



Luther Memorial Church

## Holy Communion

1 LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 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 *Emendemus in Melius* | Cristóbal Morales

## GATHERING

*Please rise.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Cleanse me from sin, O Lord, wash me with hyssop branches; cleanse me from guilt, and I shall be clean as the new snow.

**Have mercy on me, O my God, according to your great compassion.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

Amen.

**The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

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

#238 GREAT LITANY

## 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.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk faithfully through the wilderness of this world toward the life you give, 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 Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

*The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.*



You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—  
you will say to the Lord, "My refuge | and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I | put my trust."

**Because you have made the | Lord your refuge,  
and the Most High your | habitation,  
no evil | will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**

For God will give the angels charge | over you,  
to guard you in | all your ways.  
Upon their hands they will | bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.  
**You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;**  
**you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.**  
**I will deliver those who | cling to me;**  
**I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**  
They will call me, and I will | answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.  
With long life will I | satisfy them,  
and show them | my salvation.

**SECOND READING** Romans 10:8b–13

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise.*

**GOSPEL**

Cantor: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**GOSPEL** Luke 4:1–13

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**SERMON**

*Please rise.*

#322 HYMN OF THE DAY Oh Love, How Deep

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** A Lenten Love Song | Helen Kemp

Now Jesus went into the garden,  
The garden of Gethsemane.  
He went there sad and very weary  
To be alone, to pray.  
“Dear God, I am so sorrowful,  
Is there no other way?  
Dear God, if it is possible,  
Let this cup pass away.”  
Now Jesus went into the garden,  
The garden of Gethsemane.  
The olive tree bent over him,  
And heard him sadly pray.

“Dear God, your Son is sorrowful,  
But knows your way is best.  
Let love take hold of me!  
Help me to be bold and free to do your will and rest.”

Ubi caritas et amor,  
Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

*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 Great Thanksgiving section consists of four lines of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each line is written on a single staff with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, which are mostly quarter and eighth notes with some ties. The first line has a double bar line after the first measure. The second line also has a double bar line after the first measure. The third and fourth lines end with double bar lines.

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

The Sanctus section consists of three lines of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each line is written on a single staff with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, which are mostly quarter and eighth notes with some ties. The first line has a fermata over the eighth measure. The second and third lines end with double bar lines.

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.



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We give you thanks, Father... both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav- en, hal- low- ed be

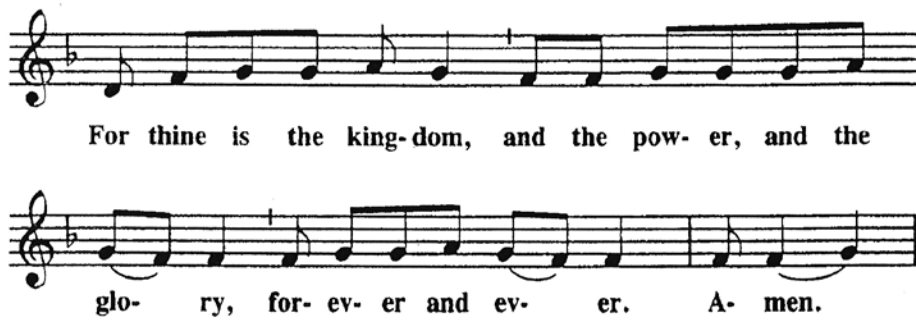
thy name, thy king-dom come, thy will be done,

