

#### Luther Memorial Church

# Holy Communion EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025 | 10:30 AM

PRELUDE Voluntary in C Major | George Frideric Handel

#### **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. **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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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.

### 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

#### **GLORIA**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful Father, your grace renews all creation. Keep us safe from all harm, that we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### Amen.

#### WORD

Please sit.

#### FIRST READING 2 Kings 5:1–3, 7–15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

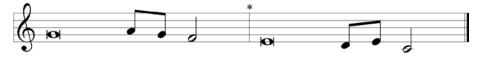
Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company;he came and stood before him and said,"Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM 111**

The cantor sings the antiphon, "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart," before and after the psalm. The cantor and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the cantor.



Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with | my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

## Great are your | works, O Lord, pondered by all who de- | light in them.

Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds, and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

You cause your wonders to | be remembered; you are gracious and full | of compassion.

You give food to | those who fear you, remembering forev- | er your covenant.

## You have shown your people the power | of your works in giving them the lands | of the nations.

The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice; all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

#### They stand fast forev- | er and ever,

#### because they are done in | truth and equity.

You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever; holy and awesome | is your name.

#### The fear of the Lord is the begin- | ning of wisdom;

all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- | dures forever.

#### **SECOND READING** 2 Timothy 2:8–15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Verse (sung by cantor): Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

#### **GOSPEL** Luke 17:11–19

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

**SERMON** 

#### Please rise.

#### #613 HYMN OF THE DAY Thy Holy Wings

#### **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** Jesus Loves Me | Traditional

*The congregation is invited to sing hymn #595, stanzas 2 and 3, as directed.* 

Please rise.

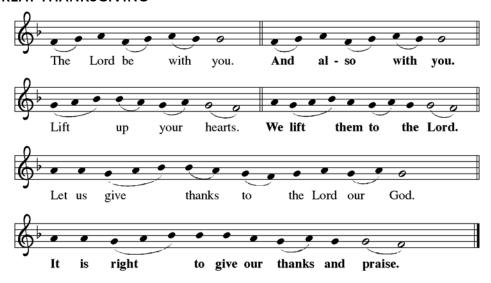
#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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.

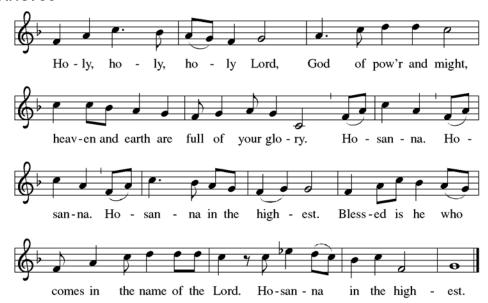
Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



#### PROPER PREFACE

#### **SANCTUS**



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.



Remembering, therefore... now and forever.

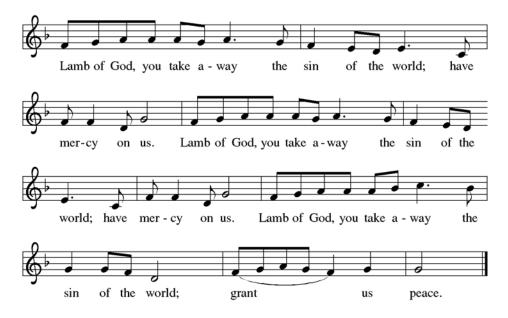


#### LORD'S PRAYER



#### 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 The Call from Five Mystical Songs | Ralph Vaughan Williams

#### **#480 COMMUNION HYMN** O Bread of Life from Heaven

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.* 

#### #839 RECESSIONAL HYMN Now Thank We All Our God

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

### **POSTLUDE** Te Deum, opus 59, no. 12 | Max Reger

# TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

O Thou ever-blessed fountain of life, I bless Thee that Thou hast infused into me Thine own vital breath so that I am become a living soul. It is my earnest desire that I may not only live but grow, grow in grace and in the knowledge of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May I grow in patience and fortitude of soul, in humility and zeal, in spirituality and a heavenly disposition of mind and in loving and unselfish service of others. As Thou knowest I hunger and thirst after righteousness, make me whatever Thou wouldest delight to see me. Draw on my soul by the gentle influence of Thy gracious Spirit every trace and every feature which Thine eye, O heavenly Father, may survey with pleasure and which Thou mayst acknowledge as Thine own image. I ask and hope it through Him of whose fulness we have all received. Amen.

Philip Doddridge (1702–1751)

#### SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER Pastor John Worzala Dumke

**PREACHER** Pastor Preston Fields

ORGANIST Andrew Schaeffer

**ACOLYTES** Abrielle Shirek, Kendal Oelkers

ASSISTING MINISTER George Alexander

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS** Janelle Allen, John Pleuss, Michael Bradley

CRUCIFER Tim Szczykutowicz

**LECTOR** Lynn Washington

SACRISTAN Karen Harris

AUDIO David Heins

VIDEO Lee Powell

**USHERS** Jeff Van Fleet, Derren Slinde, Corbin Slinde, Luke Szczykutowicz

Our thanks to Maggie Stansfield, soprano, for singing this morning.

**Altar flowers are given by John & Phyllis Pleuss** in thanksgiving for their 55th wedding anniversary (Oct. 10).

**Altar flowers are also given by Woody Klipp** in honor of Bill & Cindy Kaether on their 45th wedding anniversary (Oct. 11, 2025).

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