



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025 | 10:30 AM

PRELUDE Meditation on a Welsh Melody | Philip Young

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.

#441 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

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.

Welcome!

Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

INCENSE

Incense will be used this morning during the procession, recession and during the communion liturgy.

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. 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

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

GLORIA

Glo - ry, glo - ry to God in the high - est,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 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, we praise you for your glo - ry, Lord, 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 pray'r, re - ceive our pray'r.

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. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Job 19:23-27a

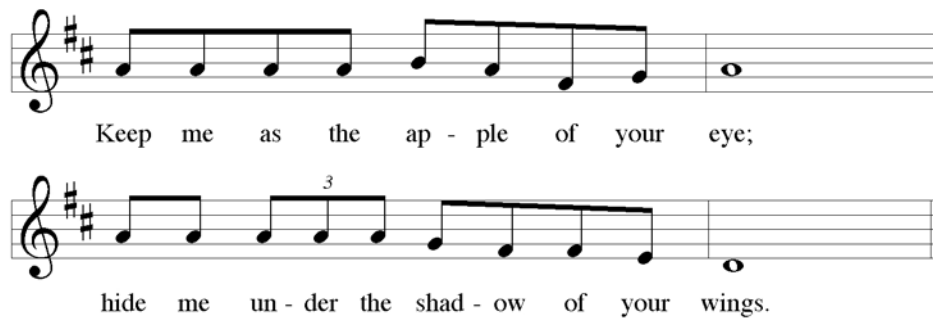
“O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, a whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 17:1-9

The cantor sings the antiphon, "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings," before and after the psalm. The psalm is sung responsively, beginning with the cantor.



Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed | to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;

let your eyes be | fixed on justice.

Examine my heart, visit | me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.

I have not regarded what | others do;

at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent.

My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;
and my feet | do not slip.

I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;

incline your ear to me and | hear my words.

Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,

O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise against them.

Keep me as the apple | of your eye;

hide me under the shadow | of your wings,

from the wicked | who assault me,
from my deadly enemies | who surround me.

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Verse (sung by cantor): Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

GOSPEL Luke 20:27-38

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please rise.

#621 HYMN OF THE DAY Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense

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 Welcome Little Children | arr. Hal Hopson

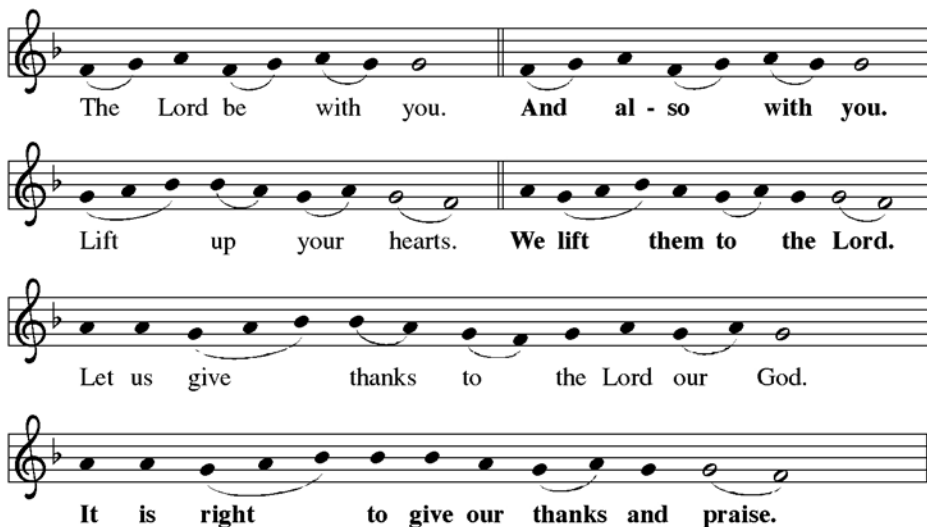
Please rise.

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, God of pow'r and might,
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san-na in the high - est.

