

Sunday, May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday



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Sunday

Sharing the Light!

Holy Communion Lutheran Church
2000 West Sixth Street Racine, Wisconsin 53405
A community called to Worship, Learn, Love, and Serve

Special thanks to greeters Sally Neitzel and Joni Reske, assisting minister Lana Buhler, lector Roger Degerman, communion assistant Joleen Carlson, AV technician Alison Ferrentino, coffee fellowship Shelley Lussmyer, altar guild Sandy Ivanoski, Krause, Lindsay Newton, Lori Neu, and Joni Reske, ushers Jim Buhler, Dave Barlament, Todd, Tim Krikau, and Gary Wee, and our musicians Elaine Lewis, Betty Petersen, and Greg Berg, for sharing their time and talent with us today.

*Please stand if you are able where there is an asterisk * in the bulletin.*

PRELUDE *(a quiet time of reflection, to prepare for worship)*

CALL TO WORSHIP *“Psalm 103” Senior Choir*

(please see the lyrics on the back of your bulletin)

***GATHERING SONG**

O the Joy

Gregory Berg

O the Joy! O the Joy in know-ing Je - sus. Let us strive to know the Lord. God will re-
ply like show-ers in the Spring-time as sure-ly as the morn - ing dawn. O the
Joy in know-ing Je - sus. Let us strive to know the Lord. God will re - ply like
show-ers in the Spring-time as sure-ly as the morn - ing dawn. God does not de-sire burnt
of-fer-ings. God does not de-sire our sac-ri-fice. God most de-sires our hearts and lives so
that is what we bring, and that is why we sing: "O the Joy!" O the Joy in know-ing Je - sus.
Let us strive to know the Lord. God will re - ply like show-ers in the Spring-time as
sure-ly as the morn-ing dawn. O the Joy in know-ing Je - sus. Let us strive to know the
Lord. God will re - ply like show-ers in the Spring-time as sure-ly as the morn-ing dawn.

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

***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**

Leader: Let us join as - one as we pray to the Lord, Congregation: **Lord have mer - cy.** For the
peace from a - bove and for our sal - va - tion, **Lord have mer -**
cy. For this ho - ly house and for all who in faith gath - er to wor - ship in this place, that
we may be - hold a - glimpse of your face, **Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy,**
Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. That all of the world may
know your peace, **Lord have mer - cy.** That the poor be re - stored and the
bound re - leased, **Lord have mer - cy.** That the life of the church may be
strong and se - cure an - chored and cen - tered - sole - ly on you, and for gui - dance and grace in all that we do,
Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

leader
 Lord God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are
 congregation
 Lord God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are

4
 full of your glo - ry. Lord God of pow - er and might,
 full of your glo - ry. Lord God of pow - er and might,

7
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. *Fine* Glo - ry, Maj - e - sty, and
 (Lord God, Heaven - ly King the
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. *Fine* Glo - ry, Maj - e - sty,
 (Lord God, Heaven - ly King.

11
 Praise to Thee be gi - ven. Christ who takes a -
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther)
 and Praise to Thee be gi - ven. Christ who takes
 the on - ly Son of the Fa - ther)

14
 way our sin have mer - cy up - on us. *D.C. al Fine*
 a - way our sin have mer - cy up - on us. *D.C. al Fine*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lisa Lequia

NOISY OFFERING

WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2:1-4, 14, 17-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴ How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷ **All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸ You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹ **May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

³² You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³ **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴ May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b} **Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord; al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

***GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**

The holy gospel according to John, beginning at the twentieth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Mark Doidge

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of Gentleness



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing;
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these children of God, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism today.

Parents/Sponsors: I/we present (*name of confirmand*) who desires to make public affirmation of their baptism. (Confirmand's chosen Bible verse is read after each is presented.)

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God,

we thank you for these confirmands in Christ,

whom you have made your own by water and the word in baptism.

You have called them to yourself,

enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,

and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,

and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

All: Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

All: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

All: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

AFFIRMATION

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmand: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support these confirmands and pray for them in their life in Christ?

Congregation: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,
that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth,
cleanse us from sin,
and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in (*name of confirmand*) the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever.

Confirmand: Amen.

P: Let us rejoice with these confirmands.

Congregation:

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

***PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY



Thanks we bring to God a-bove for the bles-sings of His love, shown to us in count-less ways.



That is why we give our praise. Let us thank the Lord. Let us thank the Lord.



