



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

4 LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 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. A staffed nursery is available Sundays 9–noon.

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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 Psalm Preludes Set I, No. 1 | Herbert Howells

“This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.”

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.

#666 PROCESSIONAL HYMN What Wondrous Love Is This

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.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



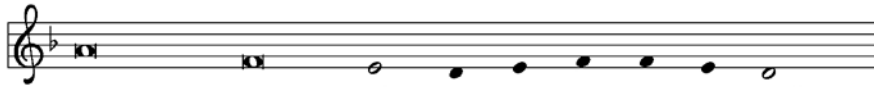
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



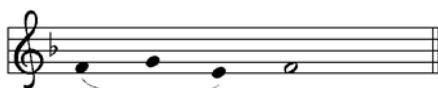
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Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward and raise the dead. Embrace us all within the baptism of your grace, and feed us at the table of your reconciling love, 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 Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

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



Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord im- | putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!

**While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,
because of my groaning | all day long.**

**For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.
Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.

**You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.**

**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;
I will guide you | with my eye.**

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once

knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. 1So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL

Choir: I will arise and go to my father and say, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please rise.

#606 HYMN OF THE DAY Our Father, We Have Wandered

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 Were you There | Craig Phillips

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 uses eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 five staves of music in G major. The melody is simple and uses eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are written below the notes.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

LORD'S PRAYER

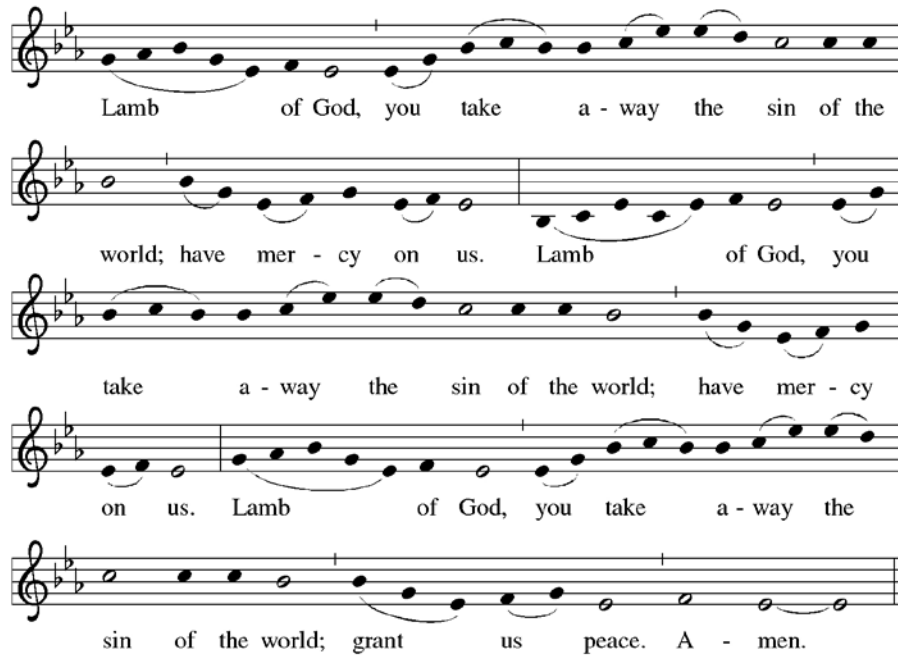


Our Fa-ther, who art in heav- en, hal- low- ed be
thy name, thy king-dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heav- en. Give us this day our
dai- ly bread; and for- give us our tres- pass- es,
as we for- give those who tres- pass a- gainst us; and lead us
not in- to temp- ta- tion, but de- liv- er us from e- vil.
For thine is the king-dom, and the pow- er, and the
glo- ry, for- ev- er and ev- er. A- men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight lines of music, each corresponding to a line of the Lord's Prayer. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the eighth line.

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 Ave Verum Corpus | William Byrd

<i>Ave, verum corpus natum</i>	Hail the true body, born
<i>de Maria Virgine:</i>	of the Virgin Mary:
<i>vere passum, immolatum</i>	You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
<i>in cruce pro homine:</i>	on the cross for the sake of man.
<i>cuius latus perforatum</i>	From whose pierced flank
<i>fluxit aqua et sanguine:</i>	flowed water and blood:
<i>esto nobis praegustatum,</i>	Be a foretaste for us
<i>in mortis examine.</i>	in the trial of death.
<i>O dulcis, o pie,</i>	O sweet, O gentle,
<i>o Jesu, fili Mariae,</i>	O Jesu, son of Mary,
<i>miserere mei.</i>	have mercy on me.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- #779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
- #608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

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 Pièce Héroïque | César Franck

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 spiritual 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 John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Tyler Thiele, Hattie Thiele
ASSISTING MINISTER	David Zentner
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Judy Braham, Derren Slinde, Helen Hartman
CRUCIFER	Corbin Slinde
LECTOR	Deb Raasch
SACRISTAN	Randy Raasch
AUDIO	Bill Braham
VIDEO	Lee Powell
USHER	Jeff Van Fleet

Altar flowers are given by Sue Bangert & Mike Hammers in memory of Betty Lou & Don Hammers.

Today we remember the inurnments of Eric Knaak, Magnus Tveite and Donald Wendt in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read their pages in the memory books.

Notes on our Lenten liturgies

During Lent, our Sunday liturgies will look different, reflecting the solemnity of the season.

The Gloria which we sing nearly every Sunday is omitted throughout Lent. In its place is the "Kyrie", an ancient Greek prayer for mercy. Furthermore, the word Alleluia is absent, only to appear once again at the Easter Vigil. The organ, which normally enjoys a prominent role in the leadership of our liturgies is used as sparsely as possible. You may also notice subtle changes to our worship space. The candelabras which normally flank the high altar, are absent, as are the usual altar hangings. Where beautiful flowers normally adorn the altar, you will see bare branches lying in wait for the splendor of new life at Easter.

These liturgical, musical, and aesthetic deviations help us to focus our worship life on our need for repentance and forgiveness while leading us to a more beautiful and profound "Alleluia" at Easter.

