Welcome!

Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

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

LIVESTREAM BROADCAST
This service is livestreamed on our website at www.luthermem.org and YouTube. Cameras are installed in the nave, and worshipers may occasionally be visible on this broadcast.

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.

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.

Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026 | 10:30 AM

PRELUDE Wie Will Ich Mich Freuen (My Spirit Be Joyful) | 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.

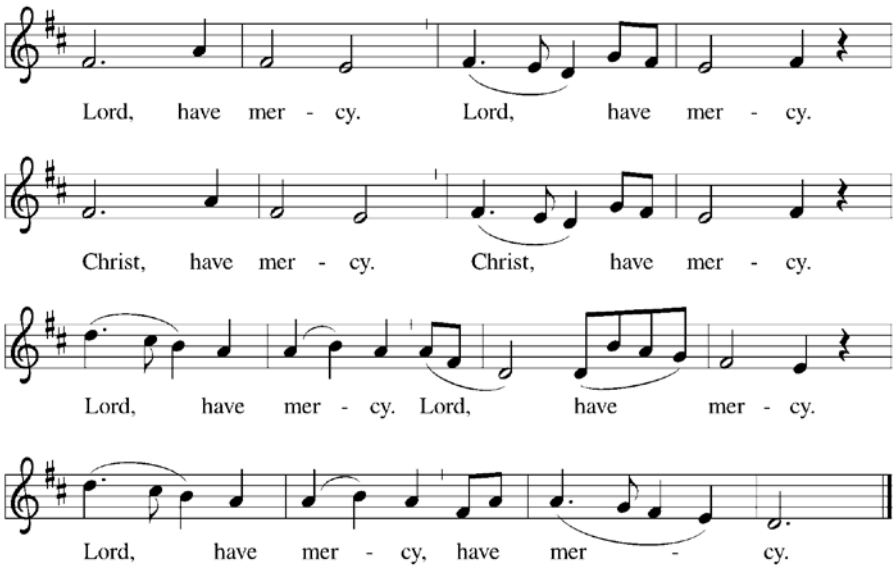
Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the altar.

