

# Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church

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



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**Saturday, November 16, 2024, 4:00 PM**

**Sunday, November 17, 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 also 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 staffed nursery 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).

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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, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

*(silence for reflection)*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

## MISSION MOMENT

## GATHERING SONG

ELW 679

“For the Fruit of all Creation”

## 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.)

## FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

*A reading from 1st Kings:*

<sup>8</sup> The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup> “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup> So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup> As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup> But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” <sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup> For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” <sup>15</sup> She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup> The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

**PSALM 146** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup> **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup> **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the captive free.

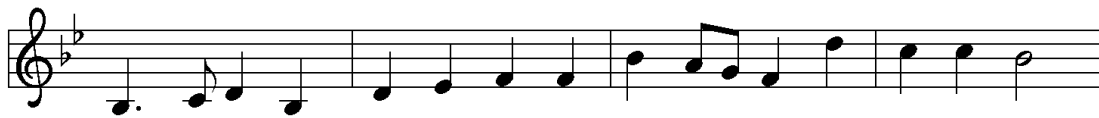
<sup>8</sup> **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are  
bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD cares for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 10



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44**

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

<sup>38</sup> As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more

than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

SERMON: Pastor Sheila Rawn

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 790

“Day By Day”

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

ACS 1035: “Though the Earth Shall Change” (from Psalm 46)



Though the earth shall change, though the moun-tains trem-ble,



though the wa - ters rage, you, God, are here.



Though the na - tions war, though the peo - ples bat - tle,



though the em - pire fal - ters, we will not fear.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

CHOIR ANTHEM (Sun)

“Cum Sancto Spiritu”

Antonio Vivaldi

OFFERTORY

Use the QR code to reach our online giving page:



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

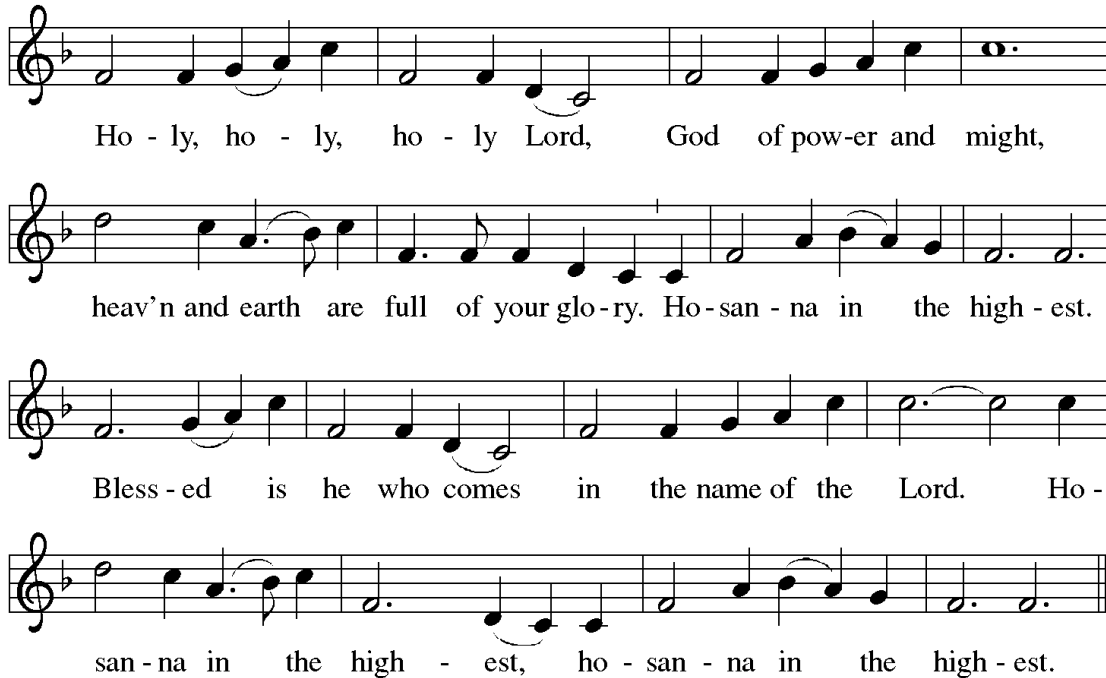
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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 . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(ELW Setting 10)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### 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 directions)*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

SENDING SONG

ELW 434 vs. 1,4,5

“Jesus Shall Reign”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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**Today's Worship Leaders**

Preacher: Pastor Sheila Rawn; Leader: Pastor Beth Ann Stone  
Musician: Michael Becker; Minister of Music: Dimitri Shapovalov  
Sun. Greeter: Donna Braaten  
Sat. Reader: *One needed*; Sun. Reader: Carol Wiechers  
Sun. Communion assistant: Brenda Booker, Nancy Clausen  
Acolyte: *One needed*  
Video Producer: John Simpson  
*(please see worship leader board for assistants needed)*

*Scan QR code with your phone camera or  
call the church office (262-634-6704)  
to sign up to be a worship leader next week*



**Worship Leaders for 11/23 and 11/24:**

Musician: Michael Becker; Minister of Music: Dimitri Shapovalov  
Sun. Greeter: Chris Corcoran  
Sat. Reader: *One needed*; Sun. Reader: *One needed*  
Sun. Communion assistant: *Two needed*  
Acolyte: *One needed*  
Video Producer: Chris Ryshkus  
*(please see worship leader board for assistants needed)*



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**THIS WEEK AT MPLC: Nov 17 – Nov 24**

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**Sun. Nov 17**

- 9:00 AM: Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM: Sunday School (Education)
- 10:15 AM: Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 AM: Coffee Hour (Fellowship)
- 4:00 PM: Open Table (Fellowship)

**Mon. Nov 18**

- 6:30 PM: Congregational Council (Mygatts)

**Tues. Nov 19**

- 11:00 AM: Chair Yoga (Fellowship)
- 6:30 PM: Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

**Wed. Nov 20**

- 11:00 AM: Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 PM: Confirmation @ LCR
- 7:00 PM: Adult Choir (Choir Room)

**Thurs. Nov 21**

- 6:00 PM: Safety Committee (Fellowship)
- 6:30 PM: “Surviving the Holidays” GriefShare Workshop (Mygatts)

**Sat. Nov 23**

- 4:00 PM: Worship (Sanctuary)

**Sun. Nov 24**

- 9:00 AM: Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM: Sunday School (Education)
- 10:15 AM: Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM: Coffee Hour (Fellowship)

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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.**



## **GIVING TO GOD** in 2025 through MPLC

**“For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also.”**  
(Matthew 6:21)

This is Commitment Weekend for Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church’s 2025 Stewardship Appeal,  
“Where Your Heart Belongs”.

Many of us have brought our completed commitment cards from home to worship today. Others will pick up a card at the top of the ramps before the service begins.

All are invited to place your commitment card in one of the wooden boxes before worship or during the Offertory later in the service. As you do so, you may offer a prayer such as this:

**Gracious God, thank you for loving me through your Son, Jesus, and for blessing me with gifts to share. I offer this Commitment Card as a sign of my trust in your promises. Guide my heart to treasure what Jesus does.  
In his name, I pray. Amen.**



Complete a **2025 Commitment Card** online



Complete a **2025 Time and Talent form** online