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Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

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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.

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Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025 | 10:30 AM

PRELUDE On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry | arr. Anne Krentz Organ

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

All children and youth are invited to join at the chancel.

Please rise.

#257 HYMN O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (*Stanza 2*)

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

GATHERING

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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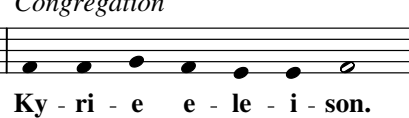




#249 PROCESSIONAL HYMN On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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>
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 Chri - ste e - le - i - son.	 Chri - ste e - le - i - son.
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

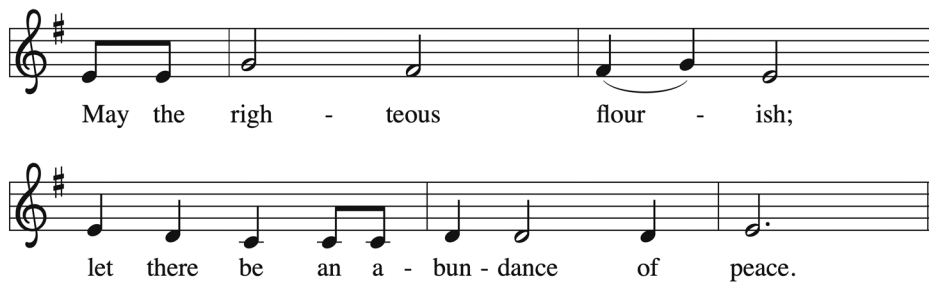
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

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



Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
that he may rule your | people righteously
and the | poor with justice;
that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.
Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.
May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.
Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.
In his time may the | righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.
Blessed are you, Lord God, the | God of Israel;
you alone do | wondrous deeds!
And blessed be your glorious | name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- | men. Amen.

The antiphon is sung by all.

SECOND READING Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Verse (Sung by cantor): Prepare the way of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please rise.

#256 HYMN OF THE DAY Comfort, Comfort Now My People

P. 234 AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM Reception of New Members

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 And He Shall Feed His Flock (from Messiah) | Georg Frideric Handel

He shall feed his flock like

A shepherd

And He shall gather

The lambs with his arm

With his arm

And carry them in his bosom

And gently lead those

That are with young

And gently lead those

That are with young

Come unto Him

All ye that labour

Come unto Him, ye

That are heavy laden

And He will give you rest

Take his yoke upon you

And learn of Him

For He is meek

And lowly of heart

And ye shall find rest

Unto your souls

Please rise.

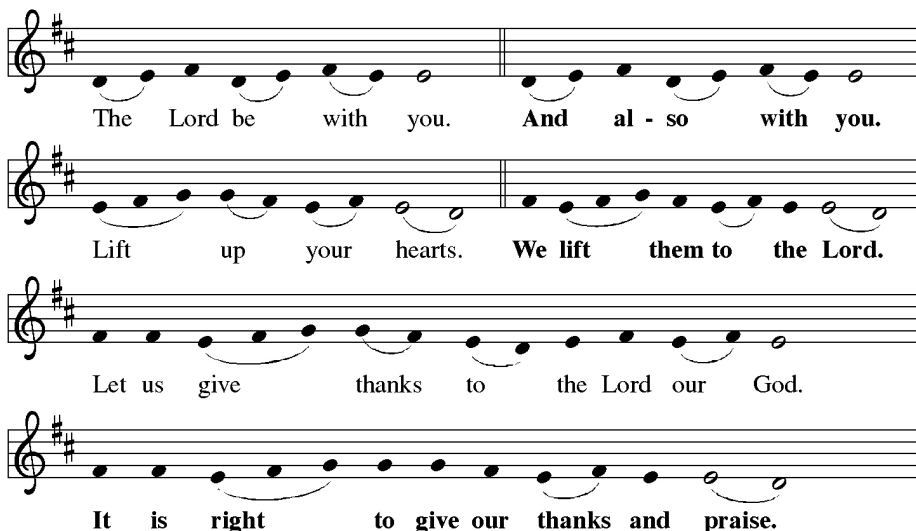
OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

