

# Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church

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*“Growing Relationships with God, Each Other, and Our Neighbors in the Way of Jesus”*



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**Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion**

**Saturday, April 12, 2025, 4:00 PM**

**Sunday, April 13, 2025, 9:00 AM**

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# *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 also come forward to receive a blessing, crossing your arms to indicate this choice.

## *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 staffed nursery is located at the bottom of the spiral staircase in the entryway. 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).

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*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.*

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*(Thank you for silencing your phone as you worship!)*

PRELUDE "Concert Aria" W.A Mozart  
(Sun.) Danielle West, trumpet

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S INTROIT (Sun.) "Lo, He Comes!" John D. Horma

ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: **Luke 19:28-40**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup> He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (ELW 344, vs. 1, 3-5)

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" *(raise palms at refrain)*

*Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

**1 You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.** *Refrain*

**3 The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.** *Refrain*

**4 To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.** *Refrain*

**5 Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.**

***Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.***

ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S SERMON (Sun.)

SPECIAL MUSIC (Sat.)

Paul Pruessing, solo

CHOIR ANTHEM (Sun.)

"Palm Sunday Hosanna"

Joel Raney, arr.

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 50:4-9a**

*A reading from Isaiah:*

<sup>4</sup> The Lord GOD has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup> It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: **Psalm 31:9-16** (*read responsively*)

<sup>9</sup> Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

<sup>10</sup> **For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup> I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,  
a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup> **Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;  
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup> For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup> **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.**

**I have said, “You are my God.**

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup> **Let your face shine upon your servant;**

**save me in your steadfast love.”**

## SECOND READING: **Philippians 2:5-11**

*A reading from Philippians:*

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ACS #918

Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion.

Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in-vi - ta - tion.

## GOSPEL: **Luke 22:14—23:56** (NIV)

The Passion of our Lord according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(see narrative reading handout)*

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.** *(be seated in silence, for reflection)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 335

“Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross”

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition ends: God, in your mercy,

The congregation responds: **Receive our prayer.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY

*Use the QR code to reach our online giving page:*



## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray: Gracious Provider,

**you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

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 . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

#### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. . . .  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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 directions)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

ACS 930

**"Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now"**  
*(see next page)*



1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing  
 2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -  
 3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and  
 vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry  
 ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.  
 is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.  
 praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

## **Maundy Thursday Worship**

April 17, 6:30 PM

## **Good Friday Worship**

April 18, 1:00 PM and 6:30 PM

## **Easter Vigil Worship**

Saturday, April 19, 5:00 PM, an ecumenical service hosted by MPLC

## **Easter Sunday Worship**

April 20, 9:00 AM, followed by  
Easter Breakfast for all

*(Note: the church nursery will not be staffed on Easter Sunday)*

## **Today's Worship Leaders**

Leaders: Pastor Beth Ann, Pastor Nathan Pratt

Musician: Michael Becker; Minister of Music: Dimitri Shapovalov

Sun. Greeter: Steenrod Family

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

Sun. Communion Assistants: Stephen Gifford, Jamie Rauth

Acolyte: *One needed*

Video Producer: John Simpson

*(please see worship leader board for assistants needed)*

## THIS WEEK AT MPLC: April 13 - 20

### Sun. Apr 13

**9:00 AM:** Worship (Sanctuary)

**10:00 AM:** Coffee Hour (Fellowship)

**10:15 AM:** Sunday School (Education)

### **Palm Sunday Celebration & Easter Egg Hunt**

**10:20 AM:** Adult Ed (Mygatts)

**4:00 PM:** Open Table (Fellowship)

### Mon. April 14

**6:30 PM** Congregational Council - (Mygatts)

### Tues. April 15

**11:00 AM:** Chair Yoga (Mygatts)

**6:30 PM:** Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

### Wed. April 16

**7:00 PM:** Adult Choir (Choir room)

### Thur. April 17

**6:30 PM: Maundy Thursday Worship** (Sanctuary)

### Fri. April 18

**1:00 PM & 6:30 PM**

**Good Friday Worship** (Sanctuary)

### Sat. April 19

**5:00 PM Easter Vigil Worship** (Sanctuary)

### Sun. April 20 - Easter Sunday

**9:00 AM:** Worship (Sanctuary)

**10:15AM:** Easter Breakfast (Fellowship)

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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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