



Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

LUKE, EVANGELIST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026 | 10:30 AM

Welcome!

Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

Welcome to Luther Memorial Church! We're glad you're here and invite you to join us in worship and fellowship. Whether you're visiting for the first time, returning after time away or looking for a church community to call home, you are welcome here.

If you would like to learn more:

- Please speak to a pastor,
- Fill out a pew card and place in the offering plate, or
- Visit us online at www.luthermem.org or Facebook

CHILDCARE

Infants and children are welcome in worship. Changing tables are located in the restrooms. A staffed nursery is available Sundays 9 am–noon.

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.

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.

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.

PRELUDE Hymn arrangements for Bells | Martha Lynn Thompson (1940-2026)

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.

#843 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

APOSTOLIC GREETING

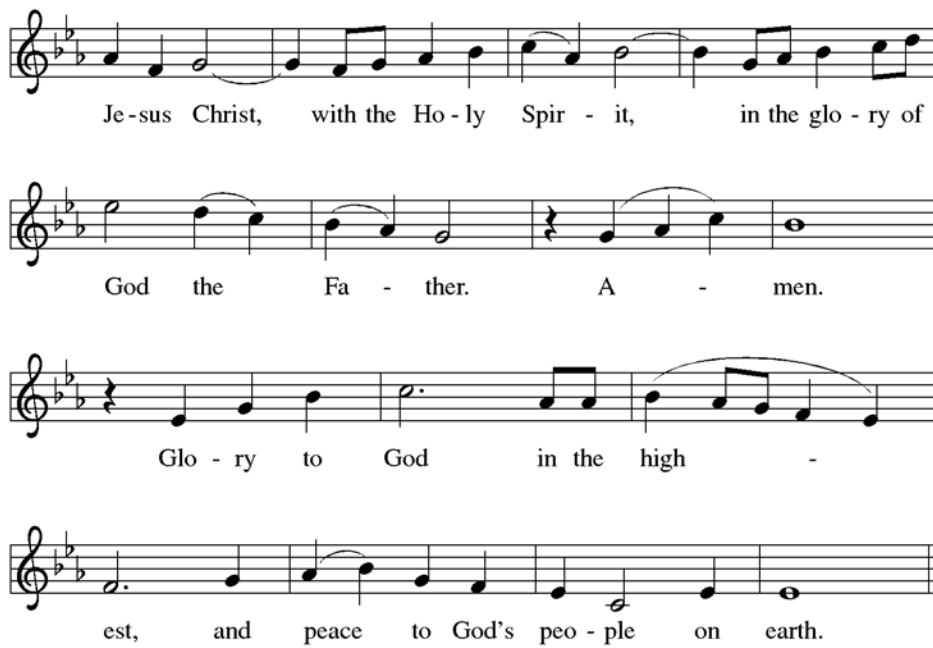
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 11 staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many half and quarter notes. There are several measures with rests, particularly at the beginning and end of phrases. The final note of the piece is a whole note G.

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,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your church the same love and power to heal, and to proclaim your salvation among the nations to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our healer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:8-13

Bring forth the people who are blind yet have eyes, who are deaf yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, "It is true." You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior. I am the one who declared and saved and proclaimed, not some strange god among you; you are my witnesses, says the Lord, and I am God. Indeed, since that day I am he; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can hinder it?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 124

The choir sings the antiphon, "Our help is in the name of the Lord," before and after the psalm. The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



If the Lord had not been | on our side,
let Isra- | el now say;
if the Lord had not been | on our side,
when enemies rose | up against us,
then would they have swallowed us | up alive
in their fierce | anger toward us;
then would the waters have | overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone | over us;
then would the | raging waters
have gone right | over us.
Blessed | be the Lord
who has not given us over to be a prey | for their teeth.
We have escaped like a bird from the snare | of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we | have escaped.
Our help is in the name | of the Lord,
the maker of heav- | en and earth.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4:5-11

The apostle writes: As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me in ministry.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.

GOSPEL Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

Glory to you, O Lord.

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative about the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I, too, decided, as one having a grasp of everything from the start, to write a well-ordered account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may have a firm grasp of the words in which you have been instructed.

Jesus said to the eleven and those with them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please rise.

#421 HYMN OF THE DAY By All Your Saints (*Stanzas 1, 21, last*)

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 Cantate Domino | Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

Cantate Domino canticum novum,

Cantate Domino omnis terra.

Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus;
annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.

Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus;
in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.

O sing unto the Lord a new song,

Sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name;
Be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honour unto the heathen;
and his wonders unto all people.

