



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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. A staffed nursery is available Sundays 9-11:45 am.

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 Psalm of Celebration | Kevin McChesney

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.

#842 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Oh, Worship the King

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



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



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



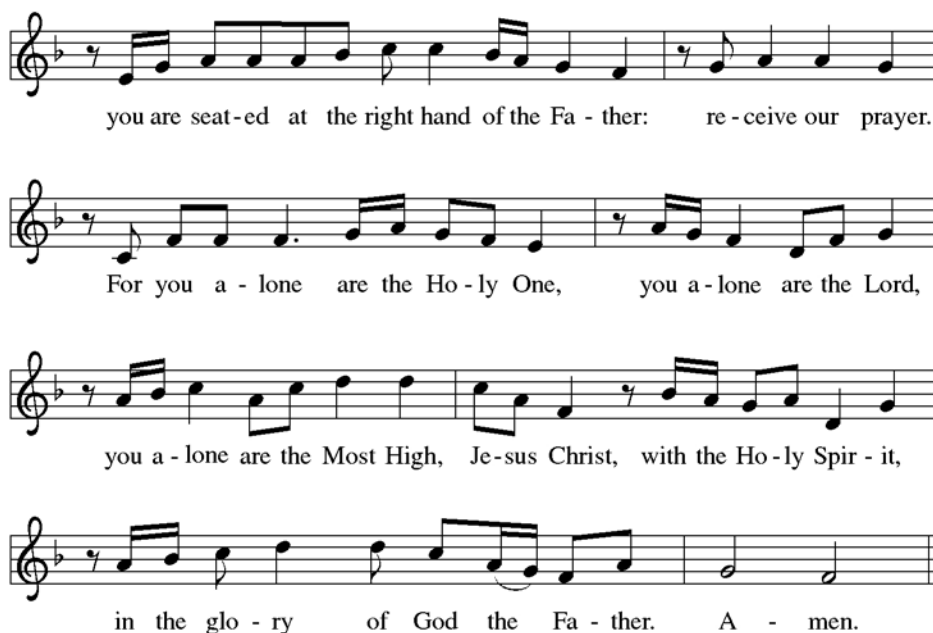
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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;



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

The choir sings the antiphon, "The Lord gives justice to those who are oppressed," before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the Lord, | O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.
When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish.
Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | Lord their God;
who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps promis- | es forever;
who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.
The Lord sets the | captive free.
The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;
the Lord | loves the righteous.
The Lord cares | for the stranger;
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.
The Lord shall | reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Verse (sung by choir): You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please rise.

#719 HYMN OF THE DAY Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

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 Poor Man Lazarus | Jester Hariston

Poor man Lazarus, sick and disabled,

dip your finger in the water;

come and cool my tongue,

‘cause I’m tormented in the flame!

He had to eat crumbs from the rich man’s table

dip your finger in the water;

come and cool my tongue,

‘cause I’m tormented in the flame!

I'm tormented in the flame!
I'm tormented in the flame!
Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!

Rich man Divies, he lived so well.
Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!
And when he died, he went straight to hell.
Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!

I love to shout, I love to sing.
Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!
I love to praise my heavenly King.
Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!

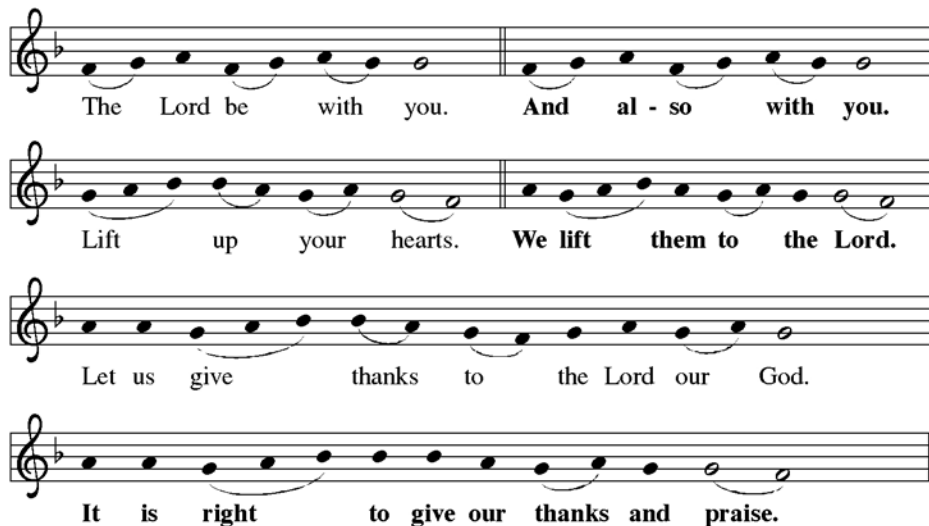
Please rise.

