



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026 | 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.

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

GATHERING

Please rise.

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.

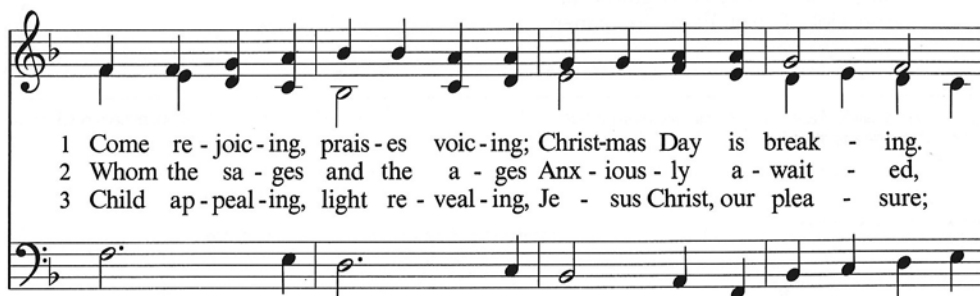
Amen.

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.

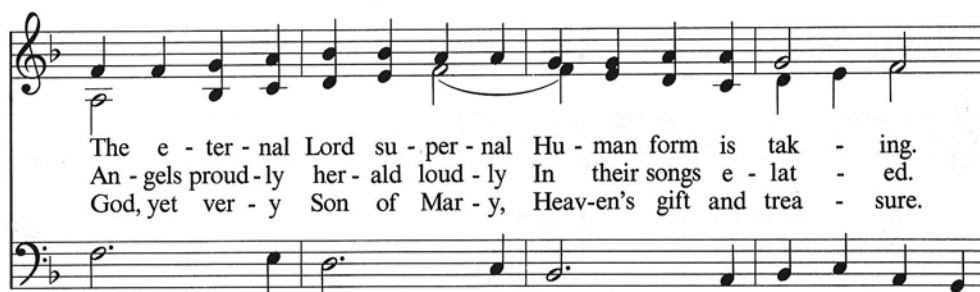
Amen.

Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the altar.

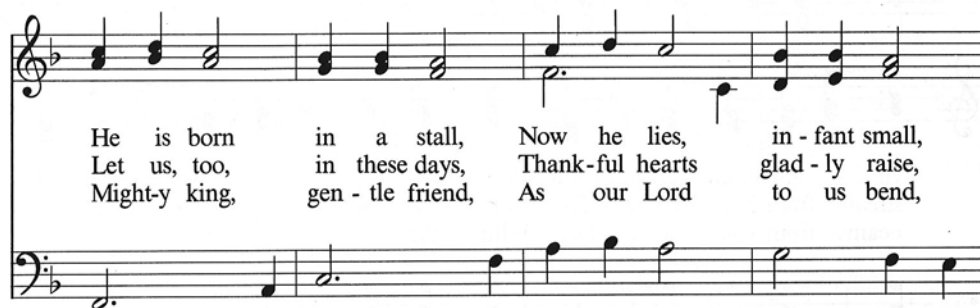
PROCESSIONAL HYMN Come Rejoicing, Praises Voicing (*Lutheran Book of Worship*)




1 Come re - joic - ing, prais - es voic - ing; Christ - mas Day is break - ing.
 2 Whom the sa - ges and the a - ges Anx - ious - ly a - wait - ed,
 3 Child ap - peal - ing, light re - veal - ing, Je - sus Christ, our plea - sure;



The e - ter - nal Lord su - per - nal Hu - man form is tak - ing.
 An - gels proud - ly her - ald loud - ly In their songs e - lat - ed.
 God, yet ver - y Son of Mar - y, Heav - en's gift and trea - sure.



He is born in a stall, Now he lies, in - fant small,
 Let us, too, in these days, Thank - ful hearts glad - ly raise,
 Might - y king, gen - tle friend, As our Lord to us bend,



In a man - ger, heav'n - ly strang - er, Lord of all;
 To the ten - der in - fant ren - der all our praise;
 And ca - ressing us with bless - ing, now de - scend;



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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

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's 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. 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,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you fill all creation with the incarnate light of your Word. Enlighten us with the light of Christ in all we say and do. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:7–14

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.” See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back; I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path where they shall not stumble, for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock.” For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 147:12-20

The choir sings the antiphon before and after the psalm. The psalm is sung responsively, beginning with the choir.



Worship the Lord, | O Jerusalem;
praise your | God, O Zion,
who has strengthened the bars | of your gates
and has blessed your chil- | dren within you.

God has established peace | on your borders
and satisfies you with the | finest wheat.

God sends out a command | to the earth,
a word that runs | very swiftly.

God gives | snow like wool,
scattering | frost like ashes.

God scatters | hail like bread crumbs.

Who can stand a- | gainst God's cold?

The Lord sends forth the | word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the | waters flow.

God declares the | word to Jacob,
statutes and judg- | ments to Israel.

The Lord has not done so to any | other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Verse (Sung by choir): All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

GOSPEL John 1:1-18

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please rise.

