



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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. 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 or Facebook

PRELUDE Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne (BuxWV 137) | Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

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.

#452 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

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

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

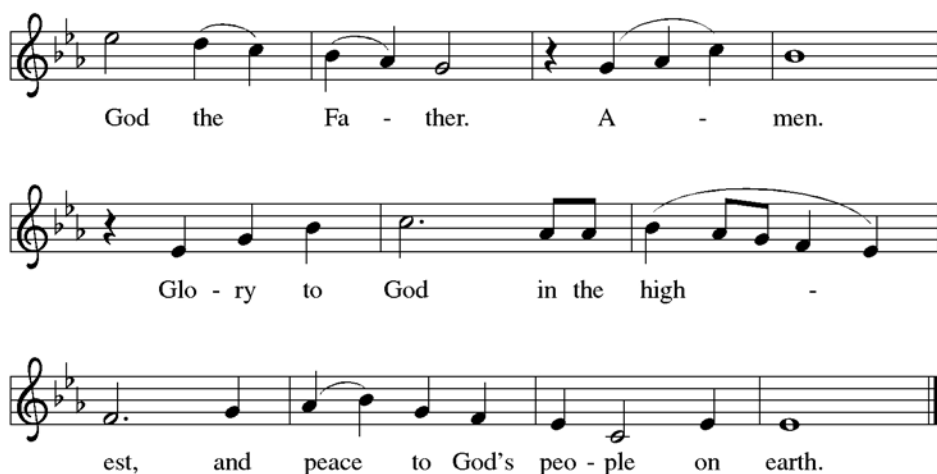
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

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, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:1-13

The choir sings the antiphon, "Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy," before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.

Bless the Lord, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

**Bless the Lord, | O my soul,
and forget not | all God's benefits—**

who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;

**who redeems your life | from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;**

who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

**O Lord, you provide | vindication
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**

You made known your | ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.

**Lord, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love;**

you will not al- | ways accuse us,
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.

**You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.

**As far as the east is | from the west,
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.**

As a father has compassion | for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O Lord.

SECOND READING Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: We have an advocate, Jesus Christ the righteous; your sins are forgiven on account of his name.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

Glory to you, O Lord.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please rise.

#606 HYMN OF THE DAY Our Father, We Have Wandered

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.

BLESSING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION TEACHERS

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 Come, Ye People, Rise and Sing | Leland B. Sateren (1913-2007)

Come, ye people, Rise and sing Praise to God, who made you, And to heaven's eternal King Bring the prayers He bade you; Bring your praise for mercies past, All His love confessing, And on life, while life shall last, ask your Father's blessing.

Praise we God the only Son, Who in mercy sought us; Born to save a world undone, Out of death He brought us; Here awhile He showed His love, Suffered uncomplaining, Now He pleads for us above, Risen, ascended, reigning!

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.

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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.

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

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign, and ends with a double bar line.

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.

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

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign, and ends with a double bar line.

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,

The musical score is written on two staves in G major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second staff ends with a double bar line.

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 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.

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, grant us peace.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION Ubi Caritas | Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.

Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where charity and love are, God is there.

Christ's love has gathered us into one.

Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.

Let us fear, and let us love the living God.

And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

COMMUNION HYMNS

#605 Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

#607 Come, Ye Disconsolate

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 OF SEMINARIAN

BLESSING

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

Amen.

#867 **RECESSIONAL HYMN** In Thee Is Gladness

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE In Dir ist Freude (BWV 615) | Johann Sebastian Bach

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

We thank you, O God, for
the saints of all ages;

For those who in times of
darkness kept the lamp of
faith burning;

For the great souls who saw
visions of larger truth and
dared to declare it;

For the multitude of quiet
and gracious souls whose
presence has purified and
sanctified the world;

And for those known and
loved by us, who have
passed from this earthly
fellowship into the fuller
light of life with you.

Amen.

Anonymous

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	Campus Pastor Preston Fields
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Abrielle Shirek, Charles Fink
ASSISTING MINISTER	David Zentner
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Kris Gruber-Twardy, Randy Raasch, Janet Zentner
CRUCIFER	Finn Rothenberg
LECTOR	Brenda Ryther
SACRISTAN	Dan Ruge
AUDIO	David Heins
VIDEO	Lee Powell
HEAD USHER	Derren Slinde
USHERS	Corbin Slinde, Calvin Slinde

Today we bless and give thanks for our Sunday school and confirmation teachers. We also bless Margaret Szczukutowicz as she begins her study at Wartburg Seminary, pursuing a Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry degree.

Altar flowers are given by Janet Streiff in memory of John Streiff.

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