

# Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church

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



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**Sunday, July 7, 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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

ELW 575

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

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

SCRIPTURE READING: **Ezekiel 2:1-5**

*A reading from Ezekiel:*

<sup>1</sup>[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup> And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." <sup>5</sup> Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW 174)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below each staff.

GOSPEL: **Mark 6: 1-13**

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup> On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

SERMON: Pastor Sheila Rawn

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 796

"How Firm a Foundation"

SONG FOR PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer” ELW 751  
(sing once before and once after prayer)

**O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
when I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
come and listen to me.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Use the QR code to reach our online giving page:



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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✝ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

SENDING SONG            "God's Work Our Hands"            ACS 1000

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

## Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Pastor Sheila Rawn  
Musician: Michael Becker; Minister of Music: Dimitri Shapovalov  
Sun. Greeter: Carol Wiechers  
Sat. Reader: *One needed*; Sun. Reader: *One needed*  
Sun. Communion assistant: *Three Needed*  
Acolyte: *One Needed*  
Video Producer: Becky Litwin  
(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



## Worship Leaders for 7/13 & 7/14: Outdoor Worship & Picnic at Pritchard Park 10:00AM

Preacher: Pastor Beth Ann Stone; Leader: Pastor Sheila Rawn  
Musician: Michael Becker; Minister of Music: Dimitri Shapovalov  
Sat Reader: *One needed*  
(please see worship leader board for assistants needed)

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### THIS WEEK AT MPLC: July 7 – July 14

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#### Sunday, July 7

9:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:00 AM Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

#### Tuesday, July 9

9:00 AM Rummage Sorting  
6:00 PM Retreat in Daily Life Dinner (Fellowship)

#### Saturday, July 13

5:00 PM Worship (Sanctuary)

#### Sunday, July 14

10:00 AM Outdoor Worship (Pritchard Park)  
11:00 AM Family Picnic (Pritchard Park)

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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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