

Sunday, July 5, 2026
The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

“COME TO ME, ALL YOU
WHO ARE WEARY AND
BURDENED AND I WILL
GIVE YOU REST”
MATTHEW 11:28, NIV



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 Laura Jansen, lector Linda Godson, AV technician Lynn Helmke, altar guild Grade Deibert, Sue DiPasquale Peterson, Katie Peterson, and Lynn Sinclair, ushers Jim Carlson, Roger Degerman, David Leisner, and Gary Wood, councilperson in charge Gary Wood, and musicians Ann Heide, Elaine Lewis, 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.
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***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
source of hope in every nation,
rest for the weary,
glory and peace to the ends of the earth.
Amen.

Let us bring every burden to God.

God of all mercy,
**we have sinned against you,
our neighbors, and your creation.
Within ourselves and our communities,
our desire to do what is good
is at war with the evil that dwells in us.
We lament the evil that holds us captive.
We repent of the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us
for lives of compassion and courage
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

All-merciful, Almighty God
forgive you all your sins
through the grace of † Jesus Christ,
and by the Spirit's power
strengthen you in doing what is good.
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
 (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**

Let us pray.

**You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised.
You have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you,
know you, and serve you,
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lisa Lequia

NOISY OFFERING

WORD

FIRST READING: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in love.

⁹ **LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

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: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the eleventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Laura Fladten

***HYMN OF THE DAY “Come Unto Me” (GB)**

Congregation sings the refrain



Come un - to me all ye who are wea - ry. Come un - to me - ye who
carr-y heav-y bur-dens. Come un-to me. Come un-to me and I will give you rest.

Leader: Come to the fountain, the fountain of goodness
Taste the living waters that are flowing there.
Waters to renew you, refreshment flowing through you,
Taste and you will know my tender gracious care.

Refrain

Leader: Come to the mountain, the mountain of mercy..
There you will be sheltered in my pastures green.
Though the world be shaken, you are not forsaken.
In my Word of promise may you now believe.

***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 Come the with gos - pel and pro - mise - spo - ken.
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 - cious 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.

Bread of Life from Heaven

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Refrain

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

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|---|---------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Break now the bread | of Christ's sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing |
| 2 | Seek not the food | that will pass a - way; | set your |
| 3 | Love as the one | who, in love for you, | gave him - |
| 4 | Dwell in the one | who now dwells in you; | make your |
| 5 | Drink of this cup | and de - clare his death; | eat this |

thanks, hun - gry ones,	gath - er round.	Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food	that en - dures.	Come, learn the true and the
self for the life	of the world.	Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing	Word.	Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve	Eas - ter morn;	trust his re - turn and, with

sat - is - fied;	in Christ's pres - ence	the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way,	that the full - ness	of life may be yours.
food for you,	that your hun - ger	and thirst be no more.
One of God,	and be - lieve	in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath,	praise the one	in whom you are re - born.

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 Music: Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas
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ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD
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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.

*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.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,
for waves of grain and harvesters,
fruitful vines and winepresses,
for our labor and our rest,
for the gifts of your hand in this land.
Transform us and what we offer
into the banquet of your compassion,
serving your love without limits
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray. (brief silence)

We pray for the church - and for this congregation - that we might be alive in your Spirit and attentive to your Word. Guide us as we look to the future. In our fear, grant us courage. In our discouragement, grant us hope. In our sorrow, grant us new joy. And in our hesitancy, help us to be open to new possibilities for ministry in our community and in the wider world. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for our country - for our leaders - and for all of us as citizens that You might help us to rebuild the lines of communication and trust that have been broken. Help us to listen more attentively and respectfully to one another - even to those we see as adversaries. Where it is possible, make us open to compromise and cooperation, so we might find ways to work together for the good of all. And when we find ourselves compelled to stand our ground, help us to do so with humility and always with love at the heart of all we say and do. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for our community - and especially for those who are struggling in any way for whatever reason. Help us to see the needy in our community with compassion and grace, and remind us of the importance of loving others not only in words - but also in deeds of kindness. Bless the work of our food pantry, our diaper ministry, and all of the other ways in which we seek to minister to the needs of others. Remind us that it is in giving that we receive the richest blessings that life has to offer. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for the sick, the weary, the discouraged - for all who are weighed down by hurts of any kind. We pray for..... We continue to pray for those caught in the devastation of the earthquakes in Venezuela ... for those living in places of conflict ... those contending with dangerous heat ... for all who are bearing difficulty burdens. Grant them help. And remind all of us of the importance of being grateful for the blessings we have been given. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We offer these spoken prayers- and the unspoken prayers of our hearts - knowing that you hear our prayers and respond with grace and mercy beyond all measure, through Christ our Lord,

AMEN.