#834 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
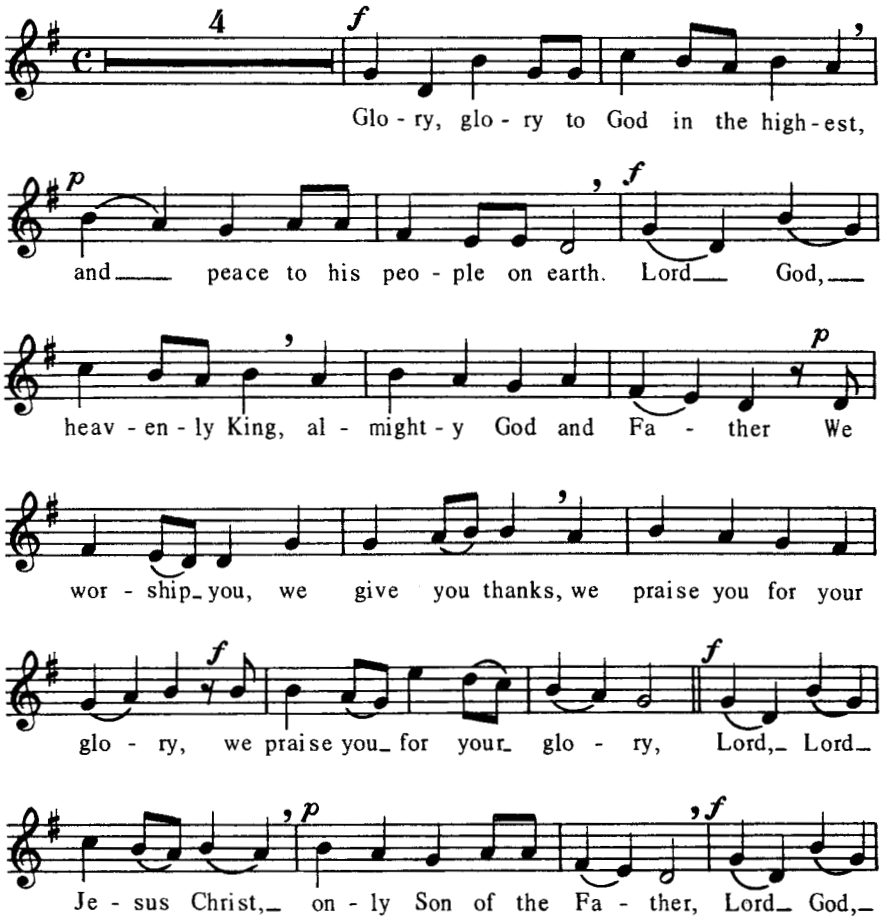
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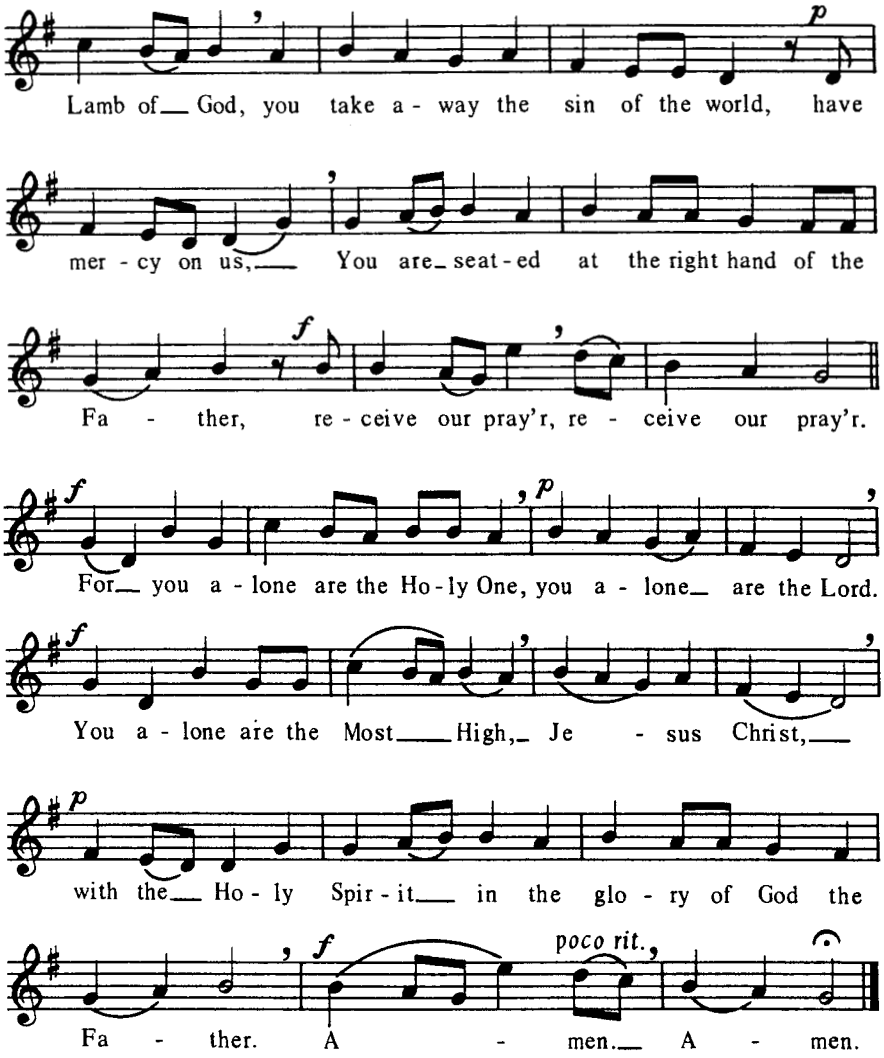
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE



GLORIA





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light, as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

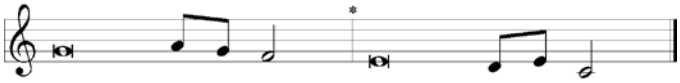
I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 70

The choir sings the antiphon, "You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry," *before and after the psalm. The psalm is sung responsively, beginning with the choir.*



Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O Lord, make | haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.
Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the Lord!"
But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, | do not tarry.
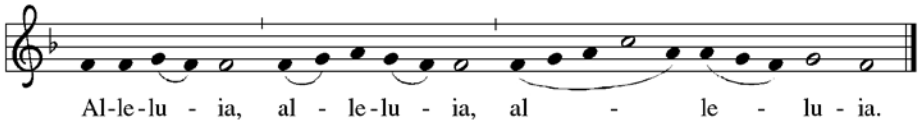
SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Verse: Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the

other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.
SERMON

Please rise.
#244 HYMN OF THE DAY Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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 O Sing unto the Lord | Michael Bedford (b. 1949)

O sing unto the Lord, O sing to the Lord a new song. Sing praise to the Lord and bless his name, O sing the whole day long.

