



Luther Memorial Church

## Holy Communion

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 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](http://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](http://www.luthermem.org) or Facebook

**PRELUDE** Sound the Trumpet | Henry Purcell

## 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.*

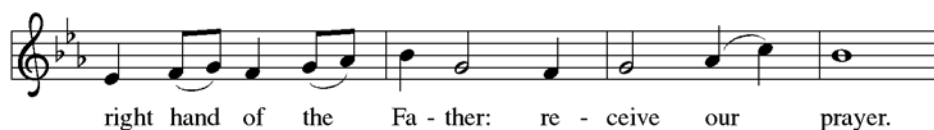
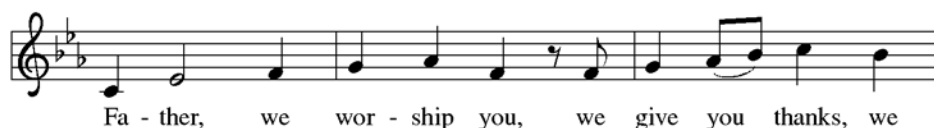
**#834 PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

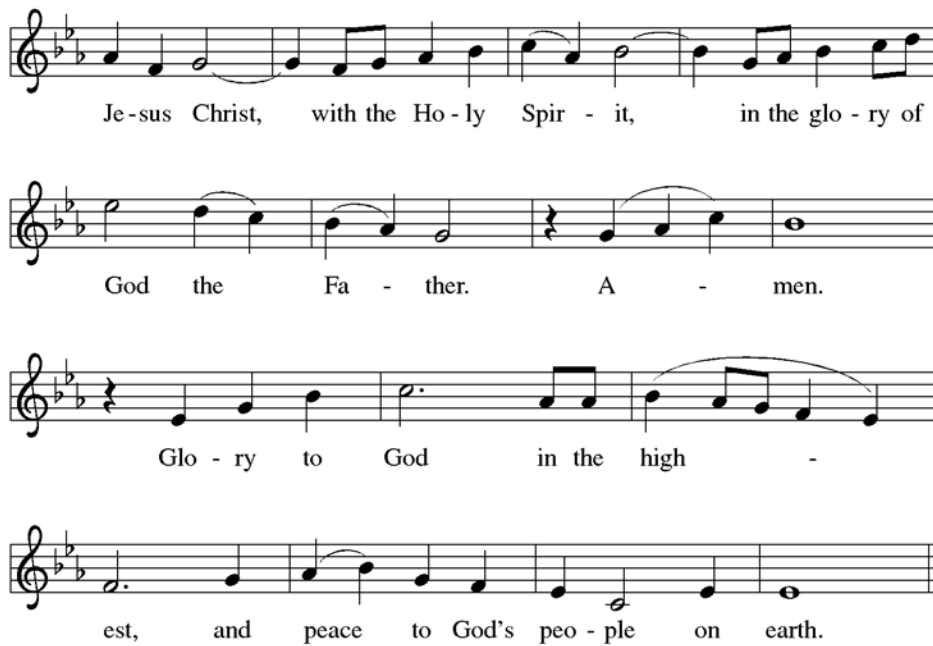
### APOSTOLIC GREETING

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





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to the fullness of joy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### WORD

*Please sit.*

#### FIRST READING Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Antiphon sung once by the choir, then sung by all.*



## Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

“Let us break their | yoke,” they say;

**God whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing;**

Then in wrath God | speaks to them,  
and in rage fills | them with terror.

Let me announce the decree | of the Lord,

who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.

You shall crush them with an | iron rod  
and shatter them like a | piece of pottery.”

Submit to the | Lord with fear,  
and with trembling | bow in worship;

*Antiphon sung by all.*

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise.*

### **GOSPEL PROCESSION**

*Sung before and after verse.*



*Verse (Sung by choir):* This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to Him!

### **GOSPEL Matthew 17:1–9**

#### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

### **SERMON**

*Please rise.*

**#316 HYMN OF THE DAY** Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair

### **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 2026 CONGREGATION COUNCIL 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** Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain | Carl Schalk (1929-2021)

Jesus, take us to the mountain  
Where, with Peter, James and John,  
We are dazzled by Your glory,  
Light as blinding as the sun.  
There prepare us for the night  
By the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there  
That Your close companions saw?  
Your divinity revealed there  
Fills us with the self-same awe.  
Clothed in flesh like ours You go,  
Matched to meet our deadliest foe.

