



Luther Memorial Church

## Holy Communion

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 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](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–noon.

### 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** O Wondrous Image, Vision Fair | Percy Whitlock

## 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.*


**#315 PROCESSIONAL HYMN** How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

### 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.

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us in the likeness of your Son, who renews our humanity that we may share his divinity, 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 Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The choir sings the antiphon, “Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God’s holy hill,” before and after the psalm. The psalm is sung responsively, beginning with the choir.*



The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

**The Lord, | great in Zion,**

**is high a- | bove all peoples.**

Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;

God is the | Holy One.

**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;**

**you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob.**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;

God is the | Holy One.

**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O Lord,**

**they called upon you, and you | answered them,**

you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

**O Lord our God, you answered | them indeed;**

**you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's | holy hill;

for the Lord our God is the | Holy One.

**SECOND READING** 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise.*

**#317 GOSPEL PROCESSION** Jesus on the Mountain Peak (*Stanzas 1 & 2 sung by the choir*)

**GOSPEL** Luke 9:28–43a

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" — not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**#317 GOSPEL RECESSION** Jesus on the Mountain Peak (*Stanzas 3 & 4 sung by all*)

*Please sit.*

**SERMON**

*Please rise.*

**#631 HYMN OF THE DAY** Love Divine All Loves Excelling

**P. 234 AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM** Reception of new members

**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 Glory of Christ | K. Lee Scott

You, living Christ, our eyes behold  
Amid your Church appearing,  
All girt about your breast with gold  
And bright apparel wearing;  
Your countenance is burning light,  
A sun resplendent in its might:  
Lord Christ, we see your glory.

Your glorious feed have sought and found  
Your own of ev'ry nation;  
With everlasting voice you sound  
The call of our salvation;  
You search us still with eyes of flame,  
You know and call us all by name:  
Lord Christ, we see your glory.

O risen Christ, today alive,  
Amid your Church abiding,  
Who now your blood and body give,  
New life and strength providing,  
We join in heav'nly company  
To sing your praise triumphantly:  
Lord Christ, we see your glory!

*Please rise.*

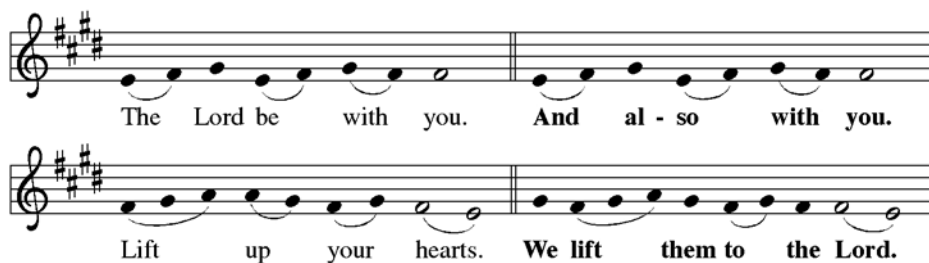
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

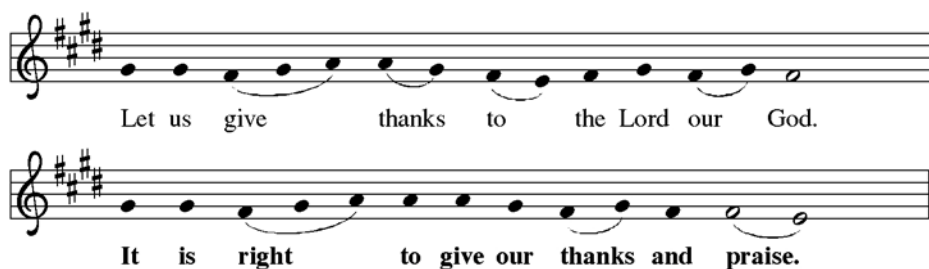
Let us pray.

