



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 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. The nursery is open but unstaffed today.

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 or Facebook

PRELUDE Voluntary in A Major (Prelude and Fugue) | William Selby, arr. E. Power Biggs

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.

#521 PROCESSIONAL HYMN O Day of Rest and Gladness

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

Assisting minister

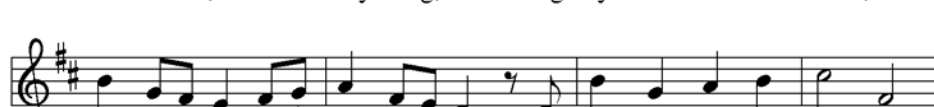


Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

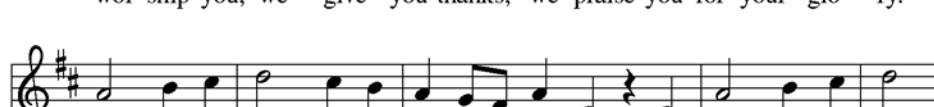
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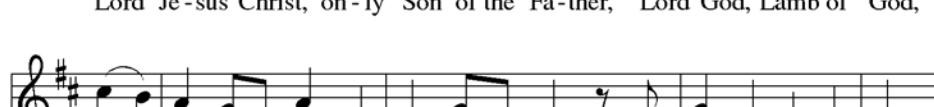
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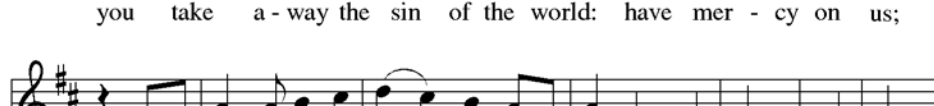
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



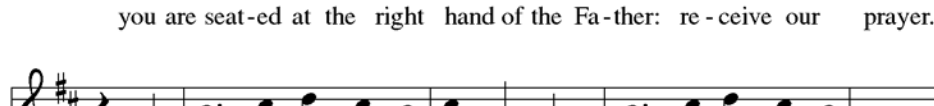
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



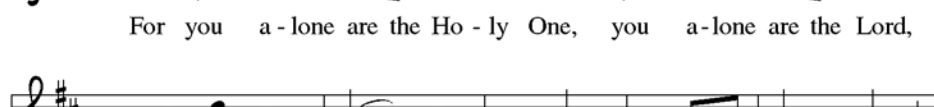
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



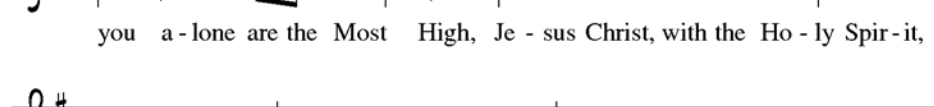
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



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.

Loving God and Father, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of life: Teach us to love what is worthy of you, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 49:1-12

Sung responsively.



Hear this, | all you peoples;

give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,

you of high de- | gree and low,

rich and | poor together.

My mouth shall | speak of wisdom,

and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.

I will incline my ear | to a proverb

and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp.

Why should I be afraid in | evil days,

when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,

the wickedness of those who put their trust in | their own prowess,

and boast of | their great riches?

One can never re- | deem another,

or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;

for the ransom of a life | is so great

that there would never be e- | nough to pay it,

in order to live forev- | er and ever

and never | see the grave.

For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- | pid they perish

and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.

Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to | generation,
though they had named lands af- | ter themselves.
Even though honored, they cannot | live forever;
they are like the | beasts that perish.

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21

Glory to you, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please rise.

#589 HYMN OF THE DAY All Depends on Our Possessing

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

Please rise.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth
bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be
for the world signs of your gracious presence in 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 is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves, each with a treble clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves end with a double bar line.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n 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.

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of one staff with a treble clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The staff ends with a double bar line.

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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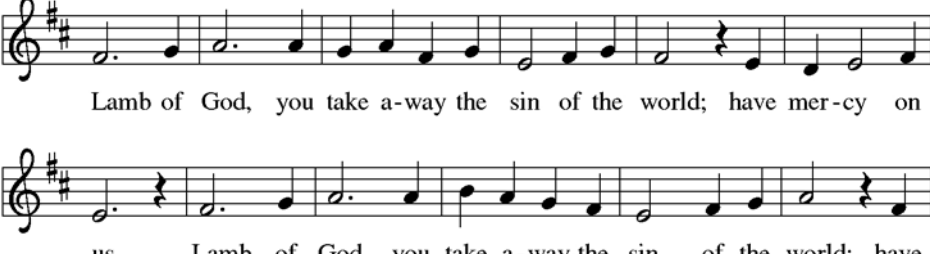
LORD'S PRAYER



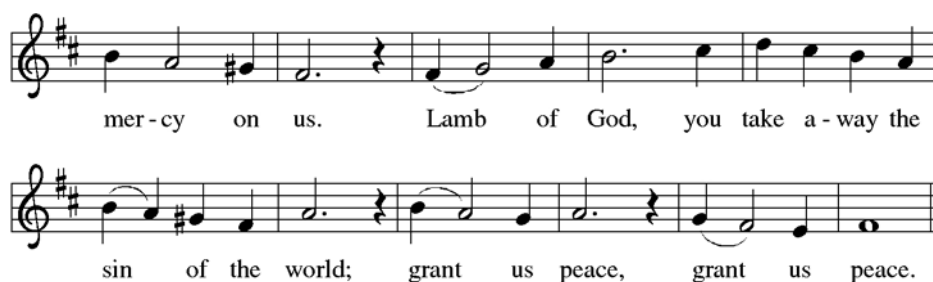
Our Fa-ther, who art in heav- en, hal- low- ed be
thy name, thy king-dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heav- en. Give us this day our
dai- ly bread; and for- give us our tres- pass- es,
as we for- give those who tres- pass a- gainst us; and lead us
not in- to temp- ta- tion, but de- liv-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

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



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

COMMUNION HYMNS

- #685 Take My Life, That I May Be
- #501 Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

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.

- #705 RECESSIONAL HYMN God of Grace and God of Glory

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Rigaudon in A Major | Andre Campra, arr. E. Power Biggs

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus,

It is my great comfort to know
that, where I have been, you have
been before.

You had a day's work to do just as
I have a day's work to do.

You were tempted just as I am
tempted.

You were distressed in mind
in Gethsemane just as I am
distressed in mind.

You had to suffer pain and your
pain was far worse than mine.

You are the Resurrection and the
Life, because you died and rose
again, and you are alive always
and for ever, and once and for all
you conquered death.

So I am quite sure that whatever
happens to me, you have been
there; you are there; you will be
there; to the end of time and
beyond.

Amen.

William Barclay
(1907-1978)

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
PREACHER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
ORGANIST	Don Horisberger
CANTOR	Maggie Stansfield
ASSISTING MINISTER	Amy Grunewald Mattison
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Rolf Wulfsberg, Helen Hartman
CRUCIFER	Bruce Curtis
LECTOR	Bonnie Gruber
SACRISTAN	Randy Raasch
AUDIO & VIDEO	Alex Starr
HEAD USHER	Robert Steffen
USHERS	Nicole Lane Starr, Marsha Steffen, Kris Gruber-Twardy, Paul Twardy

Altar flowers are given by Sue Bangert and Mike Hammers in memory of Sherman Bangert.

Today we remember the inurnment of George Bush in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read his page in the memory books.

Director of Music Andrew Schaeffer is away on sabbatical until Monday, August 25.

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