



Luther Memorial Church

## Holy Communion

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 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](http://www.luthermem.org) or Facebook

**PRELUDE** Aria | Paul O. Manz (1919–2009)

## 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.*

**#776 PROCESSIONAL HYMN** What God Ordains Is Good Indeed

### 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.

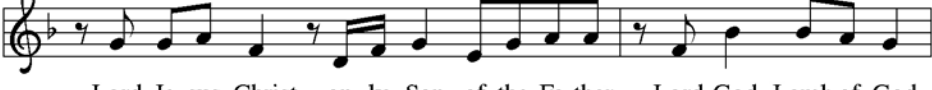
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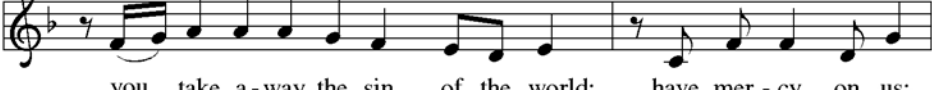
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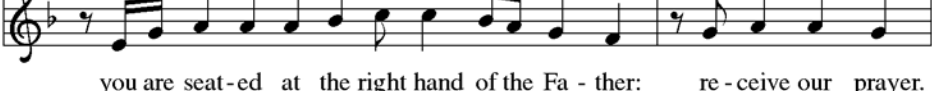
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



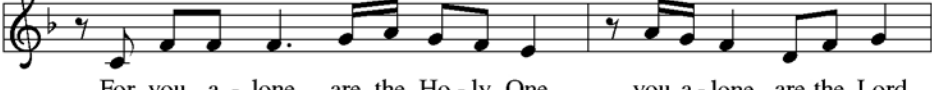
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



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.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue us from despair, deliver your children from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

*Please sit.*

### FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 85:8-13

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



I will listen to what the Lord | God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;  
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

The Lord will indeed | grant prosperity,  
and our land will | yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the Lord  
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

## SECOND READING Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: I wait for you, O Lord; in your word is my hope.

## GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

## SERMON

*Please rise.*

#756 HYMN OF THE DAY Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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** Precious Lord, Take My Hand | arr. Roy Ringwald

Precious Lord, take my hand, Bring me home though the night.

Through the dark, through the storm, to Thy light.

I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised Land:

Precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious, Lord, take my hand, Bring Thy child home at last,

Where the strife and the pain All are past:

I have dreamed a great dream that Thy love shall rule our land:

Precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, Take Thy child unto Thee,

With my dream of a world that is free.

For that day when all flesh joins the glory Thou hast planned,

Precious Lord, take my hand.

*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 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.

This musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff contains two measures, the second and third staves contain two measures each, and the fourth staff contains two measures.

## 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.

This musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is more rhythmic and lively than the first hymn, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff contains two measures, the second and third staves contain two measures each, and the fourth staff contains 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.

This musical score is written on one staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the staff.

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.

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

This musical score is written on one staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the staff.

## 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** Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me | arr. Stephen Casurella (b. 1973)

## COMMUNION HYMNS

#785 When Peace like a River

#767 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

*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.**

#763 **RECESSIONAL HYMN** My Life Flows On in Endless Song

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Rondeau Medievale | Joel Martinson (b. 1960)







## TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

That same crucifixion of the Lord which was, and for ever is, the utmost effort of evil, is itself the means by which God conquers evil and unites us to Himself in the redeeming love there manifested. Judas and Caiaphas and Pilate had set themselves in their several ways to oppose and to crush the purpose of Christ, and yet despite themselves they became its ministers. They sent Christ to the Cross; by the Cross He completed His atoning work; from the Cross He reigns over mankind. God in Christ has not merely defeated evil, but has made it the occasion of His own supremest glory. Never was the conquest so complete; never was triumph so stupendous. The completeness of the victory is due to the completeness of the evil over which it was won. It is the very darkness which enshrouds the Cross that makes so glorious the light proceeding from it. Had there been no despair, no sense of desolation and defeat, but merely the onward march of irresistible power to the achievement of its end, evil might have been beaten, but not bound in captivity to love for ever. God in Christ endured defeat, and out of the very stuff of defeat He wrought His victory and His achievement. Language must be tortured to make it express what we see here. It is not only the enemy that was conquered; defeat itself was defeated, captivity was led captive, and its shame converted into the splendour of triumph.

*William Temple (1881 – 1944)*

## SERVING TODAY

|                     |                                             |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| PRESIDER            | Pastor John Worzala Dumke                   |
| PREACHER            | Pastor Brad Pohlman                         |
| ORGANIST            | Andrew Schaeffer                            |
| ACOLYTE             | Hattie Thiele                               |
| ASSISTING MINISTER  | Luis Reynaldo                               |
| COMMUNION ASSISTANT | Michael Bradley                             |
| CRUCIFER            | George Alexander                            |
| LECTOR              | Lynn Washington                             |
| SACRISTAN           | Randy Raasch                                |
| AUDIO               | David Heins                                 |
| VIDEO               | Lee Powell                                  |
| USHERS              | Derren Slinde, Corbin Slinde, Calvin Slinde |

**Our thanks to Maggie Stansfield, soprano, for singing this morning.**

**Altar flowers are given by Paul Twardy and Kris Gruber-Twardy in thanksgiving for their 13th wedding anniversary.**

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