Bles-sings sim-ple, bles-sings grand come from God's al-might-y hand, far be-yond what we de-serve.



Let our thanks and praise be heard. Let us bless the Lord. Let us bless the Lord.



All we are and all we own comes from God and God a-lone!



All the bles-sings we re-ceive, far more than we can con-ceive, lead us then to give and share



with the need-y ev'-ry-where. Let us thank the Lord. Let us thank the Lord.

*INVITATION SONG

Leader: Come to the ta - ble of the... Congregation: Come to the ta - ble of the Lord to the ta - ble of the...

Come to the ta - ble of the Lord. Leader: 1. Wine is poured and bread is bro - ken,
2. Have no fear or hes - i - ta - tion,

Words of Institution are spoken here

Hear the gos - pel pro - mise spo - ken.
Come with hope and ex - pec - ta - tion.

All: Come as fam - 'ly friends and neigh - bors. Come en - count - er Christ the Sa - vior.

Leader: Come to the ta - ble of the... Congregation: Come to the ta - ble of the

Lord. to the ta - ble of the... Come to the ta - ble of the Lord.

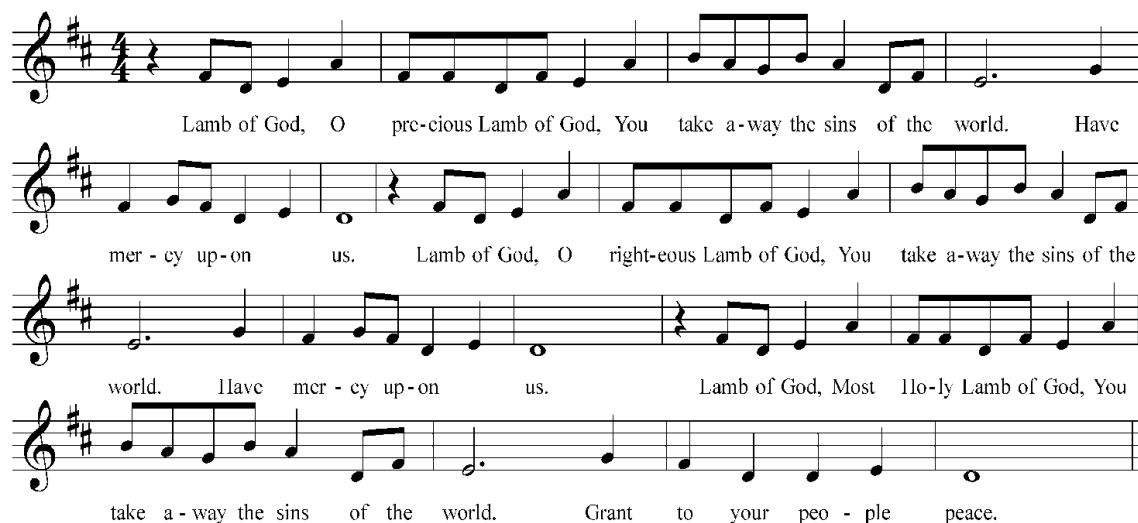
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it in heaven.
Give us this day is 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, O pre-cious Lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the world. Have
mer - cy up-on us. Lamb of God, O right-eous Lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the
world. Have mer - cy up-on us. Lamb of God, Most Ho-ly Lamb of God, You
take a - way the sins of the world. Grant to your peo - ple peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.
1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,
Refrain
wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

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Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Invigorated and uplifted by the Holy Spirit, let us pray. (brief silence)

Come, Holy Spirit, and bring us new appreciation for the earth itself and for all that makes life possible the soil, sea, and sky. Remind us that the abundance of our planet is meant to be shared - and help us to safeguard this world for those who come after us. Loving God,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Come, Holy Spirit, and make Your presence known in this hurting world. Shine Your light of truth wherever fear and hatred are spreading their darkness. Show us the way towards peace and give us the courage to work for that peace. Loving God,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Come, Holy Spirit, and renew Your church. Make us faithful to Your calling, that we might embrace kindness, work for justice, and walk humbly in the way of the cross. Bless this congregation, our pastors and other leaders, and give special blessing to the young people who are confirming their Christian faith today: Finley, Paige, Reagan, Amelia, Kenzie, and Brady. Help them to embrace all of life's exciting possibilities, and remind them of how much they are loved. Loving God,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Come, Holy Spirit, and uplift those who are bowed down by weariness or hurt in mind or body. We especially pray for In the midst of their difficulties, may they sense Your loving embrace and presence. Loving God,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Come, Holy Spirit, and comfort us in our sorrows- especially the sorrows we experience when we have lost someone we love. In life's most difficult losses, take us into Your tender care. In this Memorial Day weekend, we especially remember those who have lost their lives in service of our nation - and those who have lost their lives as first responders. Bless our remembrance of them and help us to draw inspiration from their devotion. Loving God,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Hear these spoken prayers and the unspoken prayers of our hearts, that we might know the abundant blessing to be found in Your grace, made perfect in Christ Jesus our Lord,