O sing unto the Lord, O sing to God above. Let all the world his glory know, that all may share his love.

Give honor to his name, give majesty and power, O worship him in holiness throughout this sacred hour.

Then go into the world, continue now the song. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad, praise God the whole day long.

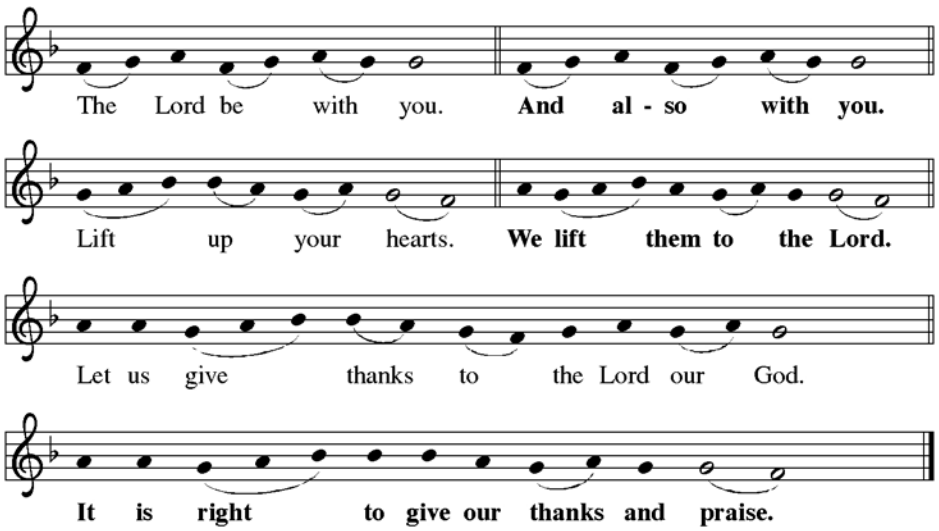
Please rise.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.
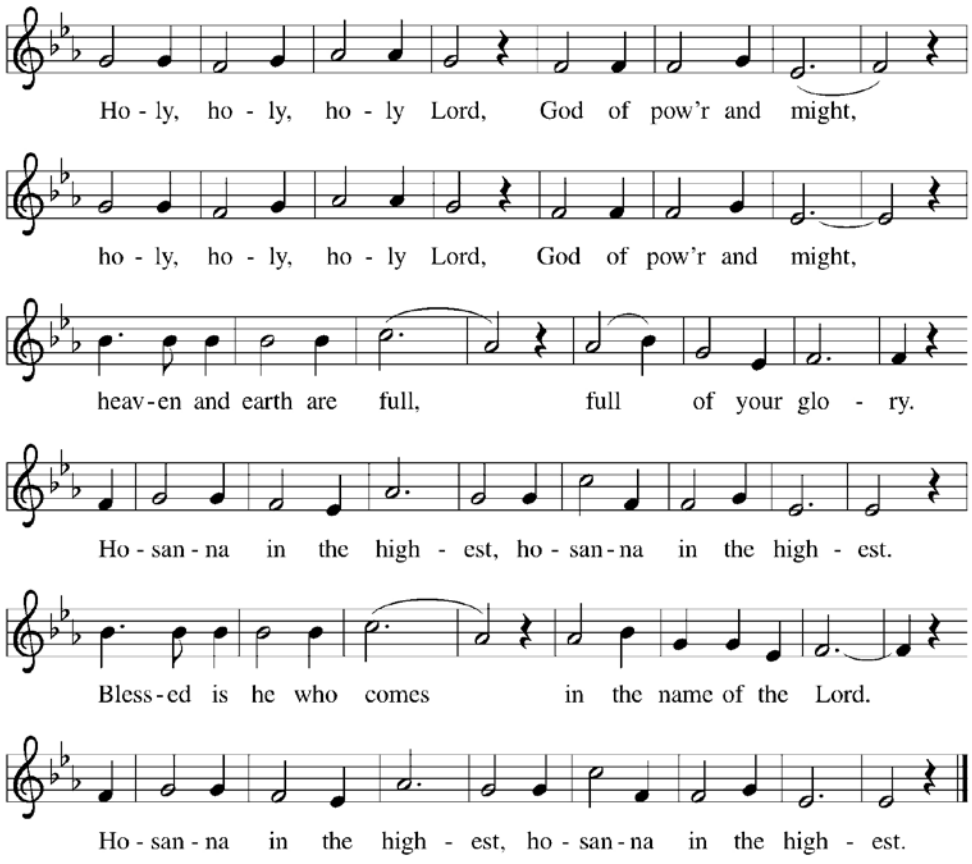
God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING
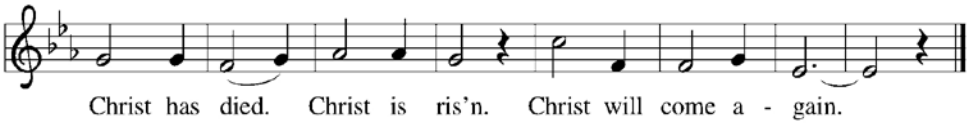


