

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost



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 assisting minister Kate Potter-Barrow, lector and communion assistant Roger Degerman, AV technician Kylee Albright, ushers Dave Barlament, Jim Buhler, Tim Krikau, and Gary Wee, and 08r musicians and Gregory 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)

*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.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,

all you who are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

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 anchored and cen-tered - sole-ly on you, and for guidance 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 the
(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.

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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**

Let us pray.

**O God our defender,
storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid.
Rescue your people from despair,
deliver your sons and daughters from fear,
and preserve us in the faith of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" (congregations sings the words printed in bold)

**He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole wide world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.**

1. He's got the rivers and the seas **in His hands**. He's got the fields and the trees **in His hands**.
He's got the butterflies and bees **in His hands**. **He's got the whole world in His hands.**

2. He's got the birds of the air **in His hands**. He's got the deer and the bear **in His hands**.
Living creatures everywhere **in His hands**. **He's got the whole world in His hands.**

3. He's got the wind and the rains **in His hands**. He's got the mountains and the plains **in His hands**.
He's got the flowers and the grains **in His hands**. **He's got the whole world in His hands.**

**He's got the world in His hands. He's got the whole wide world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.**

4. And when we're laughing and we're playing, we're **In His hands**. When we're singing and we're praying,
we're **in His hands**.
And even when we are straying, we're **in His Hands**. **He's got the whole world in His hands.**

5. He holds us close when we're crying - **in His hands** when it's hard to keep trying- (we're) **in His hands** -
when we're struggling and we're sighing - (we're) **in His hands**. **He's got the whole world in His hands.**

6. He's got you and me, brother, **in His hands**. He's got you and me, sister, **in His hands**.
He's got everybody here in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.

**He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole wide world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lisa Lequia

NOISY OFFERING

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Calm to the Waves”**

Calm to the Waves

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the last two lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The music features a mix of chords and moving lines, with some parts in the bass clef and others in the treble clef.

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be still."

Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still - ness, hear his voice.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: CALM SEAS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962
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***GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Calm to the Waves”**

SERMON Pastor Mark Doidge

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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*APOSTLE'S CREED

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

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.

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

*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 and 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

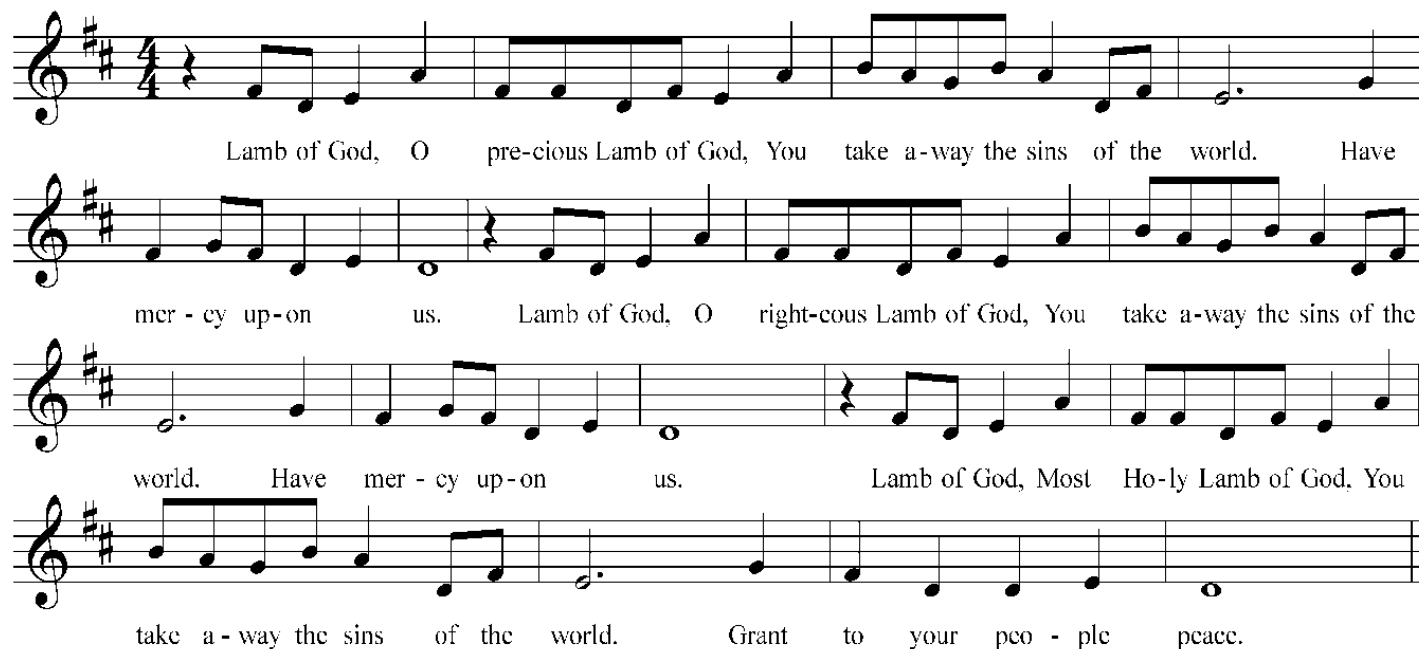
Lord. to the ta - ble of the... Come to the ta - ble of the Lord.

