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Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

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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.

LEARN MORE

If you would like a pastor to call, or want to learn more:

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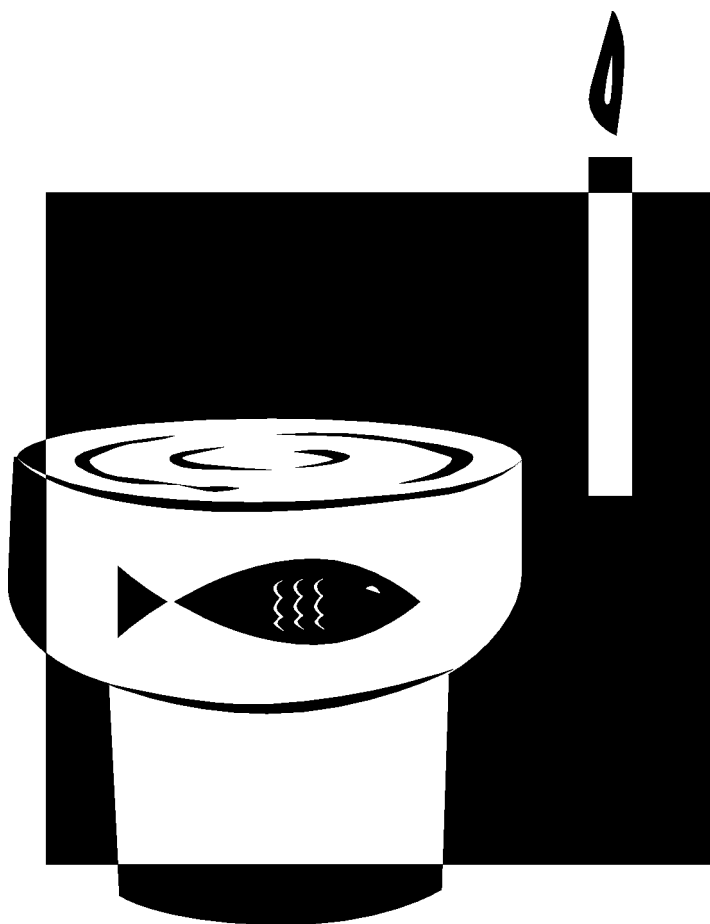


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PRELUDE Canzona | Giovanni Battista Riccio

GATHERING

Please rise and turn to face the baptismal font at the rear of the nave.

P. 227 SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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

#877 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Praise the 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.

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 OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

The choir sings the antiphon, “They are like trees planted by streams of water,” before and after the psalm. The psalm is sung responsively, beginning with the choir.



Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
 nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law | of the Lord,
 and they meditate on God’s teaching | day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;

everything they | do shall prosper.

It is not so | with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way | of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: Rejoice, and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven.

GOSPEL Luke 6:17-26

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please rise.

#841 HYMN OF THE DAY Lift Every Voice and Sing

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 The Beatitudes | Robert Lehman

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,

for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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.

The musical notation for 'GREAT THANKSGIVING' consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure.

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.

The musical notation for 'SANCTUS' consists of three staves of music in G major. The melody is more complex than the previous section, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second has two measures, and the third has two measures.

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,

The musical notation for 'LORD'S PRAYER' consists of two staves of music in G major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, and the second has two measures.

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 your 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.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION In Thee Is Gladness | arr. Claudia Drews
The text may be found at hymn #867

COMMUNION HYMNS

- #754 Jesus, the Very Thought of You
- #717 Let Justice Flow like Streams

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.

- #723 **RECESSIONAL HYMN** Canticle of the Turning

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Tuba Tune | Norman Cocker

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Some of us are inclined to think that the gospel is all very lovely and idyllic. We have a notion that it was intended primarily to comfort us in this wretched world. The rude offense of the cross is hidden away under flowers. A gallows turned into a floral tribute!—for use at funerals! Jesus is represented as amazingly gentle, a good deal gentler than he ever was, and becomes the mild friend of man. God himself is little more than the superlative of human kindness and couldn't possibly be hard on anyone! We sing, "Come Hither, Ye Faithful," but leave out that phrase about "the angels' dread king." It isn't good for children. One of our books takes the old Russian hymn which used to read, "God the All-terrible King who ordaineth," and makes it start, "God the all-Merciful."

If we don't quit that kind of milk-and-water nonsense now, we shall soon be much worse off than we have ever been. Our sensitive, tender little delicacies won't get us very far.

Paul Scherer
(1892-1969)

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor Preston Fields
PREACHER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Michael Thiele, Tyler Thiele
ASSISTING MINISTER	Mary Jean Huston
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Judy Braham, Janet Zentner, Panka McGuire
CRUCIFER	Brian Uphoff
LECTOR	Jeff Van Fleet
SACRISTAN	Dan Ruge
AUDIO	Bill Braham
VIDEO	Lee Powell
USHERS	Bob Uphoff, Chris Uphoff

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 Karen Snowberg & Ron Nelson, recorders, for playing this morning.

Baptized today are Dylan & Riley Olsen, children of Suzanne Bray & Kyle Olsen.

Altar flowers are given by Dave & Beth Bray in honor of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Dylan & Riley Olsen today.

Today we remember the inurnment of Mary Collins in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read her page in the memory books.

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