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

dai- ly bread; and for- give us our tres- pass- es,

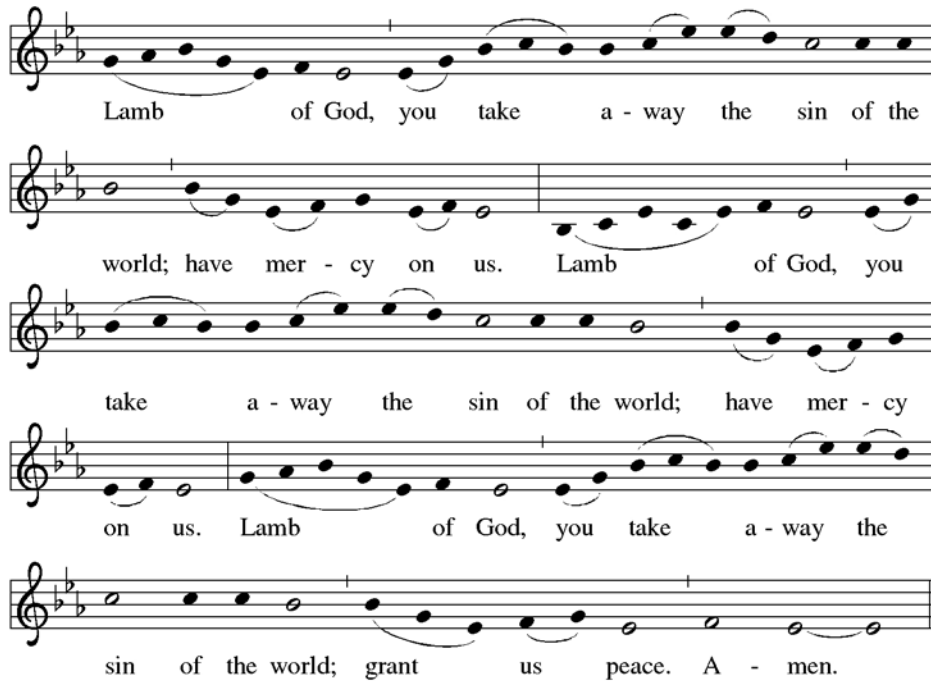
as we for- give those who tres- pass a- gainst us; and lead us

not in- to temp- ta- tion, but de- liv- er us from e- vil.



*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 a second chalice.*

*\*Gluten-free bread is available on request.*

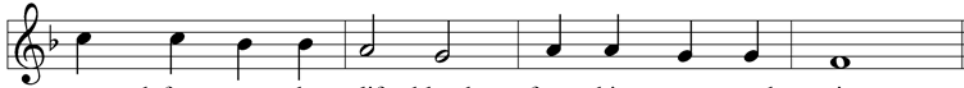
**MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION** Clamabat Autem Mulier Chananae | Cristóbal Morales

**#319 COMMUNION HYMN** O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

**COMMUNION HYMN** Glory Be to Jesus (*Lutheran Book of Worship* #95)



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who, in bit - ter pains,  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance plead - ed to the skies;



poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins.  
blest be his com - pas - sion, in - fi - nite - ly kind.  
which from end - less tor - ment did the world re - deem.  
but the blood of Je - sus for our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
wafts its praise on high,  
angel hosts rejoicing  
make their glad reply.

6 Lift we then our voices,  
swell the mighty flood;  
louder still and louder  
praise the precious blood.

*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.*

**#811 RECESSIONAL HYMN** On My Heart Imprint Your Image

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Oh Love, How Deep | Mary Beth Bennett









## TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### The Lenten Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian

*Of all Lenten hymns and prayers, one short prayer can be termed the Lenten prayer. Tradition ascribes it to one of the great teachers of spritual life, St. Ephraim the Syrian.*

O Lord and Master of my life!  
Take from me the spirit of sloth,  
faintheartedness, lust of power and  
idle talk. But give rather the spirit  
of chastity, humility, patience and  
love to your servant. Yea O Lord  
and King! Grant me to see my own  
errors and not to judge my brothers  
and sisters; for you are blessed unto  
ages of ages. Amen.

## SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
PREACHER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Kole Consigny, Roman Worzala Dumke
ASSISTING MINISTER	George Alexander
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Lynn Washington, Janet Zentner, Panka McGuire
CRUCIFER	Bruce Curtis
LECTOR	Kelly Olson
SACRISTAN	Cynthia Vander Woude
AUDIO	David Heins
VIDEO	Lee Powell
USHERS	Jeff Van Fleet, Derren Slinde, Corbin Slinde, Luke Szczykutowicz

**Our thanks to the recorder ensemble and children's choir** for their musical offerings today.

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