



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 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. A staffed nursery is available Sundays 9–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

Meditation on a theme by William Byrd | Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

GATHERING

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

#238 GREAT LITANY

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it

your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord im- | putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!

**While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,
because of my groaning | all day long.**

**For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.
Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.

**You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.**

**“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;
I will guide you | with my eye.**

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you.”

Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

SECOND READING Romans 5:12-19

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL

Cantor: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please rise.

#319 **HYMN OF THE DAY** O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

Please turn and face the baptismal font at the rear of the nave.

P. 227 **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

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 Begone, Satan! | Jan Bender (1909-1994)

Then Jesus said to him: "Begone, Satan!"

Begone for it is written: "You shall worship the Lord your God and Him alone shall you serve."

Jesus Christ, be Thou our Stay;

Oh let us perish never!

Cleanse us from our sins, we pray,

And grand us life forever.

Keep us from the evil One;

Uphold our faith most holy,

Grand us to trust Thee solely

With humble hearts and lowly.

Let us put God's armor on,

With all true Christians running

Our heavenly race and shunning

The devils wiles and cunning. Amen.

Please rise.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, 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.

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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

We give you thanks, Father... both now and forever.
Amen.

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; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

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 Adam Lay Ybounden | Robert Lehman (b. 1960)

Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkes finden written
In their book.

Ne had the apple taken been
The apple taken been;
Ne had never our lady
A-been heavene queen.

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen
Deo gratias!

COMMUNION HYMNS

#326 Bless Now, O God, the Journey
#606 Our Father, We Have Wandered

Please rise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of 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.

#811 **RECESSIONAL HYMN** On My Heart Imprint Your Image

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in d minor (Op. 16, No. 3) | Clara Schumann (1819-1896)

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian

Of all Lenten hymns and prayers, one short prayer can be termed the Lenten prayer. Tradition ascribes it to one of the great teachers of spiritual life, St. Ephraim the Syrian.

O Lord and Master of my life!
Take from me the spirit of sloth,
faintheartedness, lust of power and
idle talk. But give rather the spirit
of chastity, humility, patience and
love to your servant. Yea O Lord
and King! Grant me to see my own
errors and not to judge my brothers
and sisters; for you are blessed unto
ages of ages. Amen.

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	Rev. Dr. Mary Gaebler
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Benjamin McGuire, Emma Heggeseth
ASSISTING MINISTER	Luis Reynaldo
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Calvin Slinde, Derren Slinde, Tim Sczcykutowicz
CRUCIFER	Corbin Slinde
LECTOR	Kendall Oelkers
SACRISTAN	Mary Powell
AUDIO	David Heins
VIDEO	Lee Powell
USHERS	Eric Oelkers, Casey Oelkers, Dylan Oelkers, Kendall Oelkers

Baptized today are Janessa Joan Leilani Moscicke and Nevaeh Grace Elaine Moscicke, children of Michael Moscicke and Alana Alette, and Lucy Moeller, child of Jacqueline Moeller.

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