



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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. A staffed nursery is available Sundays from 9 am until the end of the 10:30 service.

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
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PRELUDE Andante | Homer Bartlett

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.

#553 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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.

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, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who reverence my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

The cantor sings the antiphon, "In righteousness will the Lord judge the world," before and after the psalm. The psalm is sung responsively, beginning with the cantor.

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

**O Lord, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

**Shout with joy to the Lord, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**

Sing to the Lord | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the Lord.**

Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

**Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to | judge the earth.**

The Lord will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity.

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Verse (sung by cantor): Stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

GOSPEL Luke 21:5-19

Glory to you, O Lord.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please rise.

#327 HYMN OF THE DAY Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

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 Sing Unto the Lord a New Song | Gary Lewis

Sing unto the Lord a new song.

Sing unto the Lord all the earth.

Bless his name, show forth his salvation from day to day.

Please rise.

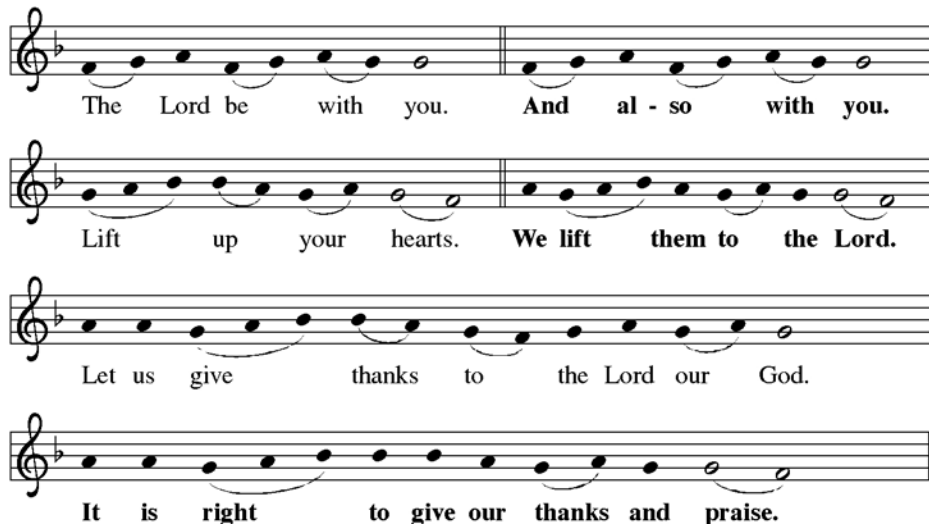
OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

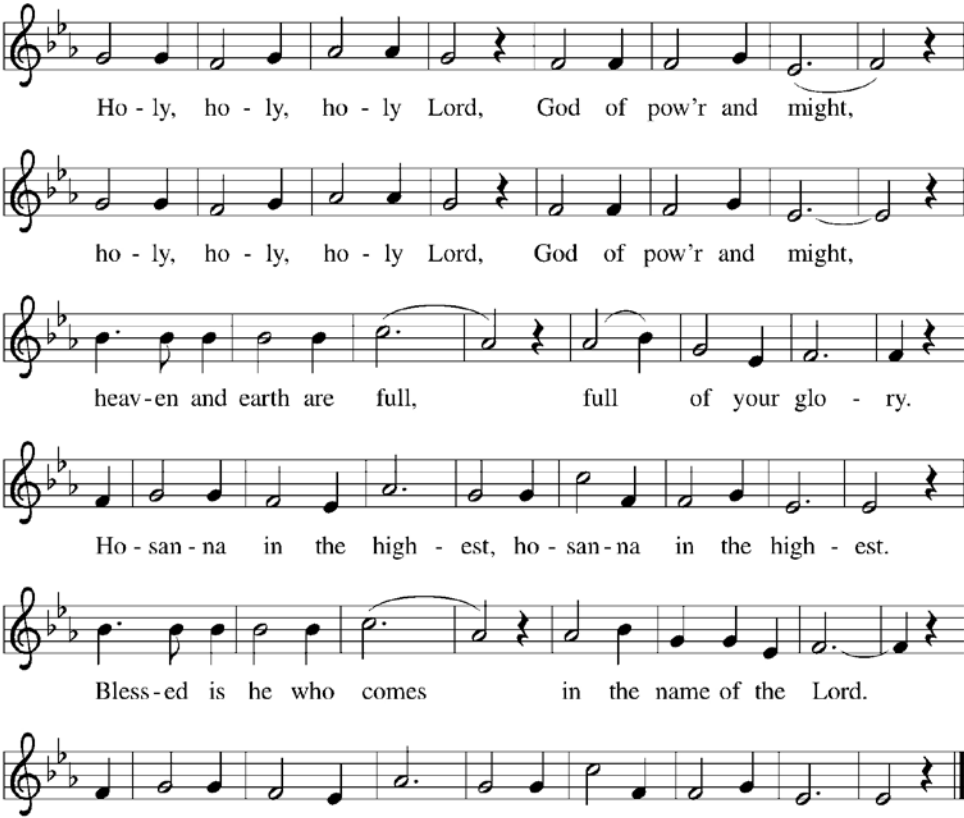
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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.



