



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 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. Staffed nursery returns Sunday, Sep. 7.

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 The Musical Clocks | Franz Josef Haydn, arr. E. Power Biggs

I. Minuet

II. March

IV. Minuet

GATHERING

Please rise and face the baptismal font at the rear of the nave.

P. 227 SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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

#461 PROCESSIONAL HYMN All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

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.

All



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.



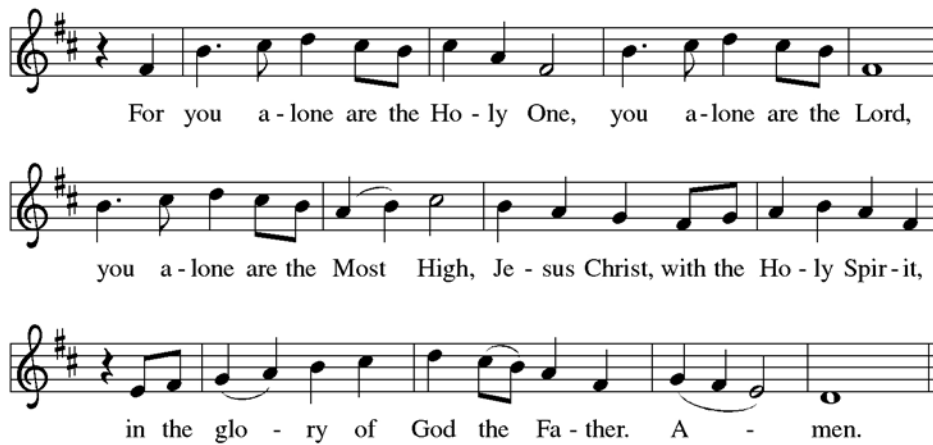
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Proverbs 25:6-7a

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112

Sung responsively.



Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the Lord
 and have great delight in | God's commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;
 the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
 and their righteousness will | last forever.

**Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;
 the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**

It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending
 and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

**For they will nev- | er be shaken;
 the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;
 their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the Lord.

**Their heart is established and | will not shrink,
 until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever;
they will hold up their | head with honor.

**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14

Glory to you, O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled,

the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please rise.

#462 HYMN OF THE DAY Now We Join in Celebration

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 Now We Join in Celebration | Paul Manz

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.

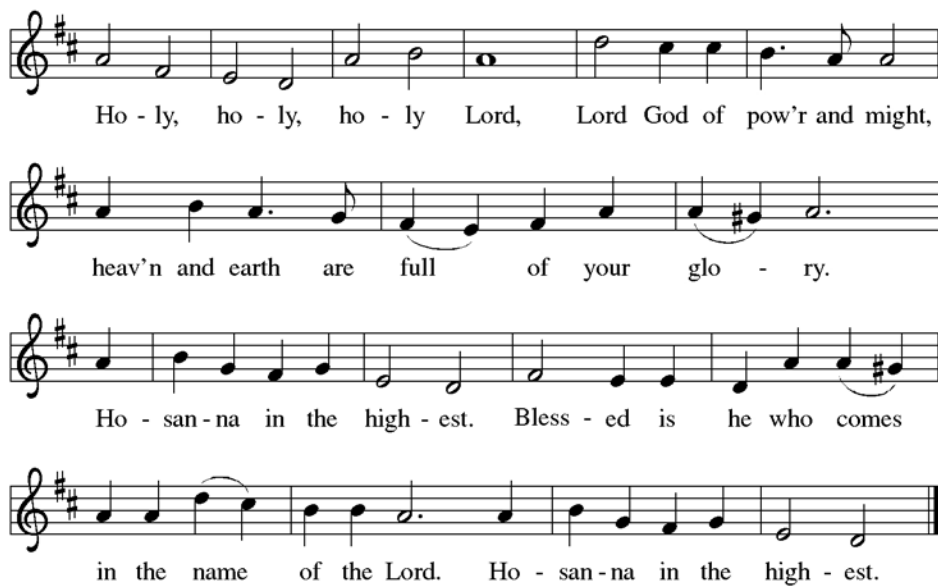
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.



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

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.



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

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
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us 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 a second chalice. Gluten-free bread is available on request.*

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION The Musical Clocks | Franz Josef Haydn, arr. E. Power Biggs
III. Andantino
V. Minuet

#460 COMMUNION HYMN Now the Silence

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.

#547 RECESSIONAL HYMN Sent Forth by God's Blessing

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE The Musical Clocks | Franz Josef Haydn, arr. E. Power Biggs

VI. Vivace

VII. Fugue

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

O God, our Father, deliver us from the foolishness of self-confidence, from all boasting and vanity, from pride of energy and false notions of success. Teach us that our springs are not in ourselves but in Thee, that so far from being able to do what we will, we can neither will nor do any good except by Thy grace and with Thy help, that it is when we are weak in ourselves that we are strong in Thee, that Thy power is made perfect in our conscious lack of power that compels us to lay our helplessness on Thy strength. Here may we find our rest and feel, pouring through all our impotence, the tides of Thy mighty spirit, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and glory. Amen.

Robert E. Speer (1867–1947)

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
CANTOR	John Millholland
ASSISTING MINISTER	Margaret Szczykutowicz
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Helen Hartman, Karole Leadholm, Michael Bradley
CRUCIFER	George Alexander
LECTOR	Lynn Washington
SACRISTAN	Randy Raasch
AUDIO	Bill Braham
VIDEO	Lee Powell
USHERS	Jeff Van Fleet

Baptized today is Theodore Subramanian-Wang, child of Connie Wang & Vasanth Subramanian.

Today we remember the inurnments of Evelyn Swenson, Murray Martin and Robert B. Martin in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read their pages in the memory books.

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