



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025 | 10:30 AM

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 am–noon.

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 Partita on “Hark, the Glad Sound!” | Paul Bouman

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

#257 HYMN O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (*Stanza 1*)

GATHERING

Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Cleanse me from sin, O Lord, wash me with hyssop branches; cleanse me from guilt, and I shall be clean as the new snow.

Have mercy on me, O my God, according to your great compassion.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

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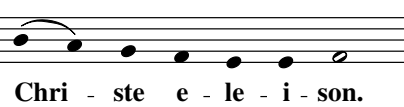
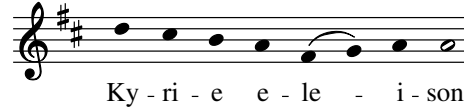
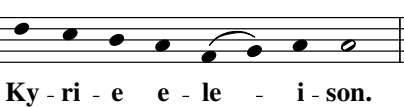
#239 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hark, the Glad Sound!

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

<i>Cantor/Choir</i>	<i>Congregation</i>
	
	
	

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. In your mercy, save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and lead us in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

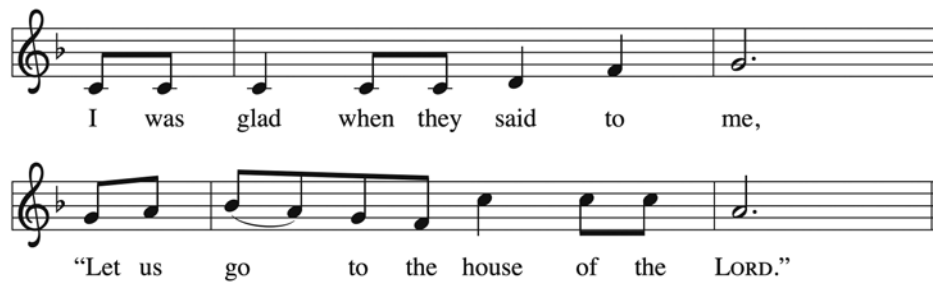
In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122

The antiphon is sung by choir once, then sung by all.



I was glad when they | said to me,

“Let us go to the house | of the Lord.”

Now our | feet are standing

within your gates, | O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built | as a city

that is at unity | with itself;

to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the Lord,

the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the Lord.

For there are the | thrones of judgment,

the thrones of the | house of David.

Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:

“May they pros- | per who love you.

Peace be with- | in your walls

and quietness with- | in your towers.

For the sake of my kindred | and companions,

I pray for | your prosperity.

Because of the house of the | Lord our God,

I will seek to | do you good.”

The antiphon is sung by all.

SECOND READING Romans 13:11–14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



A. Gregory Murray, OSB, 1958

Verse (Sung by choir): Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL Matthew 24:36–44

Glory to you, O Lord.

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please rise.

#436 HYMN OF THE DAY Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

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 As the Dark Awaits the Dawn | Christopher Aspaas

The text may be found at hymn #261.

Please rise.

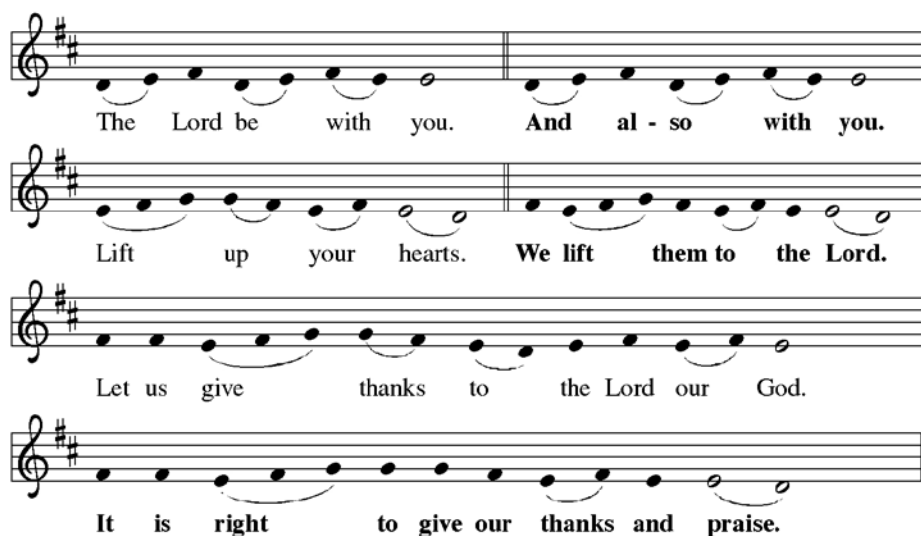
OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