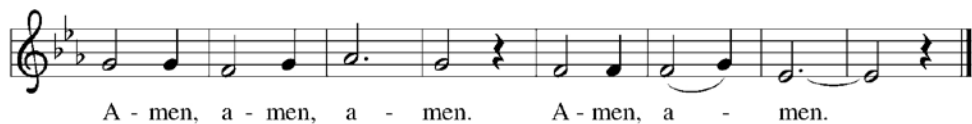
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris'n. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.



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

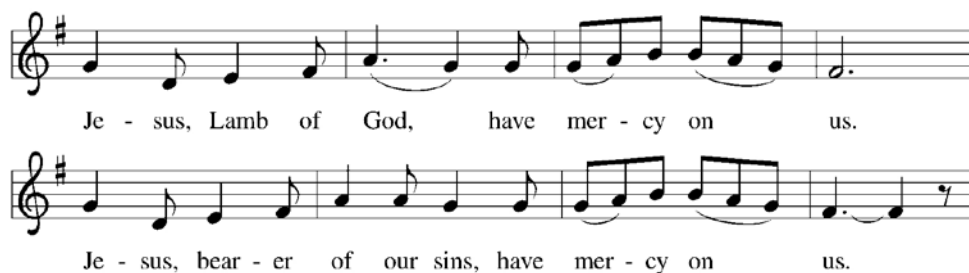
LORD'S PRAYER



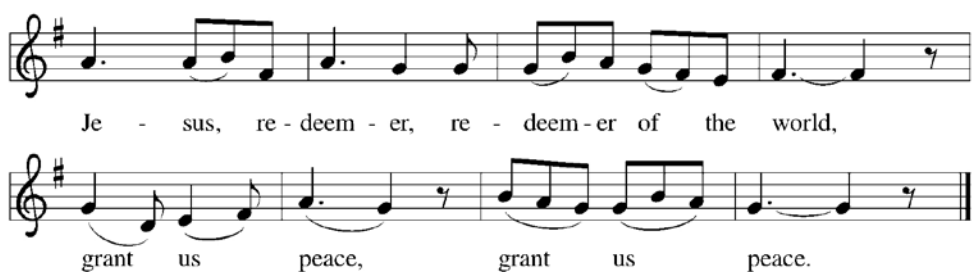
Our Fa-ther, who art in heav- en, hal- low- ed be
thy name, thy king-dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heav- en. Give us this day our
dai- ly bread; and for- give us our tres- pass- es,
as we for- give those who tres- pass a- gainst us; and lead us
not in- to temp- ta- tion, but de- liv-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



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.



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 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness | arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

COMMUNION HYMNS

#494 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

#630 In Heaven Above

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.

#619 **RECESSIONAL HYMN** I Know That My Redeemer Lives! (Stanzas 1–4, 8)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Toccata in b minor | Eugène Gigout

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

A humanity that has been deceived and disappointed thousands of times needs faith. A wounded and suffering humanity needs hope. A humanity that has fallen into discord and distrust needs love. And if we have no longer have any compassion on our own poor soul which truly needs all this too, then at least have compassion on a poor humanity. It wants to learn from us to believe, hope, and love anew. Don't deny it to them. Let's allow God to shout it at us...Believe, hope, and above all Love! And you will overcome the world.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
PREACHER	Pastor Preston Fields
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Luke Szczukutowicz, Esther Szczukutowicz
ASSISTING MINISTER	Amy Grunewald Mattison
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Kris Gruber-Twardy, Heidi Notbohm, Derren Slinde
CRUCIFER	Tim Szczukutowicz
LECTOR	Heidi Notbohm
SACRISTAN	Randy Raasch
AUDIO	David Heins
VIDEO	Lee Powell
HEAD USHER	Jeff Van Fleet
USHERS	Calvin Slinde, Corbin Slinde, Phyllis Pleuss

Today's music setting is from Franz Schubert's German Mass.

Our thanks to the Training Choir and Handbell Choir for their musical offerings this morning.

Altar flowers are given by Jeff Van Fleet in memory of his mother Nancy on her birthday.

Altar flowers are also given by Robert & Marsha Steffen in honor of all living veterans.

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