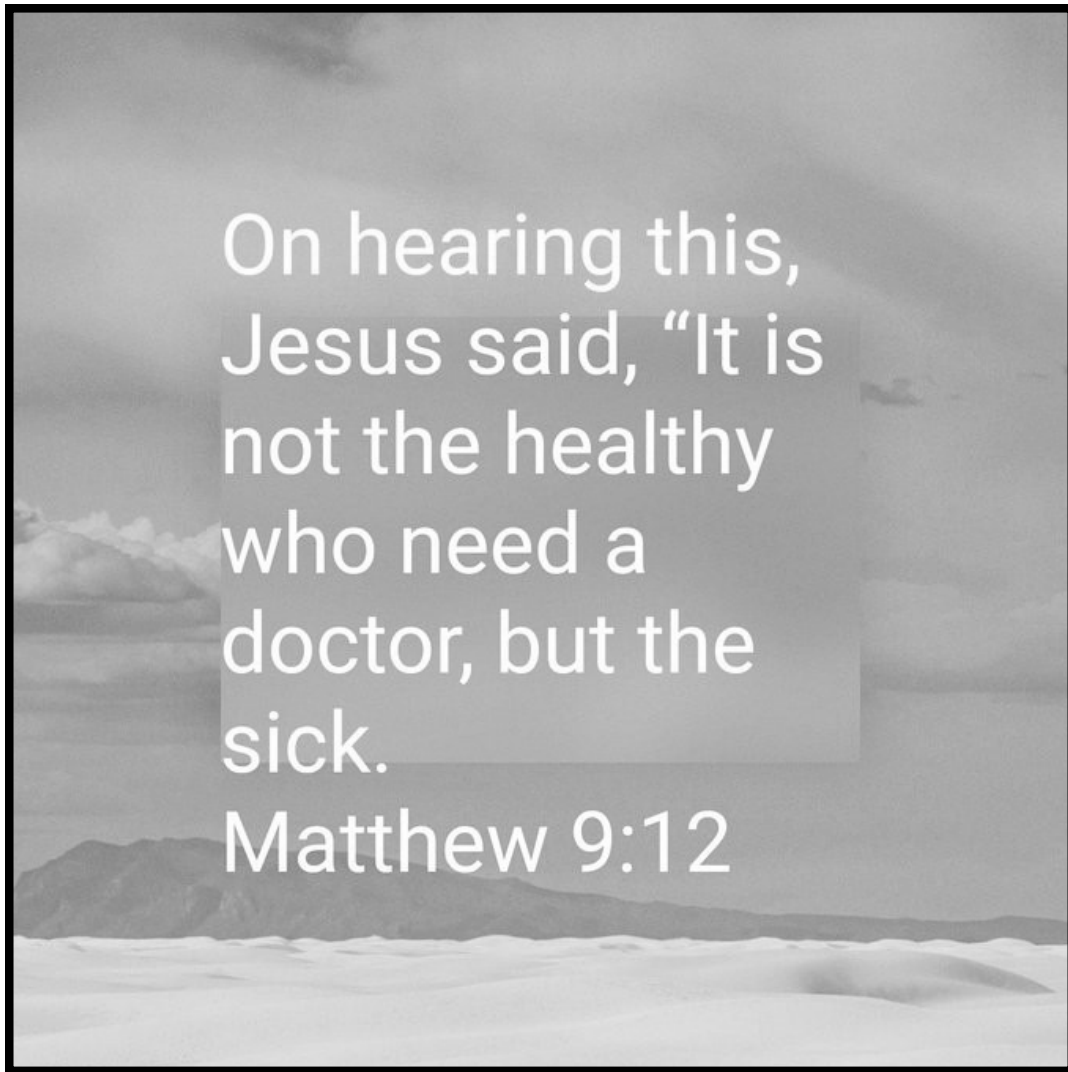


**Sunday, June 22, 2025**  
**The Second Sunday After Pentecost**



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

*Special thanks to Gregory Berg, assisting minister Laura Jansen, greeter Sally Neitzel, lector Joleen Carlson, AV technicians Kylee Albright and Sawyer Krenzke, ushers David Krueger, Steve Barootian, Gary Lequia, and Ed Wosilait, altar guild Karen Johnson, Cindy Myhre, and Lynn Riekoff, coffee fellowship Sally Neitzel and Joanne Steeves, councilperson in charge Joleen Carlson, and musicians Elaine Lewis and Randy Fischer for sharing their time and talent with us today.*