***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**

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-cous 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.

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Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.



3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

*PASSING OF THE 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.

BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray. (brief silence)

We are thankful, Creator God, for the opportunity to gather in this beautiful setting. Help us to see this beauty with open and appreciative eyes- and help us to learn how to live in the world more wisely and sensitively. Loving God,

WITH YOU WE ARE UNAFRAID.

We are inspired, Compassionate God, by the good works being done in our community on behalf of those struggling with homelessness, poverty, or hunger. Guide us to embrace every opportunity we can to be part of those ministries, so that we may experience the rich blessing that comes from being a blessing to others. Loving God,

WITH YOU WE ARE UNAFRAID.

We are troubled, Mighty God, by the forces at work in our world that foster anger, suspicion and division and which seem to be driving us further and further away from the life you intend for us to live. Remind us that there is nothing more powerful than love- and that your light can scatter even the deepest darkness. Loving God,

WITH YOU WE ARE UNAFRAID.

We are comforted, Caring God, in the certain hope that you walk with us not only in life's joys - but in life's difficulties as well. Walk with all who are weighed down with hurts in body, mind, or spirit. <Names>. Extend your grace to them and to those who care for them. Loving God,

WITH YOU WE ARE UNAFRAID.

We are reminded, Ever-Present God, that You are always with us even in the midst of life's toughest challenges. We continue to lift up the people of Menasha, Wisconsin and the surrounding area as they work to rebuild their community and their lives. In the heart of their despair, may they be uplifted by the precious gift of hope - and inspire each of us to be generous in our outreach to those in need. Loving God,

WITH YOU WE ARE UNAFRAID.

We are refreshed, Gracious God, by your invigorating Holy Spirit. In our sadness, grant us joy. In our weakness, grant us strength. In our fear, grant us courage. In our frustration, grant us patience. In our arrogance, grant us humility. And in our doubt, grant us faith. Loving God,

WITH YOU WE ARE UNAFRAID.

Hear these spoken prayers and the unspoken prayers of our hearts, and continue to bestow on us the full measure of your grace and mercy, through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

✠ one God,

bles, heal, and hold you

today and always.

Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

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Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.
Music: Welsh folk tune
Text © 1964 World Library Publications

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***DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near! Go and share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements

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 that is your preference.

School Supply Drive and Picnic Giveaway

As part of our Hope on a Hill mission we are collecting school supplies for our community! We need spiral notebooks, 3 prong plastic folders, no. 2 pencils, black or blue pens, loose leaf paper, erasers, pencil pouches, Crayola markers, and Kleenex. We will be handing out the supplies at a picnic meal on Sunday, August 23rd and could use your help setting up, serving, and handing out supplies. Set up will begin at 2:30, picnic is 4-6. After worship next Sunday, we'll be distributing flyers in the neighborhood and packing supplies and would love your help getting the word out to our neighborhood.