#291 HYMN OF THE DAY Let Our Gladness Have No End

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

INSTALLATION OF SENIOR PASTOR CALL COMMITTEE

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 O Yule Full of Gladness | Carolyn Jennings

O Yule, full of gladness and cheer and delight, We welcome you now with our singing. Our hearts open wide to the brilliance of light From Heaven to earth you are bringing.

Refrain: We merrily clap and sing, a happy welcome bring. So glad are we, so glad are we, for joy and love are born now at Christmas! Clap and sing, clap and sing! Welcome bring, welcome bring!

With shepherds and wise men your star we behold, Its brightness o'er Bethlehem beaming, And we too would follow, as prophets foretold, where light everlasting is streaming. (*Refrain*)

Now join hand in hand, and together we'll welcome the Yule, and pledge love and faith to each other, For we all are bound by the love that we share, Rejoice every sister and brother! (*Refrain*)

Happy Yule, happy Yule, happy Yule! Sing, merrily singing now, so glad are we, so glad are we, For joy and love are born now at Christmas!

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.

The musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures.

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. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation for the Sanctus consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is more complex than the previous section, with some longer notes and rests. The lyrics are written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The musical notation for Thanksgiving at the Table consists of one staff of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the staff. The staff has two measures.

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.



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.

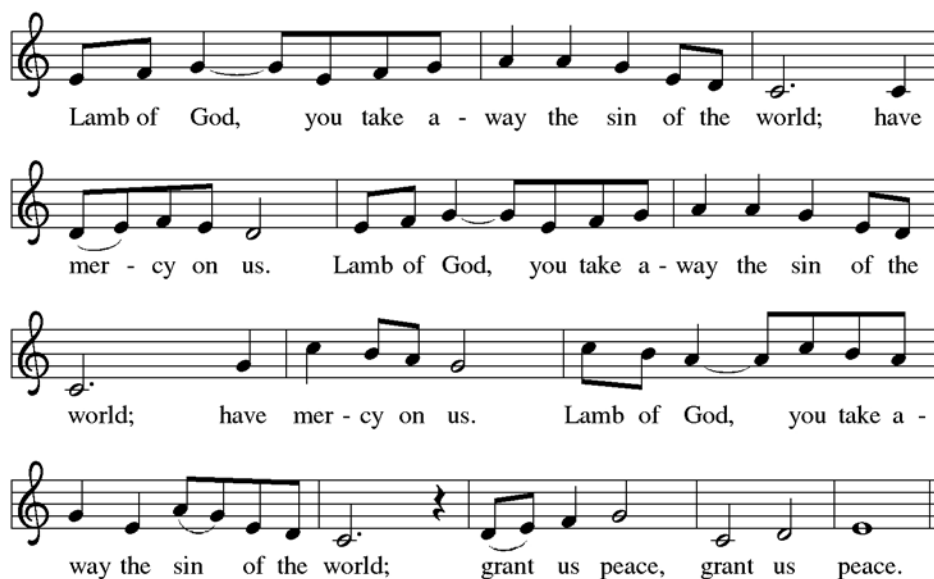


For thine is the king- dom, and the pow- er, and the



glo- ry, for- ev- er and ev- er. A- men.

Please sit.
AGNUS DEI



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 the second chalice. Gluten-free bread is available on request.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

- #294 In the Bleak Midwinter
- #300 The First Noel

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN Jesus, the Light of the World (*All Creation Sings*)



1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;



"Glo - ry to the new-born king," Je-sus, the Light of the world.
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Refrain



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Nowell! Nowell! Christus Natus Est! | Andrew Fletcher

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

O Holy Spirit, Love of God, infuse Thy grace, and descend plenitfully into my heart; enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling, and scatter there Thy cheerful beams; dwell in that soul that longs to be Thy temple; water that barren soil, over-run with weeds and briars, and lost for want of cultivating, and make it fruitful with Thy dew from heaven. Oh come, Thou refreshment of them that languish and faint. Come, Thou Star and Guide of them that sail in the tempestuous sea of the world; Thou only Haven of the tossed and shipwrecked. Come, Thou Glory and Crown of the living, and only Safeguard of the Dying. Come, Holy Spirit, in much mercy, and make me fit to receive Thee. Amen.

Augustine, Bishop of Hippo
(354–430)

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
PREACHER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Esther Szczykutowicz, Luke Szczykutowicz
ASSISTING MINISTER	George Alexander
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Rolf Wulfsberg, Michael Bradley, Terri Lynn Alexander
CRUCIFER	Tim Szczykutowicz
LECTOR	Kelly Olson
SACRISTAN	Cynthia Vander Woude
AUDIO & VIDEO	Alex Starr
HEAD USHER	Robert Steffen
USHERS	Kris Gruber-Twardy, Paul Twardy

Installed today as members of the senior pastor call committee are: Gary Brown (chair), Janelle Allen, Meg Grzesiak, Mary Jean Huston, Margaret Miner, Casey Oelkers, Randy Raasch and Derren Slinde.

Today we remember the inurnments of the Rev. Steven Bremer, Eileen Hodge and Alice Ressler in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read their pages in the memory books.

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