What do You want us to hear there  
That Your dear disciples heard?  
Once again the voice from heaven  
Says of the incarnate Word:

“Listen, listen ev’ryone;  
This is My beloved Son!”

Take us to that other mountain  
Where we see You glorified.  
Where You shouted, “It is finished!”  
Where for all the world You died.  
Hear the stunned centurion:  
“Truly this was God’s own Son!”

We who have beheld Your glory,  
Risen and ascended Lord,  
Cannot help but tell the story,  
All that we have seen and heard,  
Say with Peter, James, and John:  
“You are God’s beloved Son!”

*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.

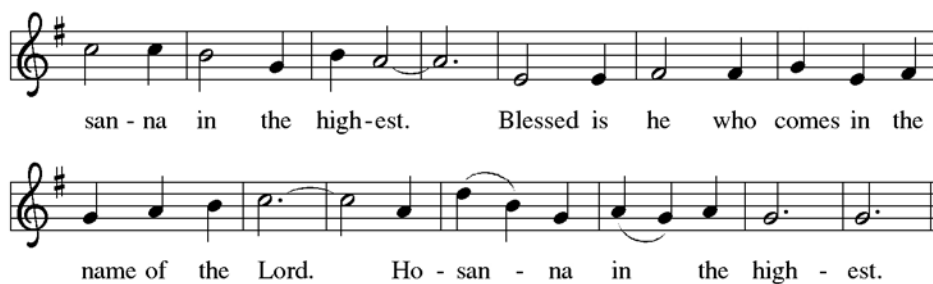
The musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

#### 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 -

The musical notation for the Sanctus is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes.



### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

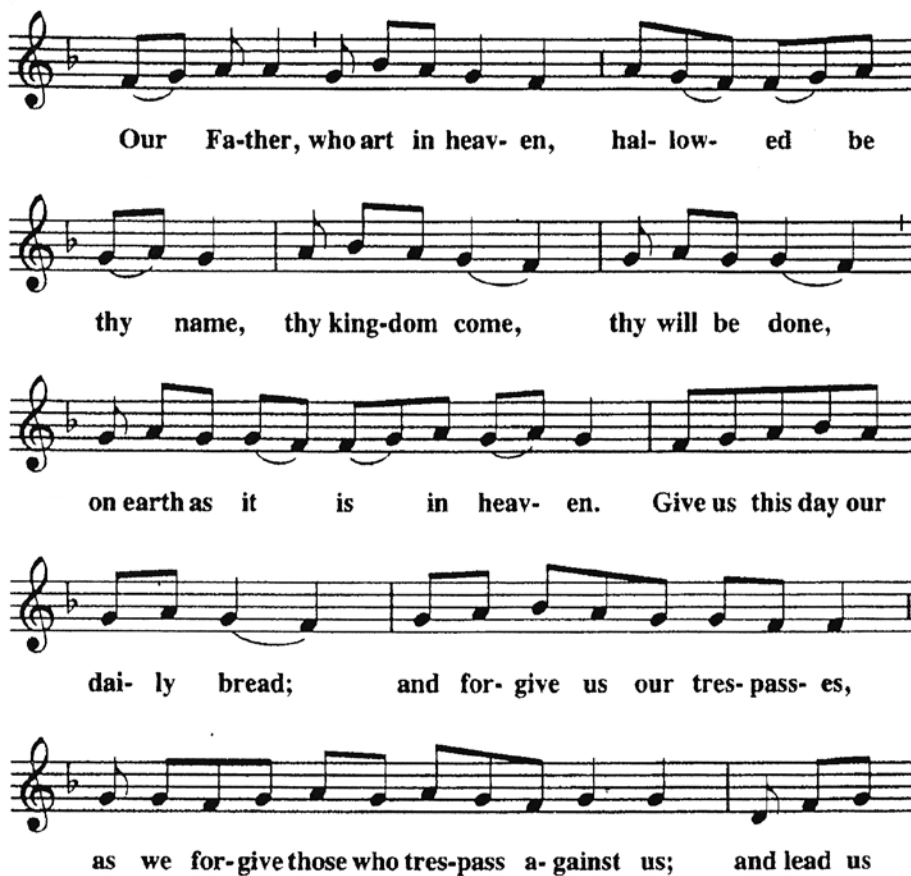
You are indeed holy... until he comes.



Remembering, therefore... now and forever.