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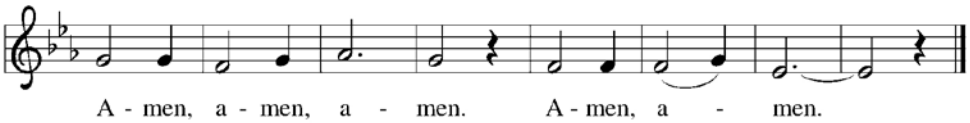


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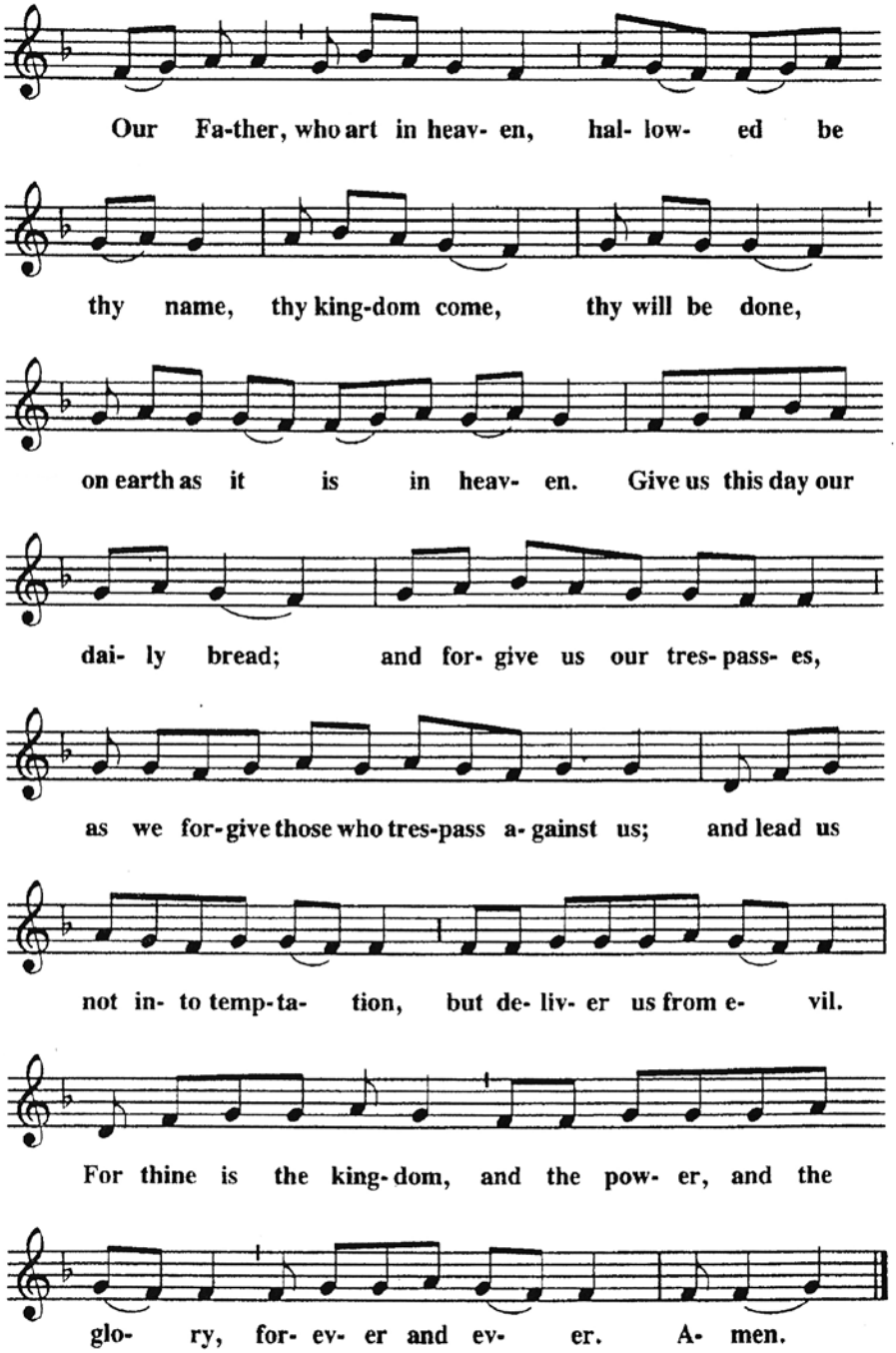
You are indeed holy… until he comes.