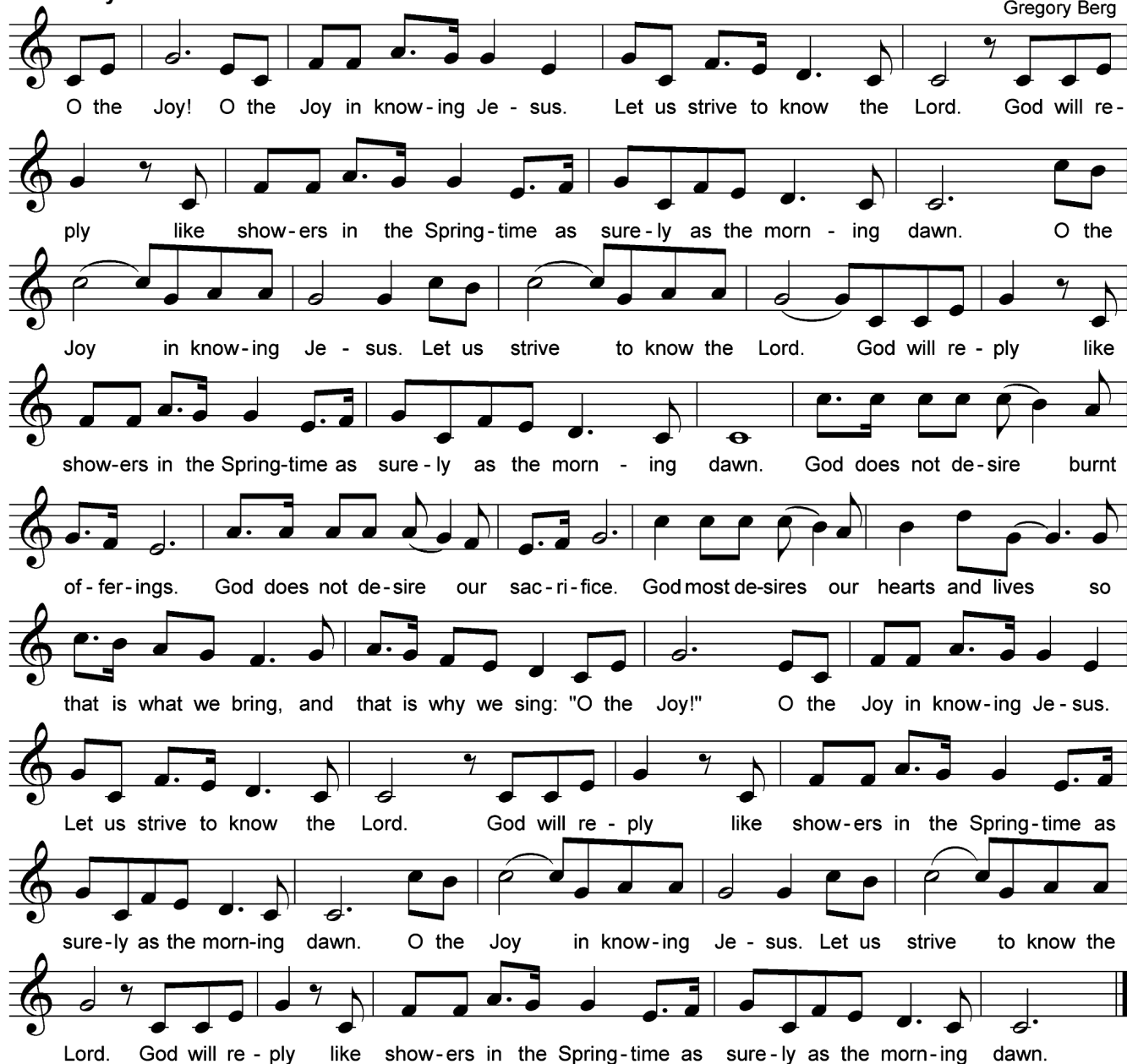
*Please stand, if you are able, where there is an asterisk \* in the bulletin.*