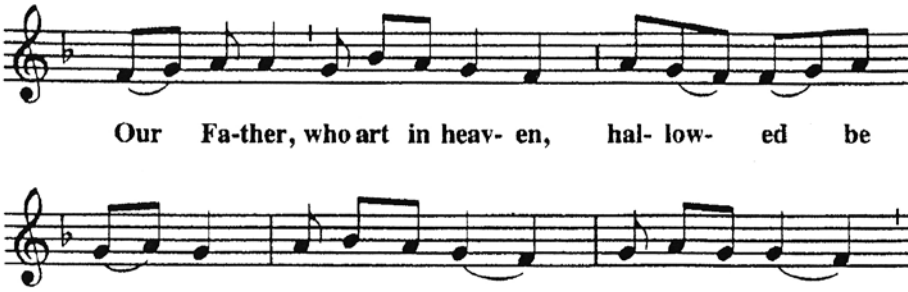
Christ has died. Christ is ris'n. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er 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 Variations on ST. COLUMBA (Ancient Gaelic Melody) | arr. Ken Sosinski

#629 COMMUNION HYMN Abide with Me

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.

#796 RECESSIONAL HYMN How Firm a Foundation

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Allegro Vivace *from Sonata II* | Dudley Buck

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

O God, we pray for our kindred and friends, and for all who are dear to us that they may be preserved outwardly in their bodies and inwardly in their souls, and that doing Thy will and rejoicing in Thy mercy and love here, they may be partakers of Thy joy hereafter. O God, we pray Thee to have compassion on those who are worn with toil; to bless and support all aged persons; to defend and bless all little children; to protect all who travel by land, sea, or air; to comfort all who are suffering in body or in mind; to extend Thy mercy to all who are oppressed, especially those who are "persecuted for righteousness' sake"; to deliver the tempted and to bring back all who have wandered from Thy way. Hear us, O Heavenly Father, on behalf of all men; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

John Hunter
(1870–1915)

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	Amy Grunewald Mattison
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Emma Heggeseth, Caroline Schinke
ASSISTING MINISTER	Mary Jean Huston
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Rolf Wulfsberg, Janelle Allen, Pastor Brad Pohlman
CRUCIFER	Brian Uphoff
LECTOR	Kelly Olson
SACRISTAN	Dan Ruge
AUDIO	Bill Braham
VIDEO	Lee Powell
USHERS	Bob Uphoff, Chris Uphoff

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

Our thanks to Ken Sosinski, Celtic harp, for playing this morning.

Today we remember the inurnments of Jeffrey Cox and Adam Haese in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read their pages in the memory books.

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