Remembering, therefore… now and forever.

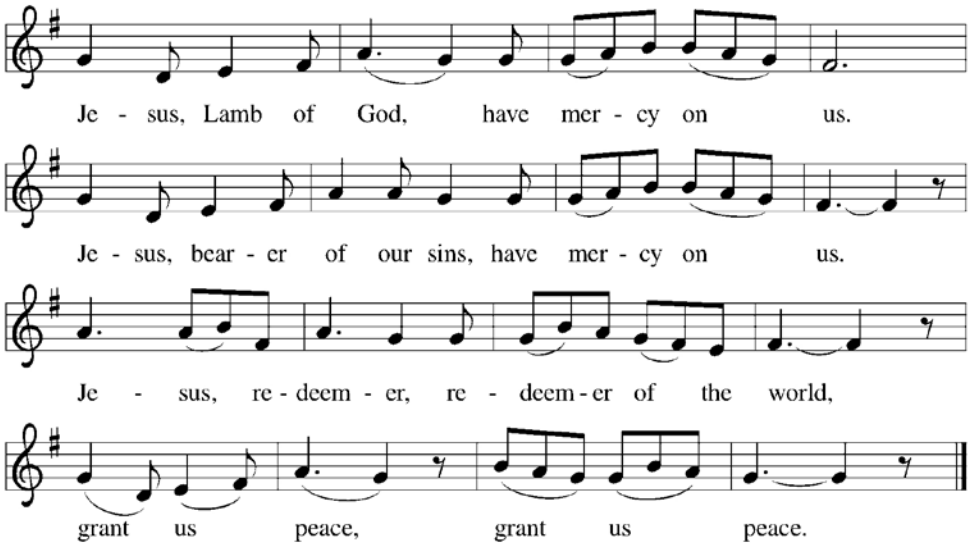


LORD'S PRAYER



Please sit.

AGNUS DEI



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.*

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION Two Adagios | Johann Pezel (1639–1694)

COMMUNION HYMNS

#810 O Jesus, I Have Promised
#861 When Long before Time

Please rise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

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

Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the font.

#441 RECESSIONAL HYMN Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Praeludium in D Major (BuxWV 139) | Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, let me seek you by desiring you; let me find you by loving you, and love you in finding you. I confess, Lord with thanksgiving, that you have made me in your image, so that I can remember you, think of you, and love you. But that image is so worn and blotted out by faults, and darkened by the smoke of sin, that it cannot do that for which it was made, unless you refashion it. Lord, I am not trying to make my way to your height, for my understanding is in no way equal to that, but I do desire to understand a little of your truth which my heart already believes and loves. I do not seek to understand so that I can believe, but I believe so that I may understand; and what is more, I believe that unless I do believe, I shall not understand. Amen.

Anselm (1033 – 1109)

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTE	Charles Fink
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CRUCIFER	Rolf Wulfsberg
LECTORS	Tyler Thiele, Kelly Olson
SACRISTAN	Randy Raasch
AUDIO	David Heins
VIDEO	Lee Powell
USHERS	Derren Slinde, Corbin Slinde, Calvin Slinde

Today's music setting is from Franz Schubert's German Mass.

Our thanks to Ron Nelson and Karen Snowberg, trumpets, for playing this morning.

Altar flowers are given by Robert & Marsha Steffen in honor of all living veterans.

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