

Sunday, June 14, 2026
The Third 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 Laura Jansen, lector Marianne Jensen, AV technician Lynn Helmke, altar guild Cindy Myhre and Lynn Reikkoff, ushers Dave Krueger, Steve Baroorian, Gary Lequia, and Ed Wosilait, and our musicians Cheryl Belland and 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.
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 guid - ance 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**

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Simple Song” (Nancy Honeytree)

(Please see the lyrics in the back of the bulletin)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Lisa Lequia

NOISY OFFERING

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 19:-8a

² [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³ Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴ ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶ but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

⁷ So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a} The people all answered as one, “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

² Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence with a song.

³ **Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;
we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.**

⁴ Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God’s holy name.

⁵ **Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***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 9:35 – 10:8, 16**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

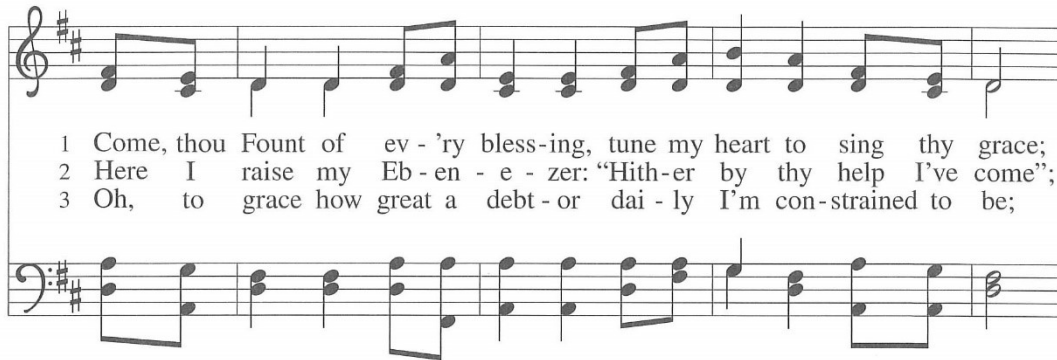
¹⁶ “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Gregory Berg

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 807



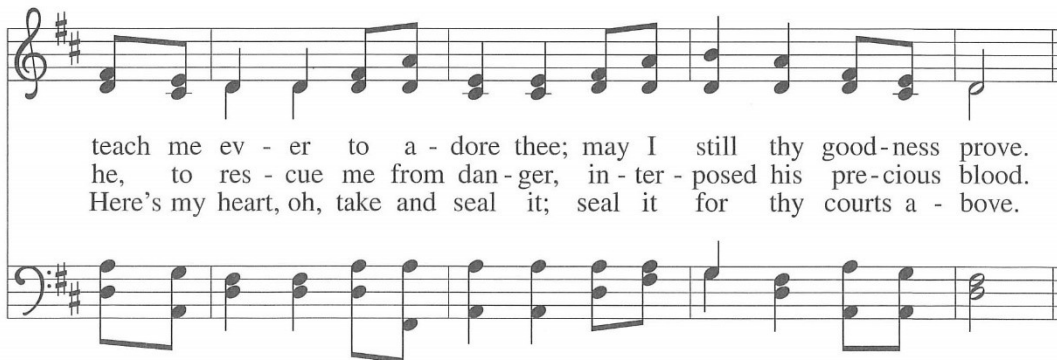
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith - er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.
Music: J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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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**

***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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gracious God, bless your holy church - and bless this congregation, that we may be a beacon of hope and a force for good in the world. Invigorate our concern and empathy for each other and for our neighbors. Guide the leaders of our congregation and give them wisdom as they confront challenging questions. And help us never to take for granted the opportunity to gather together in worship. Loving God,
HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Gracious God, inspire the leaders of the world to work first and foremost for the well-being of all people, including those most vulnerable and marginalized. Illuminate the way towards a more peaceful world where we understand one another more deeply and celebrate our common humanity. Bring blessing and hope to those who are living in areas of conflict - and guide those who are engaged in the challenging work of peacemaking. Loving God,
HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Gracious God, we ask you to be vibrantly present in the lives of those who are struggling with cares and hurts or any kind. Uplift the weary, comfort the grieving, encourage the despairing, reassure the anxious, and bring your healing to the ill or hurting. We especially pray for..... Loving God,
HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Gracious God, in Your bountiful grace we find refreshment and replenishment. Bless Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura - and all others who are on the road for any reason. May these next weeks and months be a time for new joys, for much-needed renewal, and for enjoying the many-splendored beauty of the world around us. Loving God,
HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Hear the prayers we bring before you, that we might in turn receive your gifts of life, love, and peace, through Christ our Lord,
AMEN

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

COMMITMENT, DISCIPLESHIP

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Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song
Jésus, je voudrais te chanter

1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

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***DISMISSAL**

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Thanks be to God.