**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  
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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**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,**  
**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**  
**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**  
**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**  
**You surround us with patience, kindness,**  
**and generosity,**  
**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**  
**In your mercy, forgive us.**  
**Do not give up on us.**  
**Heal us, break our bonds,**  
**and show us the path of life.**  
**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✝ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**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 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

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

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

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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,

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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)

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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 Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world.  
In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us,  
and defend us from everything that is evil,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **WORD**

**First Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6**

<sup>15</sup> I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favor:

<sup>6:1</sup>“Come, let us return to the LORD;  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup> Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

<sup>4</sup> What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

<sup>6</sup> For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 22:19-28**

<sup>19</sup> But you, O LORD, be not far away;

O my help, hasten to my aid.

<sup>20</sup> **Deliver me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.**

<sup>21</sup> Save me from the lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

<sup>22</sup> **I will declare your name to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup> **For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;  
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup> **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup> **For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations.**

**SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29**

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACLAMATION**



**\*GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the ninth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Gregory Berg**



\*HYMN OF THE DAY

## Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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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

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
And also with you.

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

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.

## PRAYER SONG

Text of the refrain  
from Isaiah 30:15

refrain



In Qui - et - ness and Con - fi - dence shall be my strength, in

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Qui - et - ness and Con - fi - dence. (solo/choir only)

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lone. Come be - fore God's throne, know - ing Christ will ac - cept you as his own. (refrain)

2. If you feel despair  
lift your heart in prayer,  
trusting God to embrace you in His care. (*refrain*)

3. And in all you do  
be restored, renewed,  
trusting God for His promises are true. (*refrain*)

4. Come then one and all  
who have heard God's call.  
Christ receives both the mighty and the small. (*refrain*)

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray. (brief silence)

God of faithfulness, guide your church and help it to remain rooted in your word. Bless this congregation .... Pastor Mark, Pastor Laura, our staff, our church council, other lay leaders, and all who are part of this community of faith. Help us to embody, in word and deed, the liberating word of your Gospel. God of Grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of vastness, you have fashioned a magnificent world of remarkable bounty and beauty. Forgive us for the carelessness with which we have treated the earth, and guide us to wiser choices. God of Grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of hopefulness, you desire us to live as one human family, and you grieve over our bigotry and suspicion. Open our eyes and hearts to see each other's humanity, and help us to persevere as we work to build a more caring and just community. Help us to look past differences of race, class, sexual orientation, or anything else that would undermine the fellowship that you intend for us to enjoy and share. God of Grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of tenderness, you are with us in life's joy and in life's pain. To all who are weary, despondent, or broken in body or mind, give strength and comfort. We especially remember .... <names>. We also pray for those who serve in any way as caregivers. Bless them with compassion and patience. God of Grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of stillness, in a world of loud and strident voices, you offer a word of peace. Share your light of love where darkness and hatred are causing pain and uncertainty. We especially pray for the people of the Middle East and for the people of Ukraine. We pray for all who feel attacked, dismissed or rejected simply for being who they are. Bestow the calming presence of your Holy Spirit wherever it is most needed - and help us to be resolute in our determination to embrace kindness and work for justice. God of Grace,  
**hear our prayer..**

Hear these prayers, gracious God, as well as the unspoken prayers of our hearts, that we may rest securely in your unfailing love, through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit

✠ bless you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

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# Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please join us in the lounge for coffee and fellowship.*

## **Announcements**



### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are in honor of John & Dianne Palmgren's wedding anniversary, which was on April 6th, given with love by Andrew, Jenny, Cameron, and Jameson Palmgren.

### **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 the worship service for a cup of coffee and a treat and a time of conversation and fellowship.

### **Communion By Intinction**

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

### **Diaper Ministry**

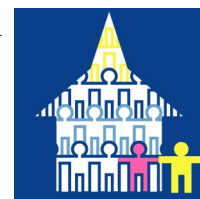
Thank you to Bob and Karen Larsen for sponsoring this month's Diaper Depot delivery in honor of their daughter Jocelyn's birthday. The Diaper Depot is a non-profit in Kenosha that collects diaper donations and shares them with area diaper ministries for \$30/month. Thank you all for your ongoing support! