

Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church

"Growing Relationships with God, Each Other, and Our Neighbors in the Way of Jesus"



Sunday, May 5, 2024, 9:00 AM

Welcome... There's a place for you here!

Welcome to the Lord's Table

All Christians—including visitors of all denominations—are invited to the altar to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer to remain at your seat, select a prefilled cup from a basket at the top of the ramps before the service begins.

Worshippers may come forward via the center aisle to receive communion at the altar, then return by the side aisles. Bread, wheat wafers or gluten-free wafers are offered, as is a choice of wine (lighter color, outer rings of tray) or grape juice (darker color, inner rings). Paper-towel lined baskets are provided for empty cups at the end of the first pew and at the top of the ramps. Those who are not yet communing may come forward to receive a blessing.

Children have a place here, too!

During our Sunday services, children are invited to come forward for the children's time. They may also receive communion at whatever age their adult(s) agree(s) they may. "Busy bags" are hung along the wall in the sanctuary for use during services. Books and small toys can be found on a shelf under the window behind the choir/bells tables.

Our nursery is located at the bottom of the spiral staircase in the entryway and is staffed during the Sunday AM service. A changing table is found in the bathroom near the top of the stairs, and another is located around the corner through the sanctuary door past the bell tables.

Restrooms are located in the entryway on either side (mirrored cubes).

Note: our Sunday service is livestreamed, and some worshippers may be seen in the broadcast. Those seated behind the ramps will not be seen on camera.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG

ELW 813

“Faith of Our Fathers”

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ELW Setting 3

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

SCRIPTURE READING: **1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NRSV)**

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all

things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

God's story, our story. **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING: **1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (MSG)**

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate.

²If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing.

³⁻⁷If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.

Love never gives up.
Love cares more for others than for self.
Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.
Love doesn't strut,
Doesn't have a swelled head,
Doesn't force itself on others,
Isn't always "me first,"
Doesn't fly off the handle,
Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,
Doesn't revel when others grovel,
Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,
Puts up with anything,
Trusts God always,
Always looks for the best,
Never looks back,
But keeps going to the end.

⁸⁻¹⁰ Love never dies. Inspired speech will be over some day; praying in tongues will end; understanding will reach its limit. We know only a portion of the truth, and what we say

about God is always incomplete. But when the Complete arrives, our incompletes will be canceled.

¹¹ When I was an infant at my mother's breast, I gurgled and cooed like any infant. When I grew up, I left those infant ways for good.

¹² We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us!

¹³ But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

God's story, our story. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: Pastor Sheila Rawn

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 644

"Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue"

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

SONG FOR PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Tune: BALM IN GILEAD

"Only You, O God"

(sing once before and once after prayer)

**Only you, O God, and you alone, the broken heart console.
Only you, O God, and you alone, the wounded world make whole.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"O Love, How Deep"