AMEN.

BLESSING

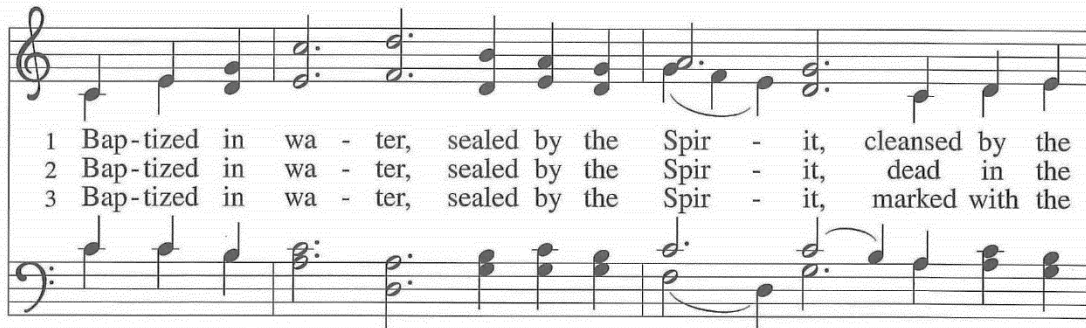
God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

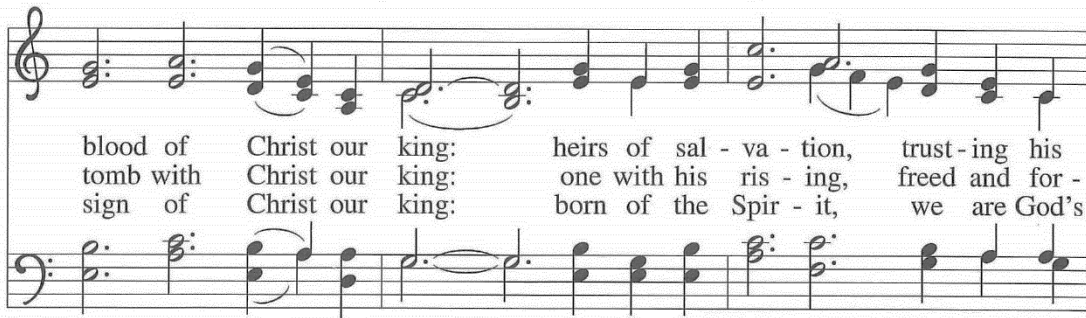
***CLOSING HYMN**

Baptized in Water

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1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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POSTLUDE

Please join us in the lounge for coffee and cake after the service.

Announcements



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning are in loving memory of Allen Carlson and Andrew Carlson, given by Eunice Carlson.

Welcome Visitors!

A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out one of the yellow cards in the pew rack in front of you so we can acknowledge your visit with us. You can put your completed card into the offering plate or give it to an usher or a pastor before you leave. Please join us in the lounge after worship for a treat and a time of fellowship.

Communion By Intinction

All are welcome to come to the table for Communion. We offer Holy Communion through Intinction (dipping the wafer into the chalice of wine). There are gluten free wafers and grape juice available in the center. If you feel more comfortable communing in your pew, there are individual cups available on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

Welcome Family and Friends of Our Confirmands

A special welcome to the family and friends of Finley Godson, Paige Kupper, Reagan Larson, Amelia Mason, Kenzie Poffenberger, and Brady Remington, who will confirm their faith this morning. We are happy you could be here with us today! Please join us after worship in the lounge for cake and coffee.

Graduate Recognition

We will honor our graduates during the worship service on Sunday, May 31. If you or someone in your family is graduating from high school, college, or a technical program, please send us their picture, what school they are graduating from, the degree earned, their plan for the future, and let us know if they will be able to attend the service. The graduate information will be printed in the bulletin and the June newsletter. The deadline to get your information to the office is tomorrow, **Monday, May 25th**! Send it to: -office.hclc@gmail.com

Relay For Life Luminaria Bags Available Today!

