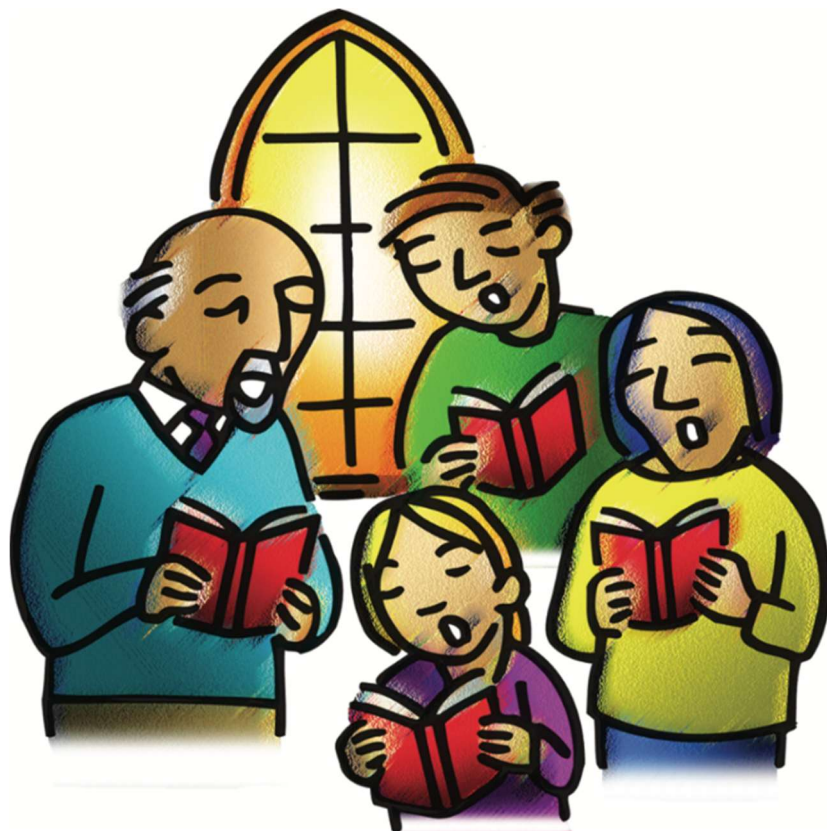


Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church

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



Music Sunday

Sunday, May 18, 2025, 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 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 nursery (staffed on Sunday) 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).

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.

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

BELLS PRELUDE

“The Great Gate of Kiev”

M. Moussorgsky

Arr. Ravel/Greg Schroeder

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that
restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to
beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own
making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice
in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit’s
power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us
our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

ELW 851

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

PSALM 95:1-7a *(read responsively)*

- ¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- ²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
- ³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
- ⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**
- ⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- ⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
- ⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture
and the sheep of God's hand.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Cum sancto spiritu" (from Gloria) Antonio Vivaldi

ed. Mason Martens

A READING FROM MARTIN LUTHER – *from foreword to a Symphony by Rhau* (1538)

PSALM 148 *(read responsively)*

- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.
- ² **Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**
- ³ Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.
- ⁴ **Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,
- ⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**
- ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**
- ⁹ mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**
- ¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹² **young men and maidens, old and young together.**
- ¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ **The LORD has raised up strength for the people
and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

CHOIR ANTHEM "For the Beauty of the Earth" John Rutter

A READING: *from the words of Hildegard of Bingen* (circa 1098-1179)

PSALM 150 *(read responsively)*

¹Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.

²**Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.**

³Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.

⁴**Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.**

⁵Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

⁶**Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah!**

BELLS ANTHEM

“Alleluia, Amen”

attr. Henry Rowley Bishop

arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter

GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:46-55

A reading from Luke:

⁴⁶And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name;⁵⁰ indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly;⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.⁵⁴ He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

“For the Music of Creation”

tune: ELW 836

**For the music of creation, for the song your Spirit sings,
for your sound's divine expression, burst of joy in living things:
God, our God, the world's composer, hear us, echoes of your voice.
Music is your art, your glory, let the human heart rejoice!**

**Psalms and symphonies exalt you, drum and trumpet, string and reed,
simple melodies acclaim you, tunes that rise from deepest need,
hymns of longing and belonging, carols from a cheerful throat,
lilt of lullaby and love-song catching heaven in a note.**

**All the voices of the ages in transcendent chorus meet,
worship lifting up the senses, hands that praise and dancing feet;
over discord and division music speaks your joy and peace,
harmony of earth and heaven, song of God that cannot cease!**

SONG FOR PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(sing once before and once after prayers)*

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (ELW 752)



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Al shloscha d'varim”

