

Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

5 EPIPHANY SUNDAY, FEB. 9, 2025 | 9:30 AM

Please silence your cell phone in the

Welcome!

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. A staffed nursery is available Sundays 9-noon.

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- Please fill out a pew card and place in the offering plate
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PRELUDE Echoes of Westminster | John Behnke

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-13

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'

Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

The choir sings the antiphon, "I will bow down toward your holy temple," before and after the psalm. The psalm is sung responsively, beginning with the choir.



I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with | my whole heart;

before the gods I will | sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.

When I called, you | answered me;

you increased my | strength within me.

All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O Lord, when they have heard the words | of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways | of the Lord,

that great is the glory | of the Lord.

The Lord is high, yet cares | for the lowly,

perceiving the haughty | from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right | hand shall save me.

You will make good your pur- pose for me;

O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cantor: Jesus says, Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.

GOSPEL Luke 5:1–11

Glory to you, O Lord.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please rise.

#817 HYMN OF THE DAY You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

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 Witness | Mark Patterson

Who'll be a witness for my Lord?

Daniel was a Hebrew child He went to pray his God a-while The king at once for Daniel did send And he put him right down in the lion's den God sent His angels the lion-a for to keep And Daniel laid down and went to sleep

Daniel was a witness for my Lord.

There was a man of the Pharisees,
His name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe.
Christ told Nicodemus as a friend,
"Man, you must be born again."
Marvel not, man, if you want to be wise,
Repent, believe and be baptized."

I'll be a witness for my Lord.

Please rise.

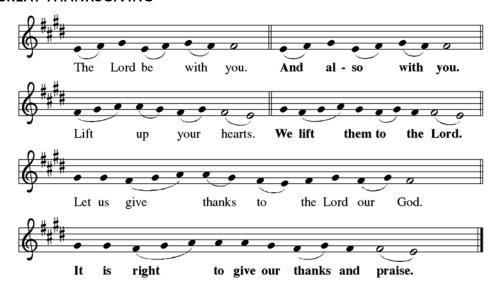
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

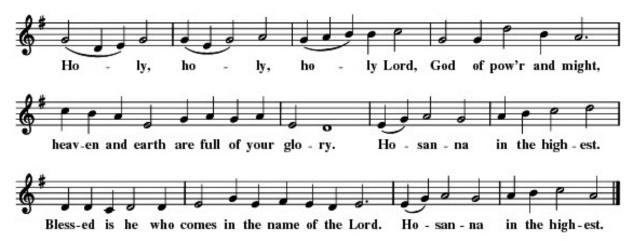
Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



SANCTUS



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.

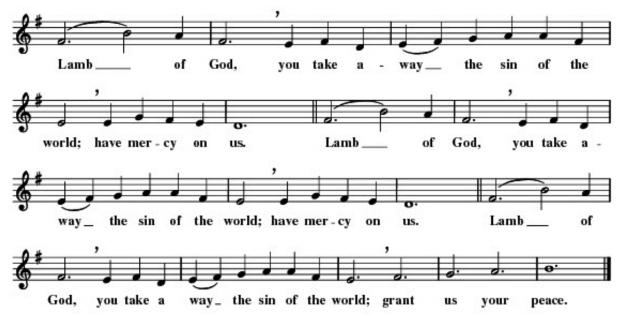
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER



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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence | Kevin McChesney

Come, Let Us Eat | Cathy Moklebust

COMMUNION HYMNS

#696 Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

#676 Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

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.#575 RECESSIONAL HYMN In Christ Called to Baptize

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Carillon | Louis Vierne

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The blind man, bowed in sordid helplessness, a sound of footsteps caught.

"The Healer comes," they cried, and through the press the hapless wretch they brought.

With wild hope born of uttermost distress, the healing touch he sought.

A hand reached forth in potent tenderness—the miracle was wrought.

Strangely he stares. "What dost thou see?" they cry. "I see men walk as trees."

Again the cool hand strokes each aching eye, the last dim shadow flees.

Not moving shapes but live men, drawing nigh, now far and clear he sees.

To each he tells how God's own Son came by and healed his dire disease.

Dungeoned by self, we too besought His hand our shuttered eyes to free.

His touch bestowed, dumb, stricken crowds we scanned and guessed their misery.

Lord Christ, Thy second touch our hearts demand, each separate soul to

His wounds to salve, his wants to understand, and lead him home to Thee.

Howard Arnold Walter (1883-1918)

SERVING TODAY

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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 the Children's Choir and Handbell Choir for their musical leadership this morning.

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