**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.**

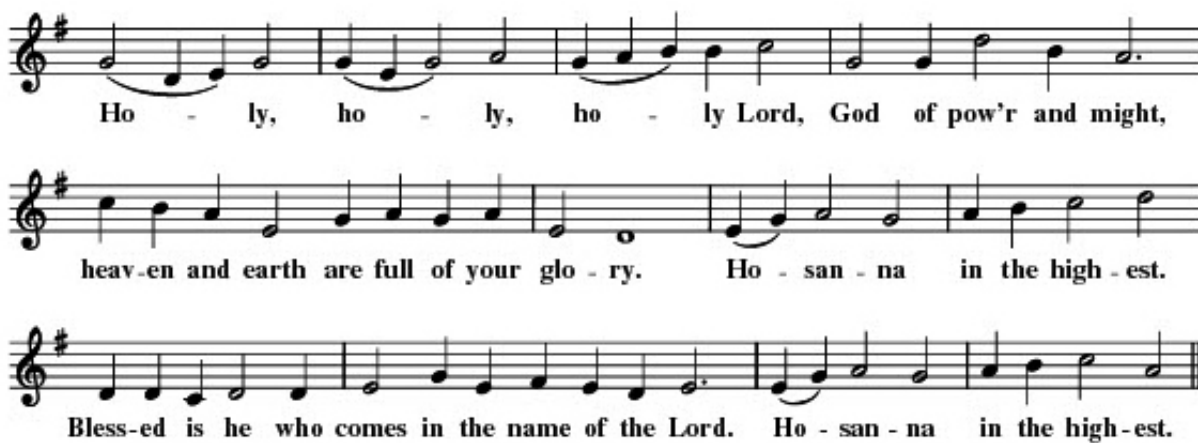
**Amen.**

## 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



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 O Wondrous Sight | Franz Joseph Haydn

*The text may be found at hymn #316.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

#838 Beautiful Savior

#306 Come, Beloved of the Maker

*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.*

#318 RECESSIONAL HYMN Alleluia, Song of Gladness

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE Carillon from Sept Pièces | Marcel Dupré









## TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jesus [is] Consecrated Bread—Among all the memorable events of Christ's life, the most worthy of remembrance is that last banquet, the most sacred supper. Here not only the paschal lamb was presented to be eaten but also the immaculate Lamb, who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29). Under the appearance of bread having all delight and the pleasantness of every taste (Wisdom 16:20), he was given as food. In this banquet the marvelous sweetness of Christ's goodness shown forth when he dined at the same table and on the same plates with those poor disciples and the traitor Judas. The marvelous example of his humility shone forth when, girt with a towel, the King of Glory diligently washed the feet of the fisherman and even of his betrayer. The marvelous richness of his generosity was manifest when he gave to those first priests, and as a consequence to the whole Church and the world, his most sacred body and his true blood as food and drink so that what was soon to be a sacrifice pleasing to God and the priceless price of our redemption would be our viaticum and sustenance. Finally the marvelous outpouring of his love shone forth when, loving his own to the end (John 13:1), he strengthened them in goodness with a gentle exhortation, especially forewarning Peter to be firm in faith and offering to John his breast as a pleasant and sacred place of rest.

*Bonaventure (1221–1274)*

## SERVING TODAY

<b>PRESIDER</b>	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
<b>PREACHER</b>	Pastor Brad Pohlman
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Andrew Schaeffer
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Michael Thiele, Hattie Thiele
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Luis Reynaldo
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b>	Rolf Wulfsberg, Lynn Washington, Mary Powell
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	George Alexander
<b>LECTOR</b>	Bonnie Gruber
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Mary Powell
<b>AUDIO &amp; VIDEO</b>	Alex Starr
<b>USHERS</b>	Nicole Lane Starr, Kris Gruber-Twardy, Paul Twardy

**Our thanks to Karen Snowberg & Laura McGuire (trumpet), Meg Grzesiak (euphonium), Ron Nelson (trombone) and Laura Guse (timpani) for playing this morning.**

**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.

**Altar flowers are given by Bill Wade** in honor of family and friends.

**Today we remember the inurnments of John "Sid" Gallagher and Barbara Hennings** in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read their pages in the memory books.

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