This year the Relay For Life will be on June 5th at Campus Park in Mt. Pleasant. Susan Anderson will have luminaria bags for sale after worship today and on May 31st. Each bag is \$10.00 and all funds go to the American Cancer Society. You can decorate your bag here or take it home. Bags must be returned to the office by Wednesday, June 3rd. Questions? Contact susananderson@shorewest.com

Diaper Ministry

Sincere thanks to Linda Godson for sponsoring the May Diaper Depot delivery! Your support of the diaper allows us to help an average of 52 clients and to distribute over 1,100 diapers each time we are open! Our next distribution dates are May 27th from 4 – 6 PM and June 10th from 11AM - 1 PM.. Contact Kylee Albright, kygregg@mac.com, or Amy Larsen, amylarsen2406@att.net, with questions or to volunteer.

Office and Food Pantry Closed Tomorrow

The church office and the food pantry will be closed on Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day.

HCLC Scholarship

We are pleased to offer a scholarship for Holy Communion students moving on to higher education after high school! To qualify, you must be a Holy Communion member, accepted and attending an unders\graduate university, college, or technical school for the 2026-2027 school year. This is a one-time scholarship (\$500) for youth who have been active in the life of faith (Sunday School, Confirmation, volunteering) at Holy Communion. There is a short application required. Applications should be returned to the church office at office.hclc@gmail.com by July 1st. Applications will be reviewed and we will require a class schedule to be submitted before funds will be released. Questions? Please contact Lynn Helmke lynnhelmke226@gmail.com.

Ketchup Club Tuesday, June 2

The next Ketchup Club lunch is Tuesday, June 2nd at 11:30 at The Chartroom, 209 Dodge St. These lunches are a fun way to catch up with old friends and possibly make some new connections. Let Pastor Laura, pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com or the office, office.hclc@gmail.com know if you plan to be there so we can reserve a table. If you unexpectedly find yourself free, please come and join us and we will gladly make room at the table for you!

In-person attendance on Sunday, May 17, 2026 - Households watching online -

Food Pantry

For June the pantry is asking for donations of 15 oz. cans of mixed fruit, 10 oz. cans of cream of chicken and cream of mushroom soup, toothpaste, bar soap and single packs or two packs of toothbrushes. We also need clean, lightly used, plastic and large, brown paper shopping bags. If you have cookbooks, children's Bible storybooks, greeting cards, pens, or pencils that you won't use, the pantry clients are happy to receive them. Thank you all for your generosity and love for your neighbors!

June Birthday Club, Thursday, June 4

If you have a June birthday, we want to celebrate with you! Come to the lounge at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 4th for a birthday donut, coffee, and some fun conversation. Hope to see you there

Spotlight on HCLC's Donations from the Tithe Fund.

Many of you will remember the wonderful blessing we received last calendar year from estate money. In years past we had approved a continuing resolution to set aside a 10% tithe from larger donations received by the church. Last year's estate gift resulted in a tithe fund and we asked for the congregation to give input on what the council should do with that money. We received many wonderful suggestions from all of you and after some discussions, decisions have been made. We will be spotlighting where the funds will go in bulletins and the newsletter. What a blessing we have been given and what a blessing to be able to share it!

Tithe Spotlight: RUSD Student Aged Parenting Program

The RUSD School Aged Parenting Program is a program run by two nurses at RUSD to support students up to 20 years of age with the 3 main goals of having a healthy baby, growing parenting skills as mothers and fathers, and supporting efforts to graduate from high school. They have made many connections and have wonderful success stories from their many years of helping students succeed. HCLC has connected with them through our Diaper Ministry and are looking for other ways to support their efforts. We see specialized backpack/school supply drives in our future!

Tithe Spotlight: DSAW

The Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin (DSAW) has been the recipient of many lemonade stand donations and walk-a-thon support in years past by the Larson family and we will be supporting Payton and DSAW again with some of our tithe money this year! DSAW is committed to creating awareness, expanding acceptance and providing assistance for people of all ages with Down syndrome and other disabilities.

For more information on DSAW please visit dsaw.org.