### LORD'S PRAYER







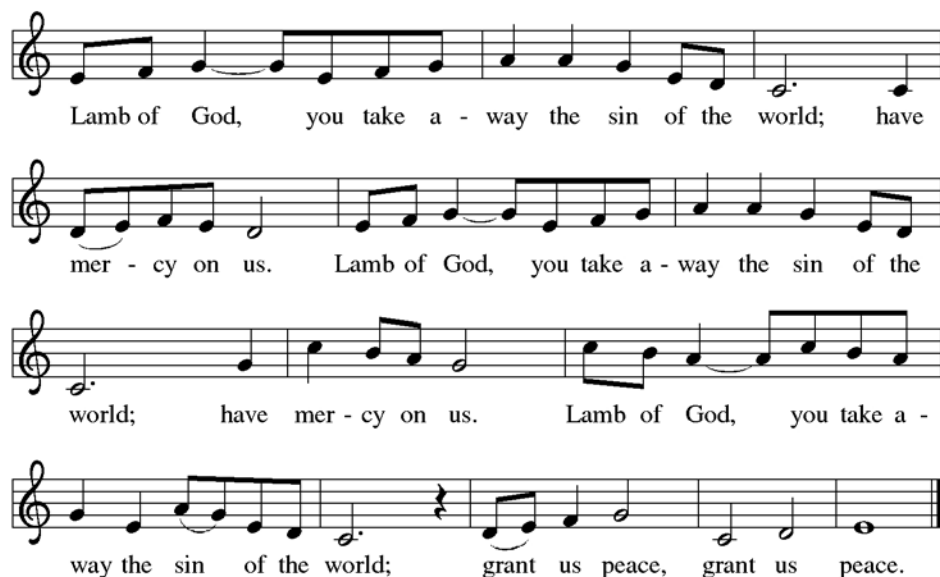
not in- to temp-ta- tion, but de- liv- er us from e- vil.

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

### MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION Fairest Lord Jesus | Charles Forsberg (b. 1942)

Fairest Lord Jesus,  
 ruler of all nature,  
 O thou of God and man the Son,  
 Thee will I cherish,  
 Thee will I honor,  
 thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,  
fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,  
fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

- #631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
#315 How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

*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.*

- #318 **RECESSIONAL HYMN** Alleluia, Song of Gladness

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals | Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)



## TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

O God, with Whom is the well of life, and in Whose light we see light; increase in us, we beseech Thee, the brightness of Divine knowledge, whereby we may be able to reach Thy plenteous fountain; impart to our thirsting souls the draught of life, and restore to our darkened minds the light from heaven. Amen.

*Mozarabic Sacramentary  
(Before 700 A.D.)*

## SERVING TODAY

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| PRESIDER             | Pastor Brad Pohlman                             |
| PREACHER             | Pastor John Worzala Dumke                       |
| ORGANIST             | Andrew Schaeffer                                |
| ACOLYTES             | Tyler Thiele, Michael Thiele                    |
| ASSISTING MINISTER   | Dean Gardner                                    |
| COMMUNION ASSISTANTS | Janelle Allen, Kris Gruber-Twardy, Randy Raasch |
| CRUCIFER             | Brian Uphoff                                    |
| LECTOR               | Rolf Wulfsberg                                  |
| SACRISTAN            | Randy Raasch                                    |
| AUDIO                | Bill Braham                                     |
| VIDEO                | Lee Powell                                      |
| HEAD USHER           | Bob Uphoff                                      |
| USHERS               | Chris Uphoff, Phyllis Pleuss                    |

**Our thanks to the brass quintet:** Laura McGuire & Karen Snowberg, trumpets; Rebecca Sawyer, Horn; Ron Nelson & Christopher Beaver, trombones; and Laura Guse, timpani.

**Today we install members of the 2026 Congregation Council:** George Alexander, Beth Bray, Abigail Gaard, Tamara Gruber, Laura Guse, Bill Hunnex, Mary Jean Huston, Panka McGuire, Margaret Miner, Tom Nothbohm, Pr. Brad Pohlman, Dan Ruge, Phil Schoech, Pr. John Worzala Dumke, and John Xavier.

**Altar flowers are given by William & Judith Nienhauser** in memory of William & Nancy Nienhauser and in memory of John & Patricia Brockway.

**Altar flowers are also given by Bob Edwards** in memory of Mary Collins on the date of her inurnment in the LM columbarium (February 14, 2014).

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