



Luther Memorial Church

## Holy Communion

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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** Clair de lune | Claude Debussy (1862–1918)

## 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.*

**#521 PROCESSIONAL HYMN** O Day of Rest and Gladness

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

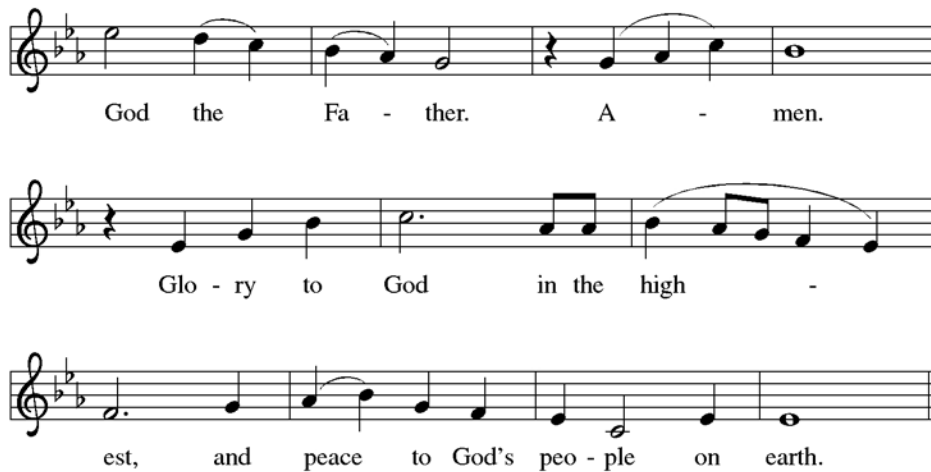
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of 12 staves of music. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many notes tied across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span multiple notes or bars. The text is as follows:

Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
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



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your everlasting mercy. Without your help, we fail; remove from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### WORD

*Please sit.*

#### FIRST READING Ezekiel 33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 119:33-40

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



Teach me, O Lord, the way | of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it | to the end.

**Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;**

**I shall keep it with | all my heart.**

Lead me in the path of | your commandments,  
for that is | my desire.

**Incline my heart to | your decrees  
and not to | unjust gain.**

Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;  
give me life | in your way.

**Fulfill your promise | to your servant,  
which is for | those who fear you.**

Turn away the reproach | that I dread,  
because your judg- | ments are good.

**Behold, I long for | your commandments;  
by your righteousness en- | liven me.**

## SECOND READING Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cantor: In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

## GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in

heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

## SERMON

*Please rise.*

#359 HYMN OF THE DAY Where Charity and Love Prevail

## 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** Andante from *Trois Pièces pour Orgue* | Joséphine Boulay (1869–1925)

*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.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third staff has a double bar line at the end. The fourth staff has a double bar line at the end.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.

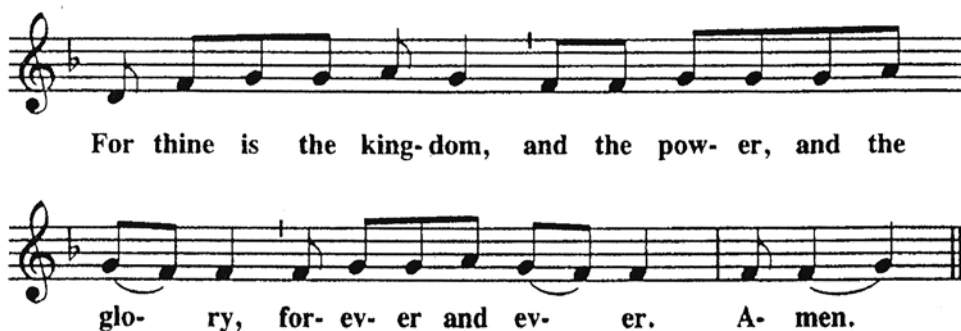


Remembering, therefore... now and forever.



## LORD'S PRAYER



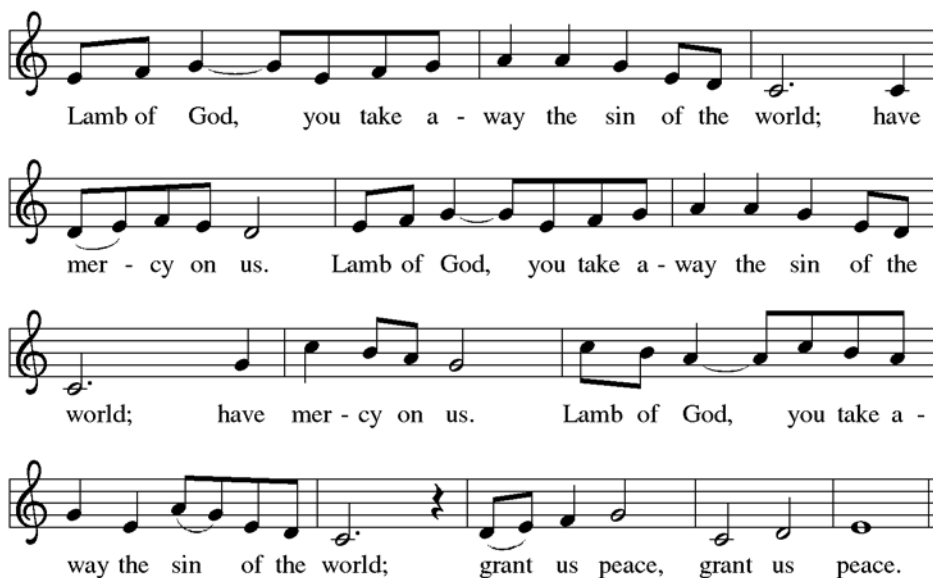


## THE COMMUNION

*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



**MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION** Preludes No.1 in G Major & No.4 in B-flat Minor | Catherine Rollin (b. 1952)

## COMMUNION HYMNS

- #471 Let Us Break Bread Together
- #482 I Come with Joy

*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.**

#836 RECESSIONAL HYMN Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Fugue in C Major (“Jig”) BuxWV 174 | Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)





## TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

For what further need has God of the mysteries of love? And then thou shalt look into the bosom of the Father, whom God the only-begotten Son alone hath declared. And God Himself is love; and out of love to us became feminine. In His ineffable essence He is Father; in His compassion to us He became Mother. The Father by loving became feminine: and the great proof of this is He whom He begot of Himself; and the fruit brought forth by love is love.

*Clement of Alexandria  
(150 – 212)*

## SERVING TODAY

|                     |                                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| PRESIDER            | Pastor Brad Pohlman               |
| PREACHER            | Pastor John Worzala Dumke         |
| ORGANIST            | Andrew Schaeffer                  |
| ACOLYTE             | Luke Szczukutowicz                |
| ASSISTING MINISTER  | Mary Jean Huston                  |
| COMMUNION ASSISTANT | Phyllis Pleuss                    |
| CRUCIFER            | Rolf Wulfsberg                    |
| LECTOR              | Bonnie Gruber                     |
| SACRISTAN           | Randy Raasch                      |
| AUDIO & VIDEO       | Alex Starr                        |
| HEAD USHER          | Robert Steffen                    |
| USHERS              | Marsha Steffen, Nicole Lane Starr |

Our thanks to Kole Consigny, piano, for playing this morning.

Altar flowers are given by Mary Jean Huston in memory of Ralph E. Huston.

Altar flowers are also given by Dan Zerger & Maria Brown in thanksgiving for their 35th wedding anniversary.

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