

Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church

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

Saturday, February 24, 2024, 4:00 PM

Sunday, February 25, 2024, 9:00 AM



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence is kept for reflection)

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

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GATHERING SONG

ELW 618

"Guide me Ever, Great Redeemer"

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.

KYRIE (*cantor sings once; then all sing once*)

ELW 154

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S SERMON (Sun)

Psalm 34: 11-14 (*read responsively*)

¹¹Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

¹²**Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?**

¹³Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

¹⁴**Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD (*sing twice*)

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.

SCRIPTURE READING: **Mark 10:32-52**

A reading from Mark:

³²They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, "See, we are going up to

Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; ³⁴they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again."

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

SERMON: Pastor Sheila Rawn

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

ELW 612

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

SONG FOR PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

ELW 180

"The Spirit Intercedes for Us"

(sing twice before and twice after prayer)

The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with
sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

End

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.' The piece concludes with a double bar line and the word 'End' written above the final note.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY (Sat)

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM (Sun)

Michael Mazzatenta

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray: God our provider,

you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

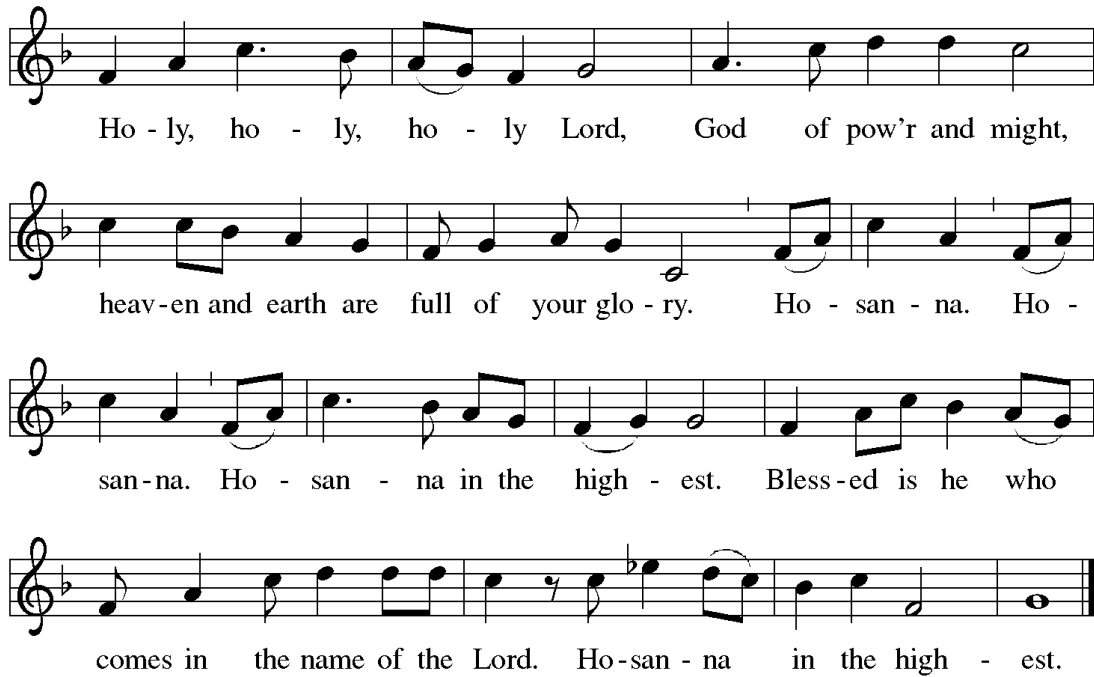
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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 . . . 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.

. . . . Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

. . . . Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

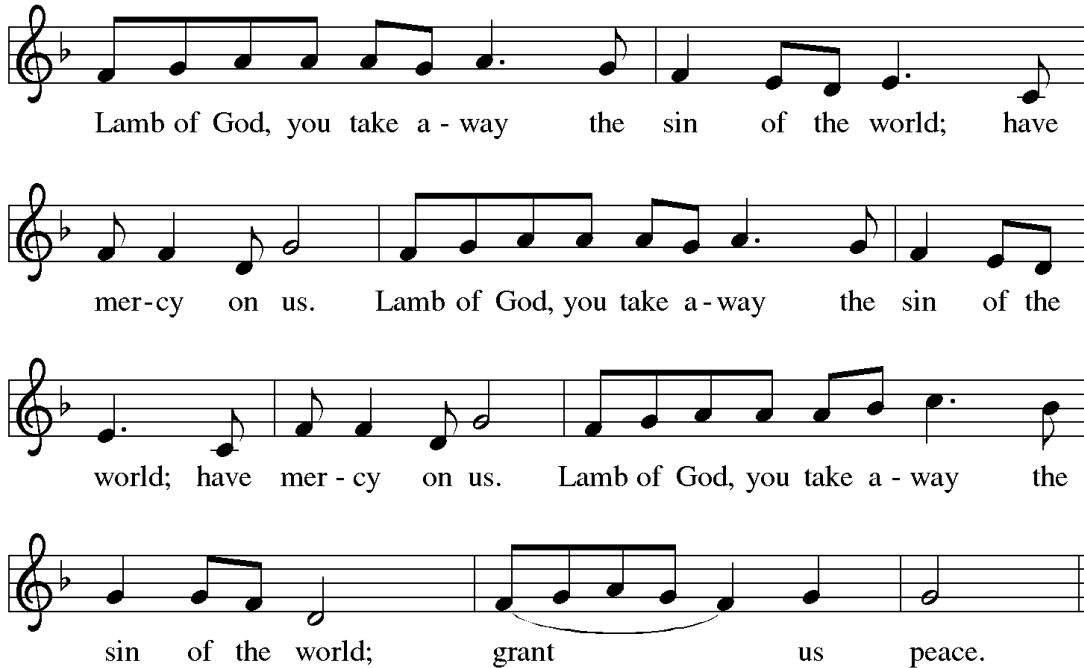
LORD'S PRAYER

**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

COMMUNION SONG

(ELW Setting 3)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG: "Rise Up, O Saints of God" ELW 669

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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.**

THIS WEEK AT MPLC: February 25 – March 3

Sunday, Feb. 25

- 9:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 AM Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School (Education Level)
- 10:30 AM Empty Bowls Painting Event (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, Feb. 27

- 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, Feb. 28

- 11:00 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study (Mygatts)
- 6:30 PM Lent Midweek Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Saturday, March 2

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

Sunday, March 3

- 9:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 AM Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School (Education Level)
- 6:00 PM Youth Gathering Prep at MPLC (Mygatts)

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Pastor Sheila Rawn; Leader: Pastor Beth Ann Stone
Musician: Michael Becker; Minister of Music: Dimitri Shapovalov
Bell Choir Director: Greg Schroeder
Sun. Greeter: Carol Wiechers; Bread baker: Peggy Zurawski
Sat. Reader: *One needed*; Sun. Reader: Karen Magee
Sun. Communion assistant: *Two needed*
Acolyte: Natalie Thorn; Usher: Garrett Meader
Altar Care: Bonnie Kisley; Video Producer: Becky Litwin
(please see worship leader board for assistants needed)

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to sign up to be
a worship leader next week



Worship Leaders for 3/2 & 3/3:

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