



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 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 Chorale Prelude on “Erhalt uns, Herr” | Johann Gottfried Walther

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.

#511 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Thy Strong Word

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

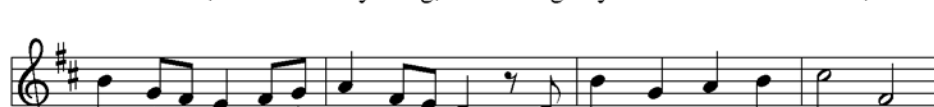


Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

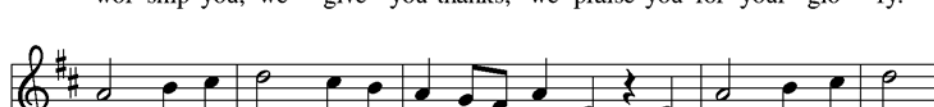
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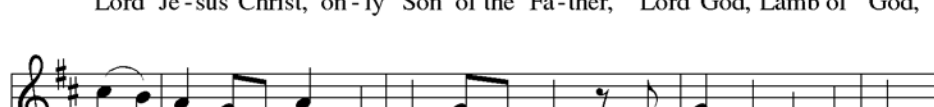
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



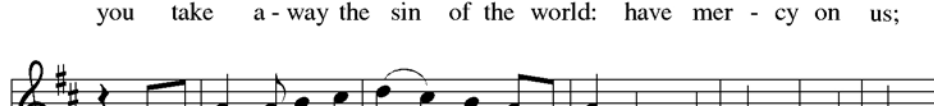
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



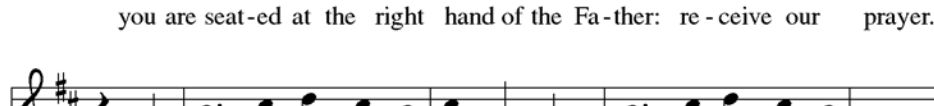
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



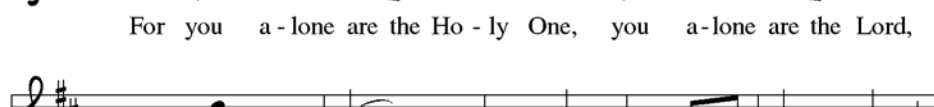
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



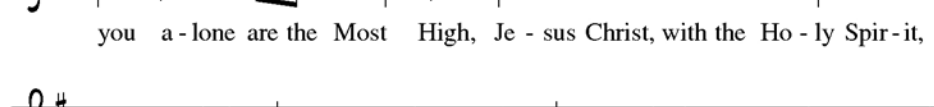
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



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.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 82

Sung responsively.



God stands to charge the divine coun- | cil assembled,
giving judgment in the midst | of the gods:

**“How long will you | judge unjustly,
and show favor | to the wicked?”**

Save the weak | and the orphan;
defend the hum- | ble and needy;

**rescue the weak | and the poor;
deliver them from the power | of the wicked.**

They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander a- | bout in darkness;
all the foundations of the | earth are shaken.

**Now I say to you, | ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of | the Most High;**

nevertheless, you shall | die like mortals,
and fall like | any prince.’ ”

**Arise, O God, and | rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations | for your own.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:29–12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order

to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 12:49-56

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please rise.

#813 HYMN OF THE DAY Faith of Our Fathers

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 All my hope on God is founded | Words by Joachim Neander, para. Robert Bridges; Music by Herbert Howells
This hymn can be found in the hymnal as #757.

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.

This musical score is for the hymn 'GREAT THANKSGIVING'. It consists of four staves of music in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps: F# and C#). The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second line corresponds to 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third line corresponds to 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth line corresponds to 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

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.

This musical score is for the hymn 'THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE'. It consists of one staff of music in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps: F# and C#). The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The line of music corresponds to the lyrics 'Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.'

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.

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

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LORD'S PRAYER



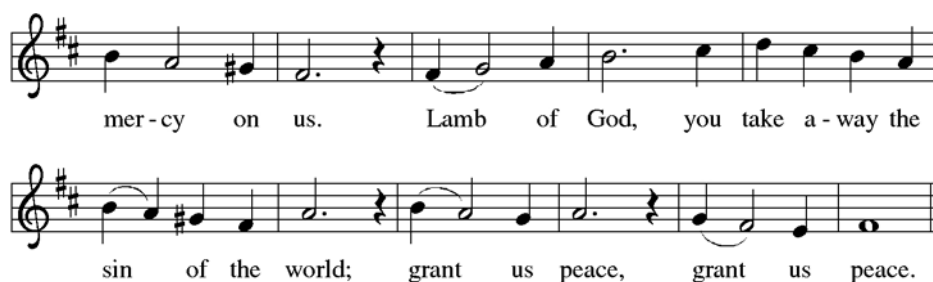
Our Fa-ther, who art in heav- en, hal- low- ed be
thy name, thy king-dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heav- en. Give us this day our
dai- ly bread; and for- give us our tres- pass- es,
as we for- give those who tres- pass a- gainst us; and lead us
not in- to temp- ta- tion, but de- liv- 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 Petites litanies de Jésus | Gabriel Grovlez (1879–1944)

#815 COMMUNION HYMN I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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.

#517 RECESSIONAL HYMN Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Chorale Prelude on “Erhalt uns, Herr” | Johann Pachelbel

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

It is out of uttermost gloom (of "My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me?") that the light breaks. The light does not merely shine upon the gloom and so dispel it; it is the gloom itself transformed into light. For that same crucifixion of the Lord which was, and for ever is, the utmost effort of evil, is itself the means by which God conquers evil and unites us to himself in the redeeming love there manifested. Judas and Caiaphas and Pilate have set themselves in their several ways to oppose and to crush the purpose of Christ, and yet despite themselves they became ministers. They sent Christ to the cross; by the cross he completed his atoning work; from the cross he reigns over mankind. God in Christ has not merely defeated evil, but has made it the occasion of his own supremest glory.

William Temple (1881-1944)

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
PREACHER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
ORGANIST	Don Horisberger
CANTOR	Bob Brod
ASSISTING MINISTER	Surya Blasiolo
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Rolf Wulfsberg, Al Larson, Randy Raasch
CRUCIFER	Bob Uphoff
LECTOR	Lynn Washington
SACRISTAN	Karen Harris
AUDIO	Bill Braham
VIDEO	Lee Powell
USHERS	Bob Uphoff, Chris Uphoff

Our thanks to Kole Consigny, piano, for playing during the communion today.

Altar flowers are given by Gary Brown & Paul Hayes in thanksgiving for their 23rd wedding anniversary.

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

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

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