

# Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church

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



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**Sunday, April 28, 2024, 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 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).

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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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PRELUDE

WELCOME

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

GATHERING SONG

ELW 532

“Gather Us In”

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: **Acts 18:1-4**

*A reading from Acts:*

<sup>1</sup>After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, <sup>3</sup>and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together — by trade they were tentmakers. <sup>4</sup>Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

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

SCRIPTURE READING: **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

*A reading from 1 Corinthians:*

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

SERMON: Pastor Sheila Rawn

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 650

"In Christ there is no East or West"

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.**

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

Martha Lynn Thompson

"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho"

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## HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

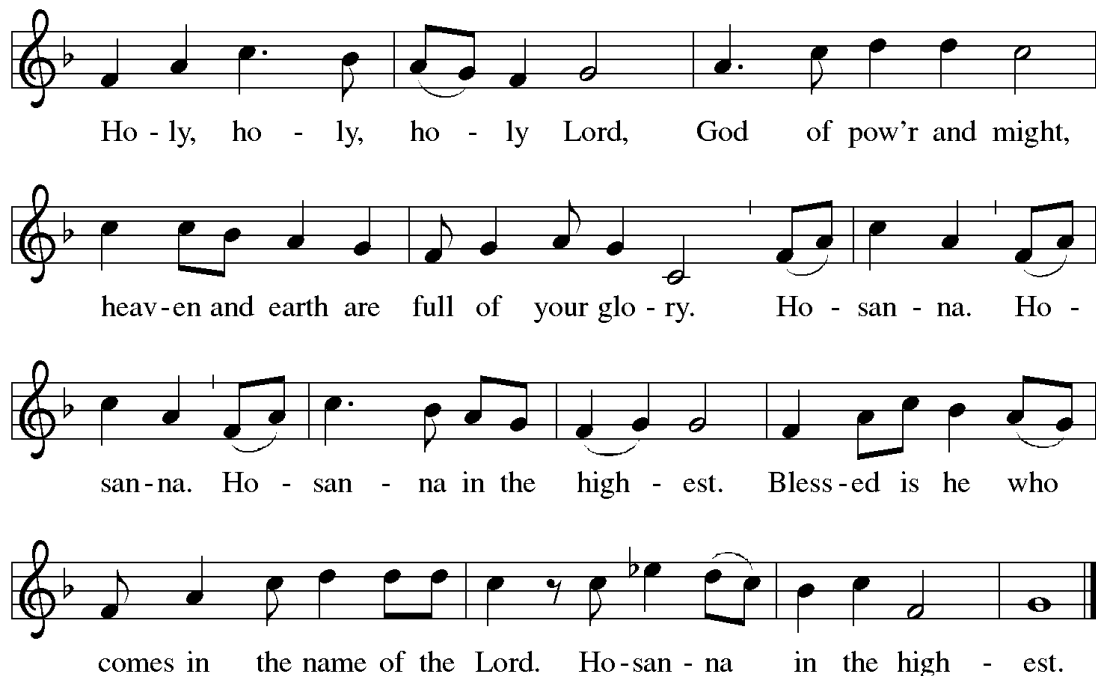
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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 . . . 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC 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)*

#### BELL CHOIR

“Living Waters”

Michael Mazzatenta

#### 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 496

“One Bread, One Body”

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

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**THIS WEEK AT MPLC: April 28 – May 5**

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**Sunday, April 28**

- 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)
- 1:00 PM     Youth Night at Escape Room

**Tuesday, April 30**

- 6:30 PM     Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

**Wednesday, May 1**

- 11:00 AM    Wed. AM Bible Study (Mygatts)
- 7:00 PM     Adult Choir (Choir Room)

**Saturday, May 4**

- 8:00 AM     Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00 PM     Worship (Sanctuary)

**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

## **Today's Worship Leaders**

Sat Preacher: Rev. Stephen Gifford; Sun Preacher: Pastor Sheila Rawn

Musician: Michael Becker; Minister of Music: Dimitri Shapovalov

Sun. Greeter: Carol Wiechers

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

Sun. Communion assistant: Cindy Green, *Two Needed*

Acolyte: Natalie Thorn

Video Producer: Becky Litwin

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

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## **Worship Leaders for 5/4 & 5/5:**

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: *Three Needed*

Acolyte: *One Needed*

Video Producer: Chris Ryshkus

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



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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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