Everett Titcomb

OFFERTORY

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

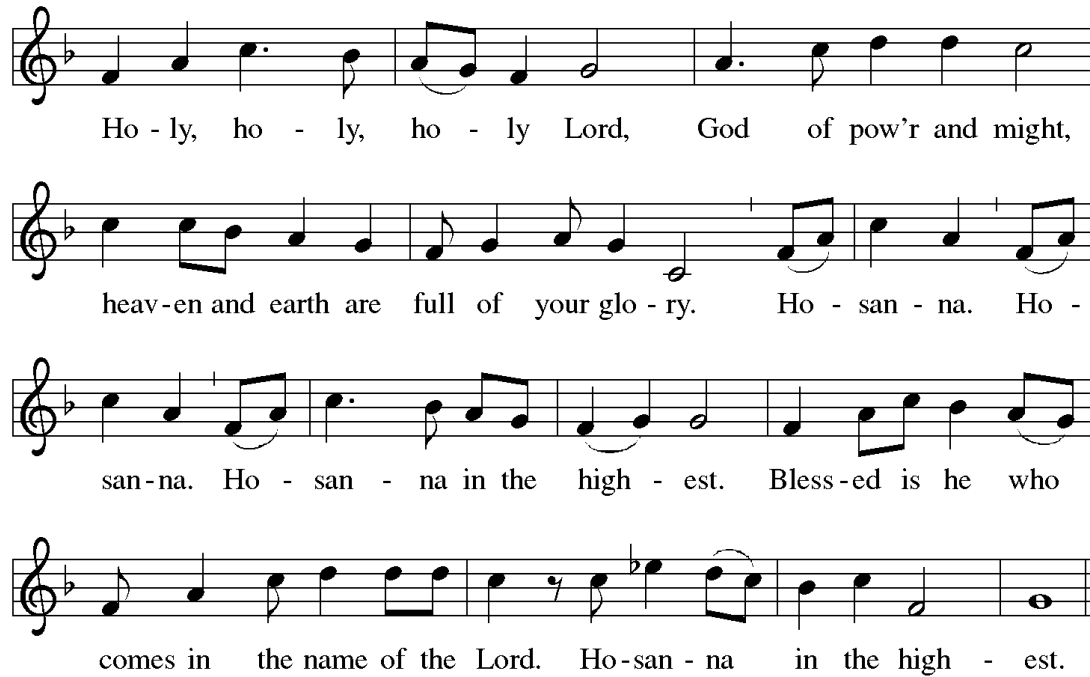
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . and join their unending hymn: (ELW Setting 3)



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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

. . . For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION

DISTRIBUTION *(see inside of bulletin cover for communion instructions)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

ELW 765

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

After the service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for cake as we honor our high school graduates.



Harrison Cunningham

Garrett Ford

Jamie Herder

Calvin Hess

Elise Kaesermann

Emily Kildahl

Paige Langendorf

Emmett Santalucia

Joshua Svatek

Mason Wolf

Today's Worship Leaders

Sat Preacher: Pastor Karl-John Stone; Sun Preacher: Pastor Sheila Rawn

Musician: Michael Becker; Minister of Music: Dimitri Shapovalov

Sun. Greeter: Chris Corcoran

Sat. Reader: *One needed*; Sun. Reader: *One needed*

Sun. Communion assistant: Amy Obernberger, *Two Needed*

Acolyte: *One Needed*

Video Producer: Chris Ryshkus

(please see worship leader board for assistants needed)

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a worship leader next week*



Worship Leaders for 5/11 & 5/12:

Preacher: Pastor Stephen Gifford

Musician: Michael Becker; Minister of Music: Dimitri Shapovalov

Sun. Greeter: Carol Wiechers

Sat. Reader: *One needed*; Sun. Reader: *One needed*

Sun. Communion assistant: *Three Needed*

Acolyte: *One Needed*

Video Producer: John Simpson

(please see worship leader board for assistants needed)

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THIS WEEK AT MPLC: May 5 – May 12

Sunday, May 5

- 9:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 AM Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 AM Adult Ed (Mygatts)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School (Education Level, meet in Choir Rm)
- 6:00 PM Youth Gathering Prep at Luth. Ch. of Resurrection

Tuesday, May 7

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga (Mygatts)
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, May 8

- 11:00 AM Wed. AM Bible Study (Mygatts)
- 5:30 PM Endowment Fund Board (Mygatts)
- 7:00 PM Adult Choir (Choir Room)

Thursday, May 9

- 9:30 AM Quilters (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, May 11

- 10:00 AM Project Day (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00 PM Worship (Sanctuary)

Sunday, May 12

- 9:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 AM Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 AM Adult Ed (Mygatts)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School (Education Level)

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We are called by Jesus to **love God and one another**, to practice generous hospitality, and to serve all unconditionally. We fully welcome you to join us, embracing your race, culture, ethnicity, age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical abilities, mental abilities, socioeconomic position, family status, background, and wherever you are in your faith journey. You are a unique and beloved child of God and are welcome here. You are accepted and openly affirmed just as you are. We commit ourselves to undertaking the work of racial equality and social and economic justice. We invite you to join us as we joyfully and inclusively love and serve God and our community, as **we are all one in Christ Jesus.**



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