Noisy Offering Impact

Thank you for your generous donations to the Noisy offering! We wanted to let you know what we collected and where the children decided

January, 2026 = \$246.98

February, 2026 = \$295.52

March, 2026 = \$284.81

April, 2026 = \$411.85

GRAND TOTAL = \$1,239.16

The Sunday School children decided to use the collections (January-April) to support

ELCA Good Gifts - 1 Family Farm, 3 piglets, 3 chicks = \$835

Lutheran World Relief for people affected by war in Ukraine = \$400

The children also gave out two KIVA loans to people in the Philippines. These funds are from previous loans that had been repaid:

Canned goods for inventory to open a store - \$25

Fishing supplies to keep a fishing business going - \$25

Save the Date!

While you are getting all your summer planning done, don't forget to put the church picnic on your calendar! We will worship in the Wicczorek Pavillion at Pritchard Park, 2800 Ohio St. (same place as the last two years) at 9:30 a.m. After worship we'll have a potluck picnic lunch. Rain or shine we will gather in the park and rejoice!

Save The Dates for Vacation Bible School!

The theme of Vacation Bible School 2026 is Radiant: Created to Shine! Just like stained glass becomes beautiful when light shines through it, we become radiant when God's light shines through us. We will start in church on Sundays, June 28th, July 26, and August 23. Kids are encouraged to bring a friend! Watch for more information coming to your email soon and look for the sign up link in the June Chalice newsletter.

Psalm 103 Call to Worship Lyrics

*O, my soul, bless God! From head to toe, I'll bless His holy name!
O, my soul, bless God- and do not forget a single blessing!*

As high as heaven is over the earth - so strong is His love to those who fear Him.

As far as sunrise is from sunset, He has separated us from our sins.

As a Father cares for His children, so does the Lord cherish those who fear Him.

Prayer Team

The HCLC Prayer Team wants to pray for you! Share your joys, sorrows and concerns and your brothers and sisters in Christ will hold you in prayer. There is power and blessing in praying for each other. Send your prayer requests to amylarsen2406@att.net. Look for the lavender prayer request cards in the pew racks. You can write your prayer request on the card and put it in the offering plate, give it to an usher, or bring it to the office.

If you would like to become part of the prayer team and receive the prayer request emails once or twice a week, please contact the office or Amy Larsen. And of course, you can always call or email the office to have a name added to the prayers on Sunday morning. For confidentiality reasons we only use first names for our prayers on Sunday mornings and in our prayer emails. **Prayer changes things!**

Quilting Group

The HCLC quilters meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Often, when natural disasters strike or war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts is a tangible way to express love to our neighbors in need. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, simple tents or floor coverings. Each one reflects God's loving presence in a world rife with suffering. No quilting experience is needed to be able to help! You can also help by making a donation to help purchase batting or by donating lightly used full, queen, or king size flat sheets that you no longer need that they can repurpose as backings for the quilts. Contact Evelyn Lajiness, 262-634-0527, or Linda Holmquist, 262-633-0032, with questions.

Upcoming Worship, Education, Fellowship, and Service Opportunities

Sunday, May 24 – 9:30 Worship/Confirmation service

Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day – office and food pantry closed

Tuesday, May 26 – 1:00 Quilting Group

Wednesday, May 27 – 4:00 – 6:00 Diaper Ministry

Friday, May 29 – 12:30 Food Pantry

Sunday, May 31 – 9:30 Worship

Monday, June 1 – 12:30 Food Pantry

Tuesday, June 2 – 11:30 Ketchup Club Lunch

Thursday, June 4 – 10:00 Birthday Club

Friday, June 5 – 12:30 Food Pantry

Sunday, June 7 – 9:30 Worship

Monday, June 8 – 12:30 Food Pantry

Tuesday, June 9 – 1:00 Quilting Group

Wednesday, June 10 – 11:00 – 1:00 Diaper Ministry

Friday, June 12 – 12:30 Food Pantry

Holy Communion Church Council

President Joleen Carlson president, Vice President Gary Wood, Secretary Laurie Knudson, Treasurer Kylee Albright, Members at large Rose Adamski, Steve Barootian, David Knudson, Rebecca Mason, and Polly Timmerman

Office hours Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Finance Update

April Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$57,789.99

Expense: \$48,756.82

Net Income: \$9,033.17

Year to Date Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$221,694.76

Expense: \$217,697.62

Income: \$3,997.14

In-person attendance on Sunday, May 17 – 120 Households watching online – 19