



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026 | 10:30 AM

Welcome!

Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

PARKING

Free parking is available Sundays in 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.

REUSE & RECYCLE BULLETINS

Please return your bulletin to the basket in the narthex after the early service or recycle in the blue recycle bin after the late service.

HYMNAL

The red hymnal in the pew in front of you contains much of the music used in this service. Page numbers are in the front part of the hymnal on the bottom of the page, while hymns are found towards the rear of the hymnal.

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.

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 Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter (BWV 650) | Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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.

#533 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All




Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



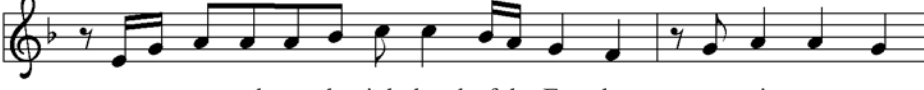
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.




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, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting your word in us. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive you with joy, and grow in faith, hope, and love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10–13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65:1–13

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

Your paths o - ver - flow with plen - ty, O God, your
paths o - ver - flow with plen - ty.

You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion;
to you shall vows | be fulfilled.

**To you, the one | who answers prayer,
to you all | flesh shall come.**

Our sins are strong- | er than we are,
but you blot out | our transgressions.

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your | courts to dwell there!

They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness | of your temple.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of | our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans | far away.

**You make firm the mountains | by your power;
you are girded a- | bout with might.**

You still the roaring | of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.

**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your | marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy.**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is | full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.

**You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.**

You crown the year | with your goodness,
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

**May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,
and the hills be | clothed with joy.**

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- | selves with grain;
let them shout for | joy and sing.

SECOND READING Romans 8:1–11

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Paul D. Weber



Choir: The word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

Glory to you, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!”

“Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was

sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please rise.

#681 HYMN OF THE DAY We Plow the Fields and Scatter

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 Christ Be Our Seed | Carl Schalk (1929–2021)

God prints the name of Christ upon the spirit.
God leads the walk through hills and ocean sand.
God wills each one a heritage of riches
And holds all life inside a healing hand.

God is the source of daily health and healing,
God makes us well with medicines of life.
God is the spring, the fountain of thanksgiving,
All words of grace, all faith to heal our strife.

God knows the heart, the reasons we are crying,
God knows the mind, each feeling, new inside.
God knows old dreams, new things we want tomorrow,
God knows the fear a silent soul will hide.

God sends the light to wake the birth of seeding.
And gives old death an Easter day to rise,
God sends the rain, the seasons, then the harvest,
While tunes of glory fill all earth and skies.

Christ be our seed, to grow what God has given;
We do our work, as work in Jesus' name.
We lift our hope, our want, our need before thee.
You healed us then; heal, heal us once again.

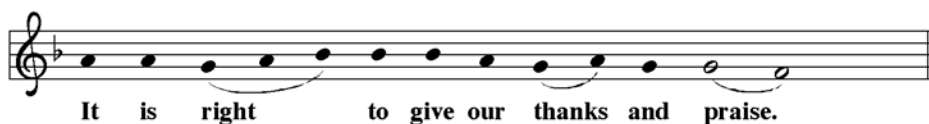
Please rise.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

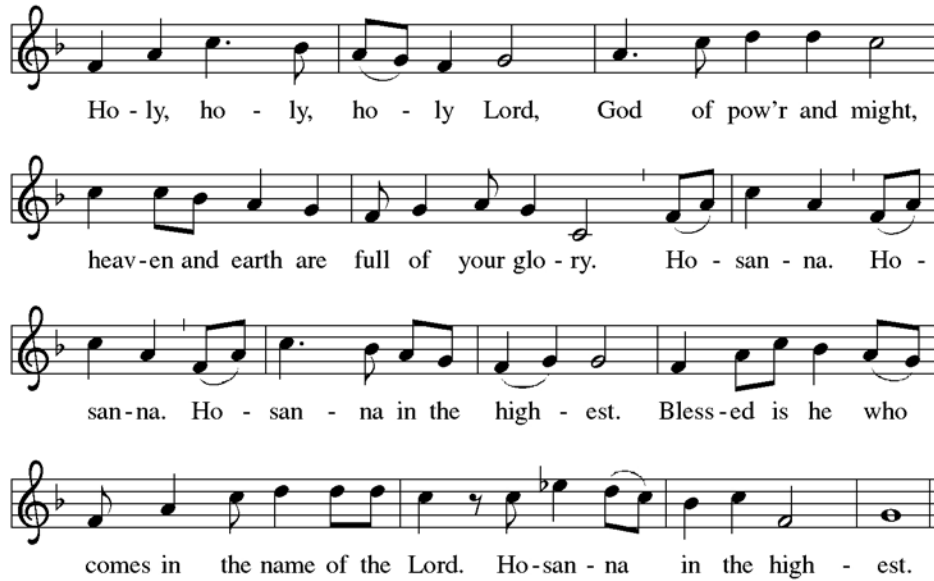
Let us pray.