School teachers, counselors, other school staff who are members of HCLC:

Your church family would like to help you and your students start the school year off with less worry and expense by giving you some basic supplies. We want you to know we admire, respect, and appreciate the work you do, and want you to feel love and supported by your church family as you start a new year in this honorable, but oh so challenging, line of work.

If you work in education and would like to participate, please contact Kate Potter-Barrow. Texting is best at 262.498.7593.

Food Pantry

For August the pantry is asking for donations of tuna, cereal, Jilly corn muffin mix, cake mixes, and frosting. They always need clean, lightly used, plastic and large, brown paper shopping bags. If you have cookbooks, children's Bible storybooks, adult inspirational books, 2027 calendars, and/or pens, or pencils that you won't use, the pantry clients are happy to receive them. We have an overabundance of greeting cards, so please, no more cards right now. Thank you all for your generosity and love for your neighbors!

Diaper Ministry

Thanks to Kristin Hahner for sponsoring this month's Diaper Depot delivery in memory of Mardell Ferg.

The Diaper Ministry continues to grow! We now help an average of 59 clients and give away 1,340 diapers each session. We have served 143 individuals in 2026. Of interest is that more of our recent new clients are adults rather than children!

Our August distribution dates are August 12th from 11AM – 1PM and August 26th from 4 – 6 PM. Contact Kylee Albright kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net with questions or to volunteer.

Birthday Club

If you have an August birthday we hope you will be able to join us at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 13th. Come have a birthday donut and a cup of coffee and celebrate with us!

Monday Morning Bible Study Fellowship Lunch

The Monday Morning Bible Study will meet for a delicious and relaxed luncheon at Joey's Yardarm, 920 Erie St., at 11:30 on Monday, August 17th. Come enjoy laughter, fellowship, and a relaxed meal together as we soak up the last stretch of summer!

In person attendance on Sunday, August 2, 2026 – 100 Households watching worship online - 21

Craft Sale Fundraiser for Our Youth

To help the young people attend the 2027 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next year, let's have a Craft sale!! Nov. 8, 2026. Please donate your crafts of any kind and all proceeds will go to the youth. Soft goods, (table runners, napkins, hand or tote bags), wood items(Christmas trees, welcome signs, shelves), wreaths, paper goods. More info to follow. Questions, contact Linda Godson.

Third Tuesday Bible Study

THIRD TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY meets at the home of Julie Burton: 136 Steeplechase Drive, from 10:00 to 11:30 on August 18th. Bring Bibles to discuss Acts 16:25 to 17:34 using the William Barclay study guide on pages 146-157. It begins with Paul and Silas in jail and continues with the conversion of many in Corinth. Bring your Bible and be inspired by these early Christians.

Book Club

The Book Club is meeting on Wednesday, August 12th 10:00. We will be discussing The Sideways Life of Denny Voss by Holly Kennedy. We will be meeting at Julie Burton's home, 136 Steeplechase Dr. Everyone is welcomed to join us. Our book for September 9th is The Lost Apothecary.

HCLC Quilters

The HCLC quilters meet at 1:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday each month to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. You do not have to have any quilting experience to help. If you have any lightly used full, queen, or king size sheets you no longer need, the quilters will take them to use as quilt backs.

Upcoming Worship, Service, Education, and Fellowship Opportunities

Sunday, August 9 – 9:30 Worship in the Park/Church Picnic at Pritchard Park

Monday, August 10 – 12:30 Food Pantry

Tuesday, August 11 – 1:00 Quilters

Wednesday, August 12 – 10:00 – Book Club

11:00 – 1:00 Diaper Ministry

Thursday, August 13 – 10:00 Birthday Club

Friday, August 14- 12:30 Food Pantry

Sunday, August 16 – 9:30 Worship

10:45 – Assembling School Supply Bags & Distributing Flyers in the Neighborhood

Monday, August 17 – 11:30 Bible Study Lunch at Joey's Yardarm

12:30 Food Pantry

Tuesday, August 18 – 10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study

Friday, August 21 – 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

June Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$37,299.40
Expense: \$49,547.64
Net Income: \$(12,248.24)

Year-to-date Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$295,220.08
Expense: \$322,393.16
Net Income: \$(27,172.18)