



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, JAN. 12, 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 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 or Facebook

PRELUDE Ma Mère l'Oye

V. Le jardin féerique | Maurice Ravel

GATHERING

Please rise.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

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

#305 PROCESSIONAL HYMN When Jesus Came to Jordan

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

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep faithful all who are born of water and the Spirit, that all may rejoice as children of God, 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 Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through

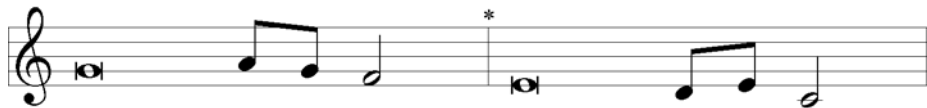
the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth — everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

The choir sings the antiphon, "The voice of the Lord is upon the waters," before and after the psalm. The psalm is sung responsively, beginning with the choir.



Ascribe to the | Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glo- | ry and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the | mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a | voice of splendor.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the | cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

**the Lord makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

The voice | of the Lord
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

**The voice of the Lord | shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are | crying, "Glory!"

**The Lord sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

O Lord, give strength | to your people;
give them, O Lord, the bless- | ings of peace.

SECOND READING Acts 8:14–17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL



Choir: A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

GOSPEL Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

Glory to you, O Lord.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please rise.

#450 HYMN OF THE DAY I Bind unto Myself Today

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 Irish Tune from County Derry | Percy Grainger

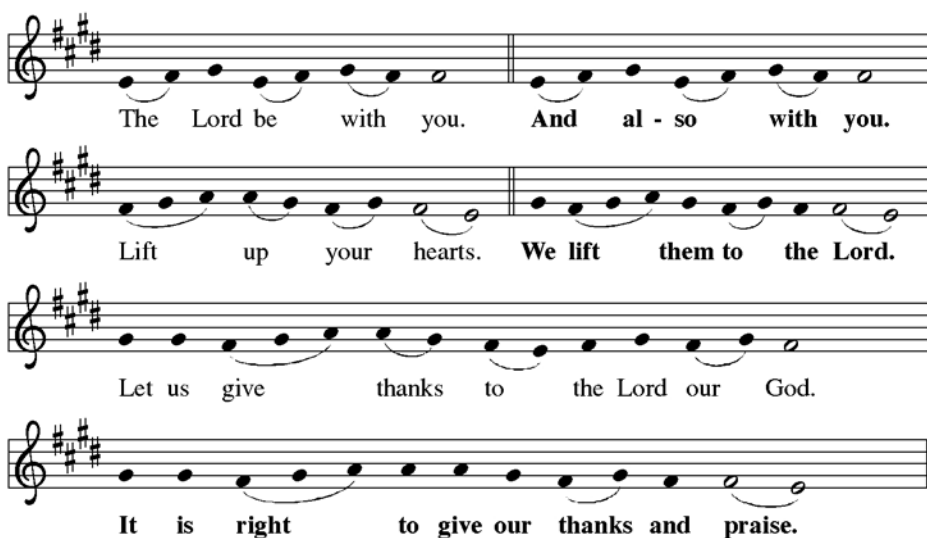
Please rise.

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



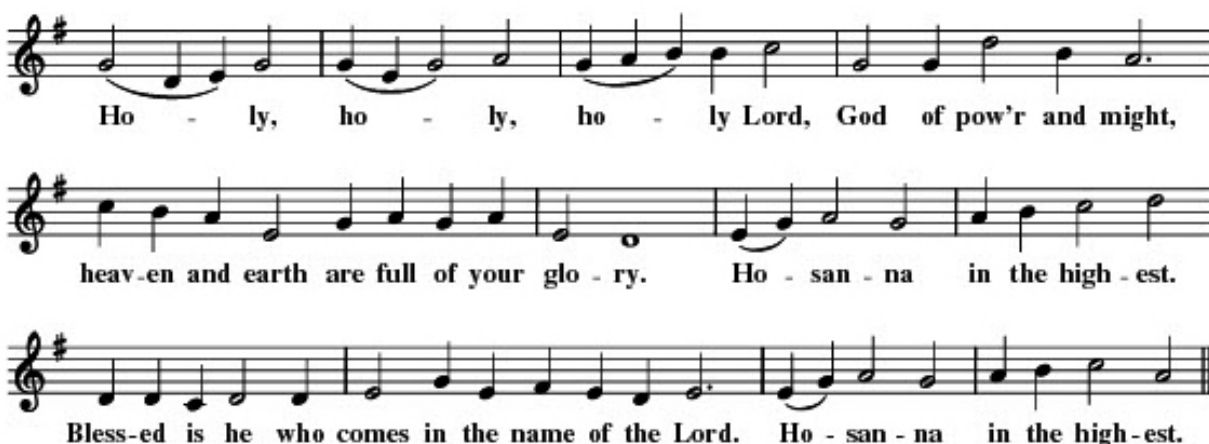
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

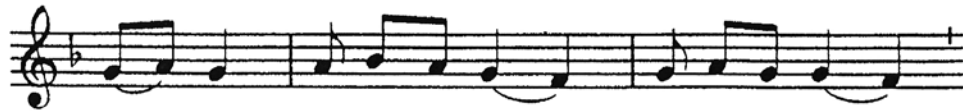
Remembering, therefore... now and forever.

Amen.

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,



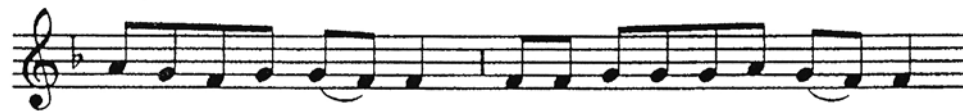
on earth as it is in heav- en. Give us this day our



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 The Only Son from Heaven, *from Cantata 22* | Johann Sebastian Bach
The text may be found at hymn #309.

#800 COMMUNION HYMN Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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.

#304 RECESSIONAL HYMN Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE A Gigue for the Tuba Stop | Donald S. Wright

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

O Jesus, fountain of life, come,
give me to drink a cup of the living
water which floweth from Thee,
that once I have tasted Thee, I
may nevermore thirst save for
Thee. Immerse my whole being in
the depths of Thy mercy. Baptize
me in the spotlessness of Thy
precious death. Renew me in
Thy blood, wherewith Thou hast
redeemed me. In the water from
Thy most holy side, wash away
every stain wherewith I have ever
soiled my baptismal innocence.
Fill me with Thy Spirit, and take
possession of my whole being
in purity both of body and soul.
Let me always bear upon my
shoulders, for love of Thy love,
the sweet yoke and light burden
of Thy commandments, and
constantly taste the mystery of
holy faith like a bundle of myrrh
upon my breast, that Thou who
wast crucified for me mayest
abide ever impressed upon my
heart. Amen.

Gertrude the Great
(1256–1302)

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
PREACHER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Kole Consigny, Alice Blackmore
ASSISTING MINISTER	George Alexander
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Kris Gruber-Twardy, Mary Powell, Helen Hartman
CRUCIFER	Bruce Curtis
LECTOR	Peter Mahler
SACRISTAN	Dan Ruge
AUDIO	David Heins
VIDEO	Lee Powell
HEAD USHER	Jeff Van Fleet
USHERS	Derren Slinde, Corbin Slinde, Phyllis Pleuss

During the season of Epiphany we will be utilizing the "Centennial Mass" composed by our former Director of Music, Roger Petrich, in commemoration of our building centennial in 2023.

Our thanks to Calvin Guse, piano, for playing this morning.

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