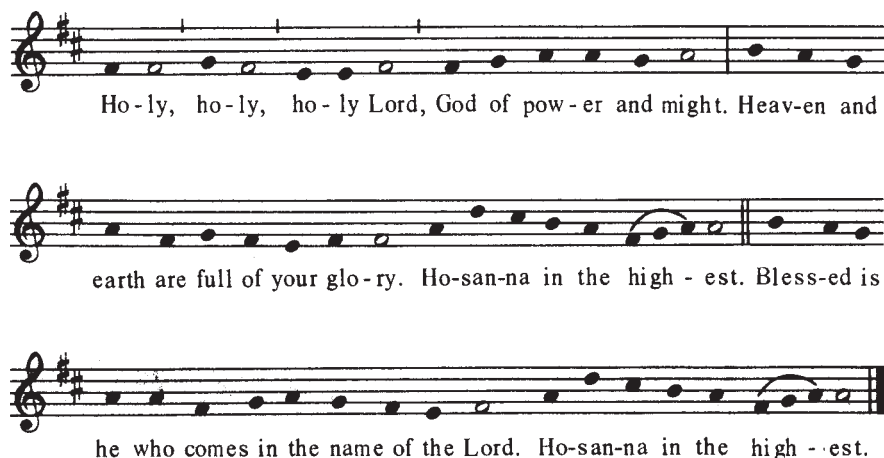
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

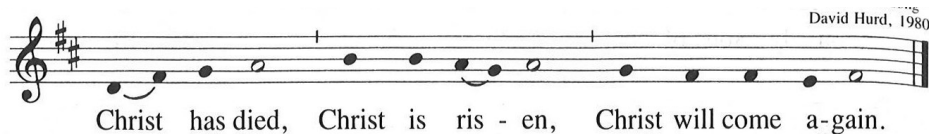
SANCTUS



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.



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

David Hurd, 1980

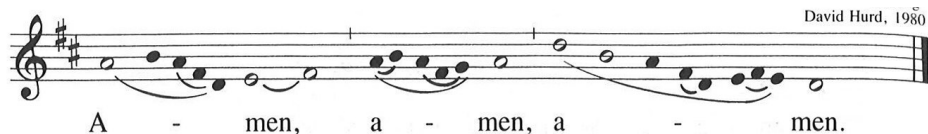
With this bread and cup... We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

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

Come, Lord Jesus.

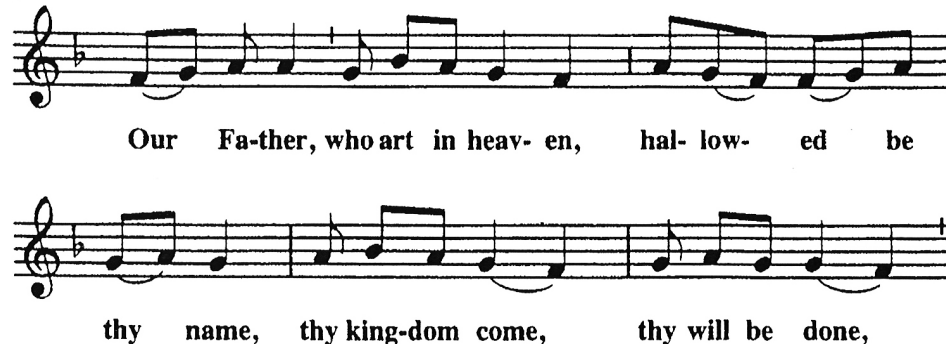
All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.



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

David Hurd, 1980

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



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 Méditation | Alexandre Guilmant

COMMUNION HYMNS

- #248 People, Look East
- #260 The King Shall Come
- #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.

- #263 **RECESSIONAL HYMN** Savior of the Nations, Come

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry | Aaron David Miller

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

O God, our Father in heaven, grant unto Thy beloved congregation that, remembering her own unrighteousness and corruption, she may take no offence at the lowly presence and the despised word of her only King, the Just, the Helper, Jesus Christ; but always rejoice in His wonderful advent, and receive and accept Him in pure and ready hearts, gladly rejoicing in Him, and rendering all praise and glory to Thee for ever more. Amen.

*J. K. Wilhelm Loehe
(1808–1872)*

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
PREACHER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Tyler Thiele, Michael Thiele
ASSISTING MINISTER	George Alexander
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Janet Zentner, Derren Slinde, Helen Hartman
CRUCIFER	Rolf Wulfsberg
LECTOR	Bonnie Gruber
SACRISTAN	Karen Harris
AUDIO & VIDEO	Alex Starr
HEAD USHER	Robert Steffen
USHERS	Marsha Steffen, Diane Norback, Jeff Van Fleet

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

Our thanks to Rolf Wulfsberg, violin, and Caitlin Xavier, soprano, for offering their musical gifts this morning.

Altar flowers are given by Karole Leadholm in memory of Steven Leadholm.

Today we remember the inurnment of Steven Leadholm in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read his page in the memory books.

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