

Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church

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



4:00 PM, Saturday, November 18, 2023

9:00 AM, Sunday, November 19, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence for reflection) Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God . . . in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

ELW 834

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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 (Sun)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ELW 519, vs. 1

“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”

**Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God's word.**

Open your ears, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!

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SCRIPTURE READING: **Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5**

A reading from Isaiah:

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice

vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

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

SERMON: Pastor Sheila Rawn

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 678

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each prayer petition ends, “Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**”*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

INGATHERING OF OUR COMMITMENTS FOR 2024

OFFERTORY (Sat)

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM (Sun)

Ron Mallory

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

God of all that we have and all that we are, we offer our gifts at this altar as a sign that we trust you with every part of our lives. Bless our gifts and commitments made this day, that they may strengthen our community and bear fruit for your kingdom.

We ask this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

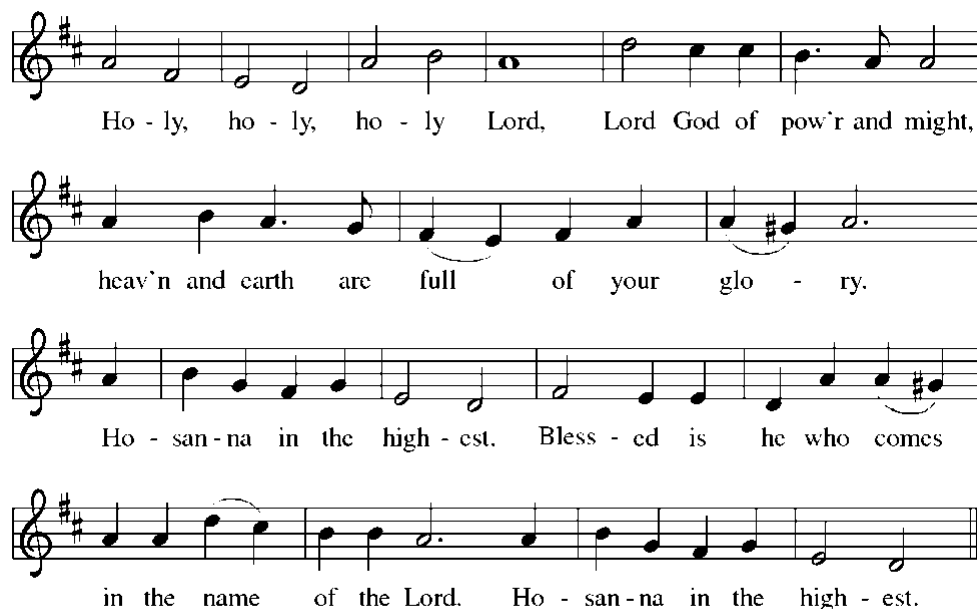
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 4)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. . . .

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

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit . . . Power of the Most High, 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;**

THIS WEEK AT MPLC: November 18-26

Saturday, Nov. 18

4:00 PM Worship (Sanctuary)

Sunday, Nov. 19

9:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00 AM Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

10:15 AM Sunday School (Education Level)

10:30 AM Adult Ed: Our Duty and Delight (Mygatts)

4:00 PM Open Table (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 PM Youth Night – Friendsgiving (Pastor Beth Ann's)

Monday, Nov. 20

4:00 PM Council Executive Committee (Office)

5:30 PM Parish Activities Committee (Office)

6:30 PM Congregation Council (Mygatts)

Tuesday, Nov. 21

6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, Nov. 22

NO Wed. AM Bible Study

6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Social

7:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Saturday, Nov. 25

4:00 PM Worship (Sanctuary)

Sunday, Nov. 26

9:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00 AM Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary), Advent Prep
Party (Fellowship Hall)

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Pastor Sheila Rawn; Leader: Pastor Beth Ann Stone
Musician: Michael Becker; Minister of Music: Dimitri Shapovalov
Sun. Greeter: Chris Corcoran

Sat. Reader: *One needed*; Sun. Reader: Carol Wiechers
Sun. Communion assistant: Kirsten & Tim Graves
Altar Care: Kirsten Graves; Video Producer: Chris Ryshkus
(*please see worship leader board for assistants needed*)

*Scan QR code with
your phone or
call the church office
to sign up to be
a worship leader next week*



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Sun. Greeter: Carol Wiechers
Sat. Reader: *One needed*; Sun. Reader: *One Needed*
Sun. Communion assistant: *Three needed*
Altar Care: JoAnn Goodyear; Video Producer: John Simpson
(*please see worship leader board for assistants needed*)

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