BLESSING

The Author of life,
the Word of salvation,
the Breath of new birth,
✠ one God, bless you
and equip you for living and serving,
today and every day.

Amen.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy
hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Please join us in the lounge for coffee and fellowship.



Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning are in memory of Joe Cuccio, Jr. given with love by Jim & Joleen Carlson and Kevin & Joan Watson..

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.

Food Pantry

For July the pantry is asking for donations of 15 oz. cans of mixed fruit, 15 oz. cans of peaches, tomato soup, canned pasta, pork & beans, and instant potatoes. 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!

Diaper Ministry

Thanks to Joleen and Jim Carlson who sponsor this month's Diaper Depot delivery in memory of Joe Cuccio.

Do you have any children's books or clothing at home which are not needed anymore? Please consider donating them to our ministry. July distribution dates are July 8 th from 11AM – 1PM and July 22 nd from 4-6 PM.

Contact Kylee Albright kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net with questions or to volunteer.



Save the Date! Picnic and Undie Sunday, August 9th

While you are getting all your summer planning done, don't forget to put the church picnic on calendar. We will worship in the Wieczorek Pavillion at Pritchard Park, 2800 Ohio St. (same place as the last two years) on Sunday, August 9th at 9:30p.a.m. After worship we'll have a potluck picnic lunch.

And, we are launching a brand-new outreach effort that day: Undie Sunday. This new ministry grows out of our congregations long-held commitment to share Christ's love through caring for our neighbors with dignity and compassion. We'll be collecting all sizes of new underwear, t-shirts, and socks for children, teens, and adults in our community. These basics, often overlooked but always needed, provide comfort, confidence, and a tangible reminder of God's love made practical.

On kick-off Sunday we will bless the first donations during worship and celebrate the start of this new ministry. Rain or shine we will gather in the park and rejoice!

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Men's Group

The men's group will meet in the lounge at 9:00 a.m. this Friday, July 10th. All men are encouraged to join them for coffee and conversation. Questions? Contact Pastor Mark, pastormark.hclc@gmail.com

Youth Gathering Informational Meeting

Youth going into grades 8th-12th are invited to learn more about the **2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis**...a powerful time of worship & fun, service & learning, and community building with thousands of Lutheran teens from across the country and beyond. This life-shaping experience helps young people grow in faith, build friendships, and see the church in a whole new way.



Join us for an **Informational Meeting** on **either July 19th or July 26th (following worship in the youth/education room)** to hear details about the trip, fundraising, and how our group will prepare together. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Laura.

Ketchup Club

Plan to join us for lunch at 11:30 on Tuesday, July 7th at The Chartroom, 209 Dodge St. The group enjoyed their meal there so much in June they decided to return in July! These relaxed, casual lunches are a nice way to catch up with old friends and make some new ones! If you know you will be there, contact Pastor Laura, pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com, or the office, office.hclc@gmail.com so we can get the right size table. If you suddenly find yourself free, please come join us and we'll happily make room for another chair at the table.

Lounge Mural

The wall in our lounge is filling up with names of past and current members! The plan is to have the leaves continue down the hallway as if they are blowing towards the sanctuary. Each leaf is \$10 and the sign up sheets can be found in the back of the sanctuary, the welcome center and the office. Please make checks payable to Holy Communion and put "lounge tree mural" in the memo line or on the envelope.

Altar Flowers

There are still open dates for altar flowers. No one is signed up for July 12th or 19th, August 16th, 23rd, and 30th, October 25th, November 8th, 15th, and 29th. Each vase costs \$28.00 and there is room for two vases each week. There are altar flower forms in the office, the welcome center, and in the back of the sanctuar

In person attendance on Sunday, June 28th – 113 Households watching worship online - 15

