



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 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 *Andante from Sonata 10 in G Major* | Ludwig van Beethoven

GATHERING

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.

#527 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

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,



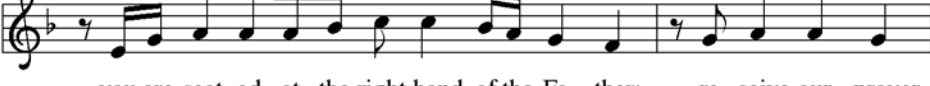
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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;



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.

Good and gracious God: fill us when we are empty; and strengthen us when we are weak. Inspire us with the passion of your beloved Son, that we might both love you and our neighbor, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous — therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

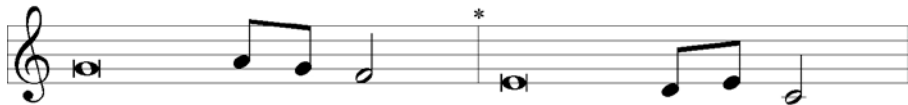
I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37:1–9

The choir sings the antiphon, “Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord,” before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



Do not be provoked by | evildoers;
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.

**For they shall soon wither | like the grass,
and like the green grass | fade away.**

Put your trust in the Lord | and do good;
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.

**Take delight | in the Lord,
who shall give you your | heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust | in the Lord,
and see what | God will do.

**The Lord will make your vindication as clear | as the light
and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.**

Be still before the Lord and wait | patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.

**Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.**

For evildoers shall | be cut off,
but those who hope in the Lord shall pos- | sess the land.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:1–14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God — whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did — when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Verse (sung by choir): The word of the Lord endures forever. That word is the good news that was announced to you.

GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please rise.

#405 HYMN OF THE DAY O Spirit of Life

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 The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee, O Lord | William H. Harris

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O lord:
And thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand,
And fillest all things living with plenteousness.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways:
And holy in all his works.
The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him:
Yea all such as call upon him faithfully.
He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him,
He also will hear their cry and will help them.
The Lord preserveth all them that love him,
All them that love him.

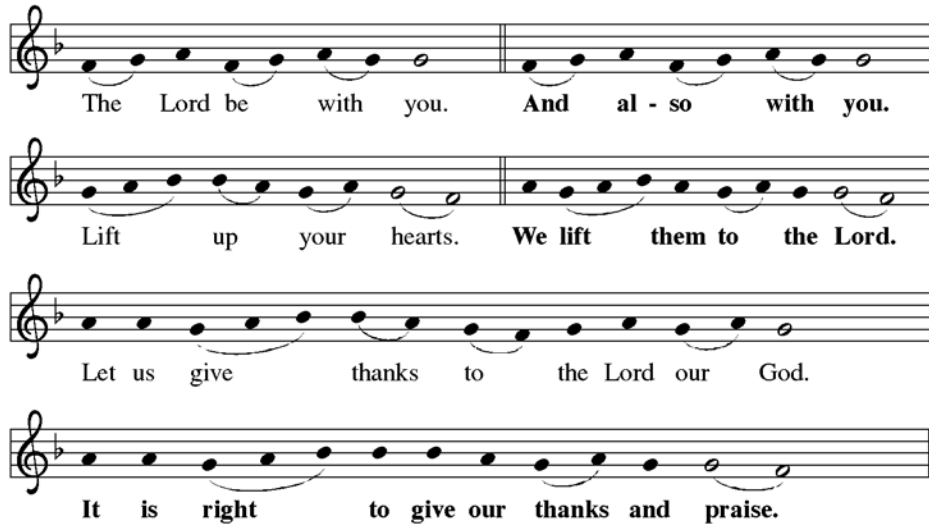
Please rise.

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.