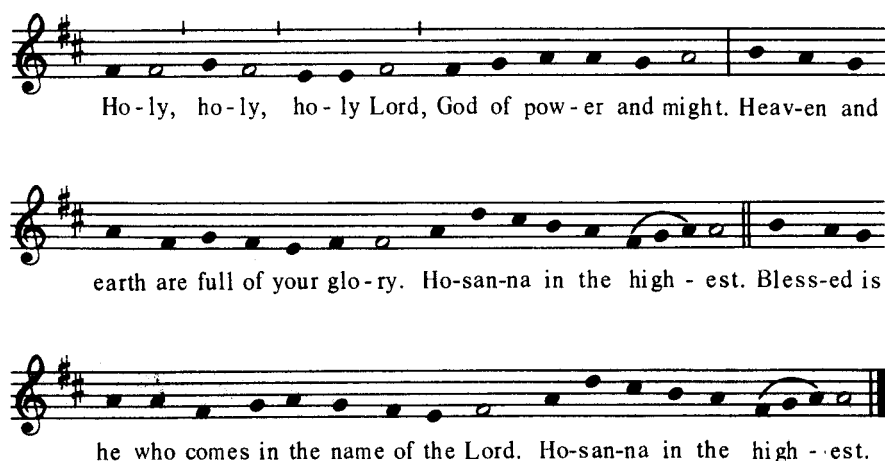
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS



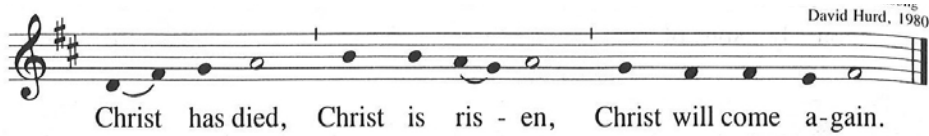
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and

earth are full of your glo - ry. 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

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



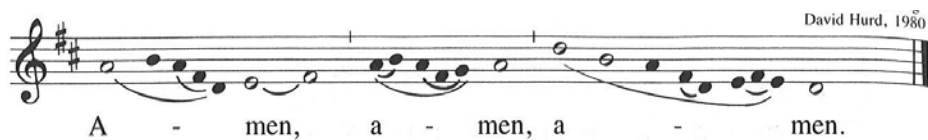
With this bread and cup... We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

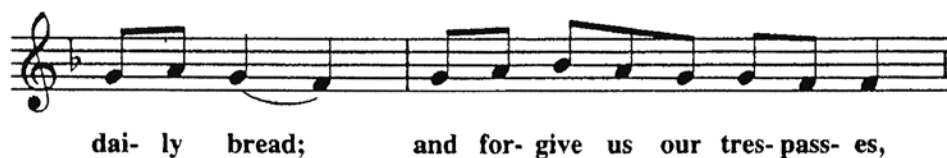
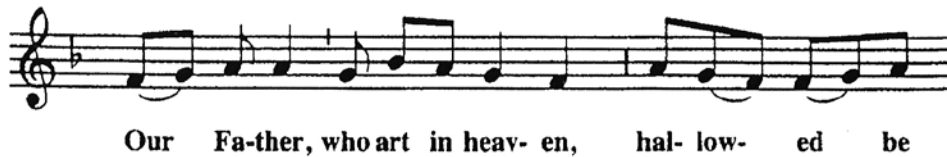
Holy God, we long for your Spirit... Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Lord Jesus.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER





not in- to temp-ta- tion, but de- liv- er us from e- vil.



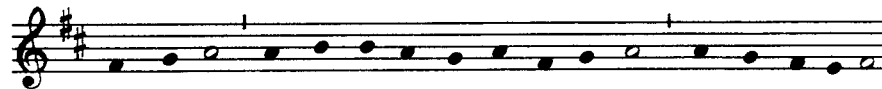
For thine is the king-dom, and the pow- er, and the



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 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence | arr. Marc Germain

COMMUNION HYMNS

#438 My Lord, What a Morning

#262 Wait for the Lord

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.

#435 RECESSIONAL HYMN Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
those who set at nought and sold him,
cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Rejoice, Rejoice Believers | Paul Manz

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

O God, the Father of the forsaken, the Help of the weak, the Supplier of the needy, who hast diffused and proportioned Thy gifts to body and soul, in such sort that all may acknowledge and perform the joyous duty of mutual service, who teachest us that love towards the race of man is the bond of perfectness, and the imitation of Thy blessed self; that it is our Christian life to serve one another, and to love men even as Christ loved us; that we are so wholly one with all mankind that we suffer or are in honor with all others; open our eyes and touch our hearts, that we may see and do, both for this world and for that which is to come, the things that belong to the peace of all men. Amen.

Anthony Ashley Cooper
(1801-1885)

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ASSISTING MINISTER	Amy Grunewald Mattison
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Panka McGuire, Michael Bradley, Kris Gruber-Twardy
CRUCIFER	George Alexander
LECTOR	Judy Braham
SACRISTAN	Cynthia Vander Woude
AUDIO	Bill Braham
VIDEO	Lee Powell
USHERS	Jeff Van Fleet, Richard Miller, Kathleen Miller

Today's liturgy is the New Plainsong Mass by David Hurd.

Our thanks to Marc Germain, classical guitar, for playing this morning.

Altar flowers are given by Casey & Eric Oelkers in honor of Kendall Oelkers' 14th birthday.

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