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



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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. Ho -
san-na. 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

You are indeed holy... until he comes.



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

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.



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

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



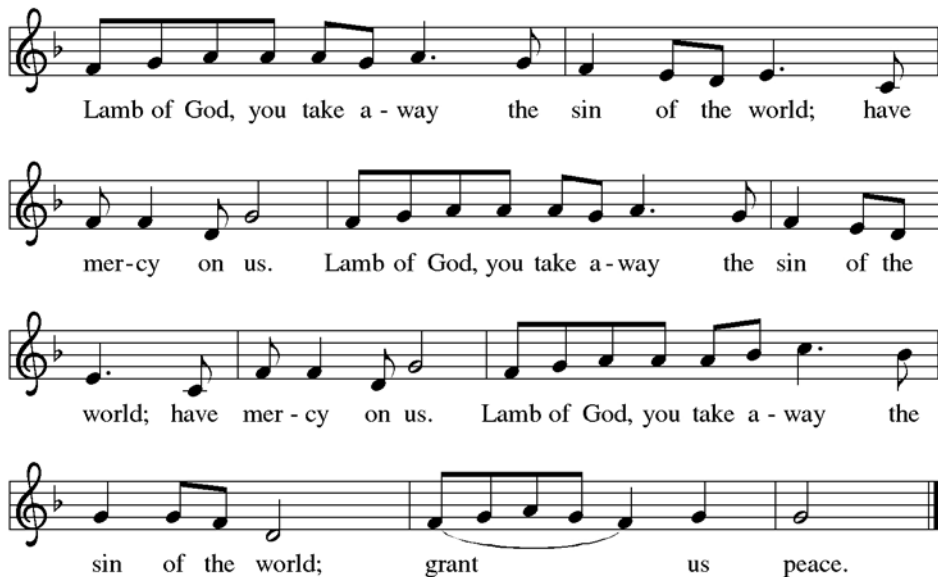
dai-ly bread; and for-give us our tres-pass-es,
as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us
not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.
For thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er, and the
glo-ry, for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

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 by drinking from the first chalice or by dipping the bread (intinction) into the chalice. Gluten-free bread is available on request.

Please sit.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION Gabriel's Oboe | Ennio Morricone

COMMUNION HYMNS

#695 As Saints of Old

#772 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

Please rise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

#550 **RECESSIONAL HYMN** On What Has Now Been Sown

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Fanfare | Ronald Arnatt (1930–2018)

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

With prayer goes gratitude. Thanksgiving is a real, interior, knowledge. With great reverence and loving fear, it turns us with all our powers to do whatever our good Lord indicates. It brings joy and gratitude within. Sometimes its very abundance gives voice, "Good Lord, thank you and bless you!" And sometimes when the heart is dry and unfeeling — or it may be because of the enemy's tempting — then reason and grace drive us to cry aloud to our Lord, recalling his blessed passion and great goodness. And the strength of our Lord's Word comes to the soul, and fires the heart, and leads it by grace into its real business, enabling it to pray happily and to enjoy our Lord in truth. Thanksgiving is a blessed thing in his sight.

*Julian of Norwich (1332-1420)
Revelations of Divine Love*

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER & PREACHER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
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AUDIO	David Heins
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Our thanks to Margret Bradley, oboe, for playing this morning.

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