexander
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Judy Braham, Mary Powell, Derren Slinde
CRUCIFER	Corbin Slinde
LECTOR	John Pleuss
SACRISTAN	Cynthia Vander Woude
AUDIO	Bill Braham
VIDEO	Lee Powell
HEAD USHER	Jeff Van Fleet
USHERS	Phyllis Pleuss

**We welcome organist Gary Lewis today.** Andrew Schaeffer is away visiting family.

**Our thanks to John Millholland, bass,** for singing this morning

**Today we remember the inurnments of Lee Grugel, Alice Ressler, Theodore Ressler, Robert Schwenkert and Owen Slauson** in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read their pages in the memory books.

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