Allan E. Naplan

OFFERTORY

Use the QR code to reach our online giving page:



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray: Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

ELW Setting 4

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

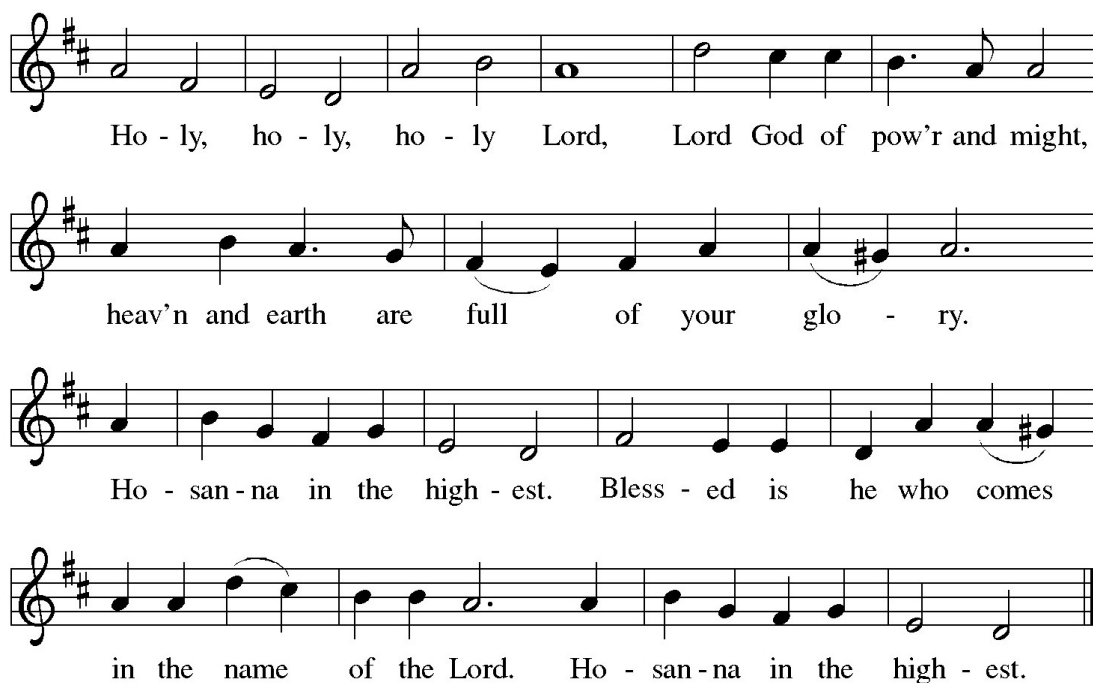
Lift up your hearts.

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:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. . . .

. . . 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.

Remembering, therefore, . . .

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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

. . . Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.
Thanks be to God.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG “My Life Flows On in Endless Song” ELW 763

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Pastor Beth Ann Stone; Leader: Pastor Nathan Pratt
Musician: Michael Becker; Minister of Music: Dimitri Shapovalov
Sun. Greeter: Donna Braaten
Coffee Hour Refreshments: Beyond Welcome
Sat. Reader: *One needed*; Sun. Reader: Zack Steenrod
Sun. Communion Assistants: Maria Lee, Kassie Maier
Video Producer: John Simpson
(please see worship leader board for assistants needed)

Worship Leaders for 5/24 & 5/25:

Musician: Michael Becker; Minister of Music: Dimitri Shapovalov
Sun. Greeter: Chuck & Peggy Svoboda
Coffee Hour Refreshments: Becky Litwin, Candy Zicarelli
Sat. Reader: *One needed*; Sun. Reader: Jan Fuller
Sun. Communion Assistants: Diane Blackmon, Karen Magee
Video Producer: Becky Litwin

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THIS WEEK AT MPLC: May 18 - 26

Sun. May 18

9:00 AM: Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00 AM: Coffee Hour (Fellowship)

10:15 AM: Last Day of Sunday School Party! (Education)

10:20 AM: Adult Ed (Sanctuary)

4:00 PM: Open Table (Fellowship)

Tues. May 20

11:00 AM: Chair Yoga (Fellowship)

Wed. May 21

11:00 AM: Rummage Sale Volunteers Mtg. (Fellowship)

Thurs. May 22

9:30 AM: Quilters (Fellowship)

Sat. May 24

5:00 PM: Worship (Sanctuary)

Sun. May 25

9:00 AM: Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00 AM: Coffee Hour (Fellowship)

10:15 AM: Prayer Shawl Ministry Meetup (Fellowship)

Mon. May 26 (Memorial Day)

Church office is closed

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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.**