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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 Ron & Karen Larson in honor of what have been their 55th wedding anniversary, given by Andy, Amy, Morgan, Reagan, and Peyton Larson and in honor of Giulia Ferrentino's 10th birthday, given by her Grammy.

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.

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 undergraduate 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 requirement. 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.

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!

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) on Sunday, August 9th 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!

Diaper Ministry

An anonymous donor sponsored the June Diaper Depot delivery. This month we'd like to take a minute to thank our wonderful volunteers. Your help makes this ministry possible! Our next distribution dates are June 24 from 4-6PM and July 8 from 11AM – 1PM. Contact Amy Larsen, amylarsen2406@att.net or Kylee Albright, kygregg@me.com with questions or to volunteer.

Men's Group

The men's group will meet in the lounge at 9:00 a.m. this Friday, June 19th. All men are encouraged to join them for coffee and conversation. Questions? Contact Pastor Mark, pastormark.hclc@gmail.com

Third Tuesday Bible Study

Third Tuesday Bible Study meets June 16th at Julie Burton's home (136 Steeplechase Drive) from 10:00 to 11:30. The study discusses Acts 14:19 to 16:5 using the insights of William Barclay. Bring different translations of the Bible to enrich the discussion.

Spotlight on HCLC's Remaining Refugee Funds

Remember the Refugee Fund that had left over funds from when we were sponsoring our 3 Afghan men? As they moved away and we were no longer sponsoring them, we looked for other appropriate places to distribute those funds. The following organizations are the recipients we ended up choosing. One is a "national" organization doing work at the Texas border and the other is a local organization right here in Racine!

Refugee Funds Spotlight: RAICES

Refugee & Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES) makes it their mission to deliver legal and social services to people and families who want to put down roots in the U.S. and cultivate welcoming communities that uphold our collective freedoms. For 40 years they have provided a model for humane U.S. immigration through legal aid, social services and rights advocacy. Without these services, clients - including children, would be left to defend themselves and their rights alone. We are hoping our funds are a blessing to the many clients they are helping. For more information go to: <https://raicestexas.org>

Racine Literacy Council

As the old saying goes...**reading is fundamental!**

Literacy: is the ability to read, write and comprehend information. A person cannot adequately function in a society without this basic ability. Literacy improves people's lives, by making people more productive, more employable, more confident and yes... happier. In the United States over 20% of our citizens struggle with low levels of literacy. It is estimated that 54% of US adults have literacy skills at or below the 6th grade level. A significant number of those adults are people who were born outside of the United States. This struggle to read, communicate and comprehend information is not only an educational and social problem... It is an economic problem too. Over two billion dollars is lost every year due to low levels of literacy. So when we give to the Racine Literacy Council we are helping our community, our economy and our neighbors. The Racine Literacy council works diligently with people of all ages and backgrounds. They are teaching English as a second language classes, they are mentoring, tutoring and supporting people who have moved here from other places. They are improving the lives of our neighbors by helping them with language and technology skills. They help people fill out paperwork, get jobs, maintain budgets and obtain driver's licenses. Their stated goal is to help residents attain their full potential and lead happy, productive and integrated lives. The Racine Literacy Council is doing excellent work. They have helped thousands of people, and they are continuing to help people change and improve their lives... and oh by the way... they need volunteers too! 😊

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 sanctuary.

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.

Monday Morning Bible Study Breakfast at The Meadows Restaurant

A reminder to all Monday Morning Bible Study attendees, that during the summer break we have scheduled a couple of breakfasts together. The first is Monday, June 22nd at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at The Meadows Restaurant, 10615 Northwestern Ave. in Franksville. It will be good to be together again to catch up!