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 for the Great Thanksgiving is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes with various rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

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 notation for 'Holy, Holy, Holy' is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is more complex than the previous section, featuring some eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

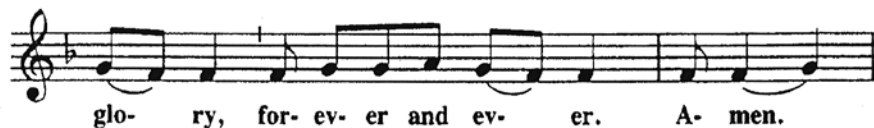
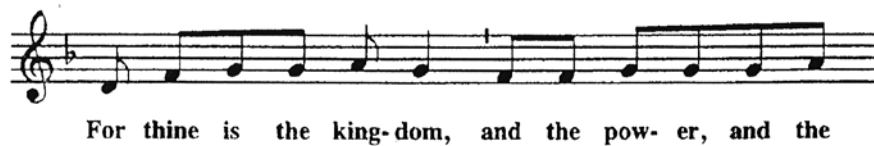
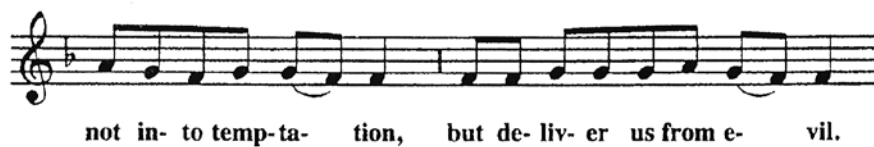
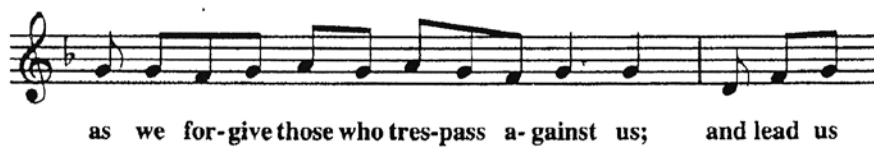
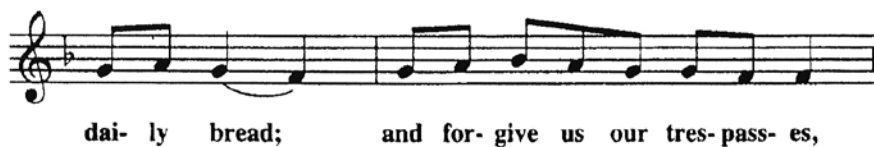
You are indeed holy... until he comes.



Remembering, therefore... now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER

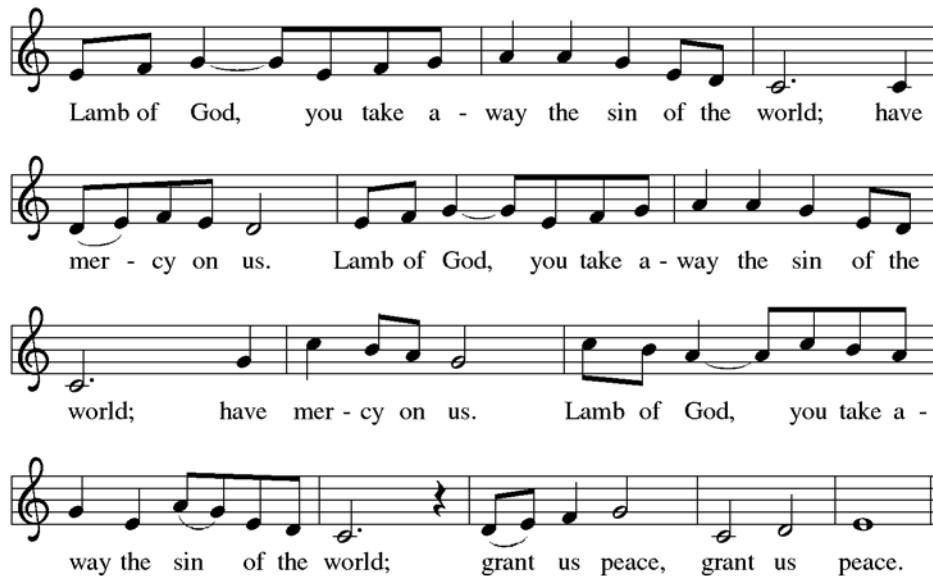


THE COMMUNION

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 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



MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION Celebration | arr. Arnold Sherman (b. 1948)

COMMUNION HYMNS

- #610 O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come
- #608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling
- #480 O Bread of Life from Heaven

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.

#880 RECESSIONAL HYMN O God beyond All Praising

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Dialogue sur les Mixtures *from Suite Brève* | Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Benjamin McGuire, Emma Schinke
ASSISTING MINISTER	Mary Jean Huston
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Panka McGuire, Michael Bradley, Kris Gruber-Twardy
CRUCIFER	Brian Uphoff
LECTOR	Paul Brammeier
SACRISTAN	Mary Powell
AUDIO	Bill Braham
VIDEO	Lee Powell
HEAD USHER	Bob Uphoff
USHERS	Chris Uphoff, Phyllis Pleuss

This morning marks the premiere of the Matin Bell Choir! This beginning-intermediate adult handbell choir rehearses on Thursdays from 11 am to noon, and there's room for more! Contact Andrew Schaeffer for more details. Some music reading knowledge is helpful, but not required.

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