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 musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some ties. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

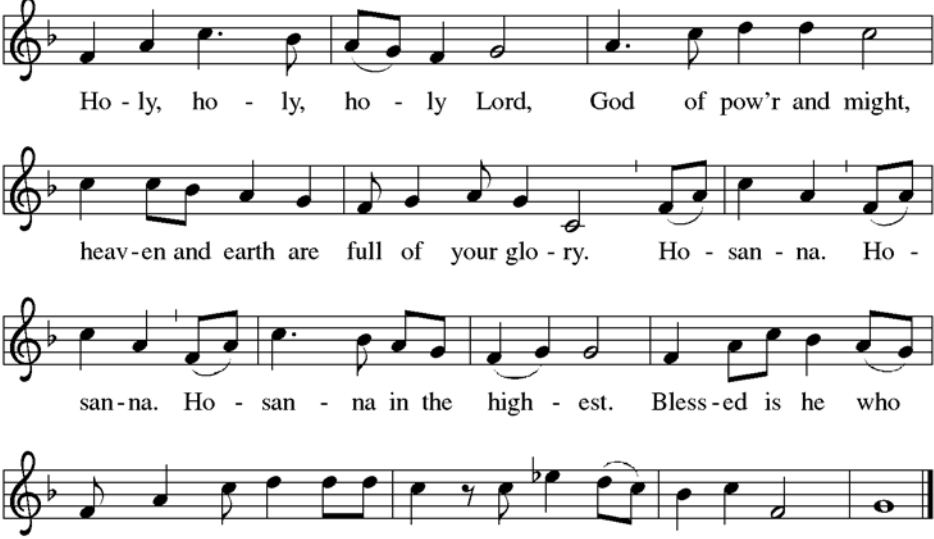
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

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 Praise the Lord | Heinz Warner Zimmerman

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forever more!

Praise the Lord! Thanks and praises sing to God! Day by day to the Lord!
High above the nations is God, His glory high over earth and sky!

Praise the Lord! Praise and glory give to God! Who is like unto Him?
Raising up the poor from the dust, He makes them dwell in His heart and home.

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord! Praise the love of the Lord!
Giving to the homeless a home, He fills their hearts with new hope and joy!

#485 COMMUNION HYMN I Am the Bread of Life

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.

#848 RECESSIONAL HYMN Give to Our God Immortal Praise

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE The Bristol March | Oliver Shaw

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Thou splendid giver of the light,
by whose serene and lovely ray
Beyond the gloomy shades of night
Is opened wide another day!

But clearer than the sun may shine,
All light and day in thee I find,
To fill my night with glory fine
And purify my inner mind.

Fill with thy Spirit every sense,
That God's divine and gracious love
May drive Satanic temptings hence,
And blight their falsehoods from above.

That in the acts of common toil
Which life demands of us each day,
We may, without a stain or soil,
Live in they holy laws alway.

This hope is in my praying heart—
These are my vows which now I pray;
That this sweet light may not depart,
But guide me purely through the day.

Amen.

Hilary of Poitiers
(315–367)

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	The Rev. Jon R. Nelson
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Berkeley Worzala Dumke, Hattie Thiele
ASSISTING MINISTER	Margaret Szczykutowicz
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Corbin Slinde, Derren Slinde, Janet Zentner
CRUCIFER	Tim Szczykutowicz
LECTOR	Kelly Olson
SACRISTAN	Dan Ruge
AUDIO	Bill Braham
VIDEO	Lee Powell
USHERS	Eric Oelkers, Casey Oelkers, Dylan Oelkers, Kendall Oelkers

Baptized today is Arno Kruger, child of Andries and Emily Kruger.

Altar flowers are given by Sandy Bertics in memory of Vicky Bertics.

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

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