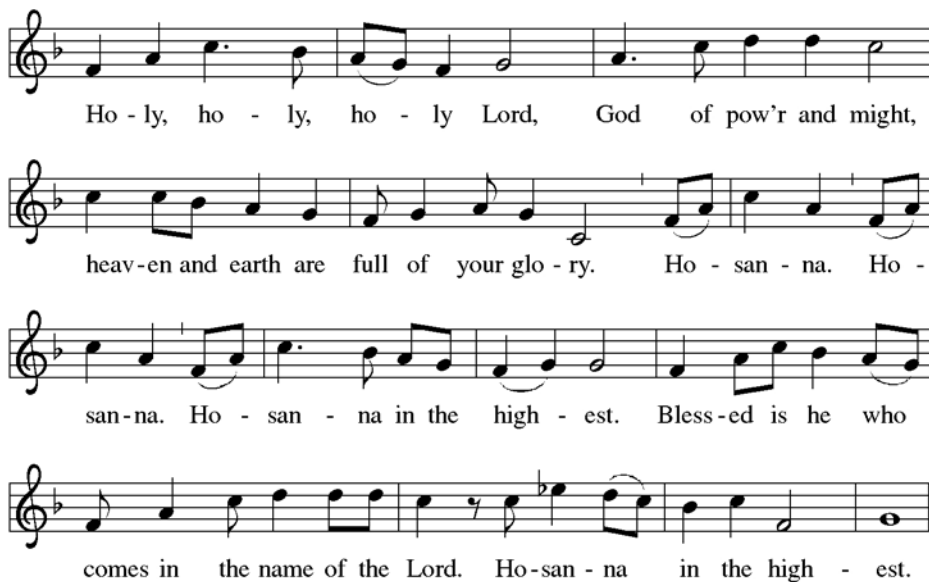
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.



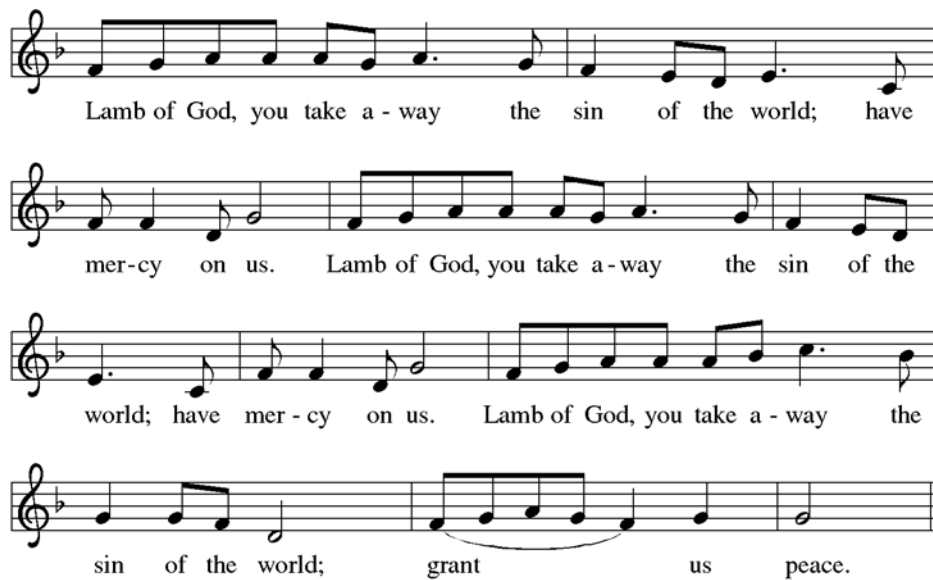
LORD'S PRAYER

Musical notation for the Lord's Prayer, consisting of eight staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is a simple, flowing line of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below each staff.

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



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 Allegretto Pastorale | John E. West

COMMUNION HYMNS

- #863 My God, How Wonderful Thou Art
- #818 O Master, Let Me Walk with You

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.

- #545 **RECESSIONAL HYMN** Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Fanfare | Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Thou Who was well pleased when the morning stars sang together, when the floods rejoiced and the valleys danced and sang, who has put deep into the human heart the instinct to praise Thee with lip and instrument, teach us how to express our thanks for the gift of music. We praise Thee for crude expressions in the childhood of the race, for modes and moods of men of varied culture and race. For garret manuscripts stained with tears, for gentle lullabys, for love songs whispered in the ear, for sonorous symphonies, for the silver voice of violin, the many splendored beauty of the organ, for those who hold multitudes by the spell of voice or hand, for gay black men on river sides, for Highland lament and fiery Southern dance, for Welsh chorus, for Celtic pibroch, for Volk's Lieder, for Russian liturgy, for wild Czigany rhapsodies and students singing to the night, for all who have expressed for us the ecstasy, the wonder, the beauty and the travail of life, for all who wash our souls clean in clear, sweet streams of beauty, we thank Thee. Amen.

George Stewart (1862-1933)

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Michael Thiele, Emma Heggeseth
ASSISTING MINISTER	Dean Gardner
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Mary Powell, Derren Slinde, Michael Bradley
CRUCIFER	George Alexander
LECTOR	Phyllis Pleuss
SACRISTAN	Cynthia Vander Woude
AUDIO & VIDEO	Alex Starr
USHERS	Marsha Steffen, Jeff Van Fleet, Paul Twardy, Kris Gruber-Twardy

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

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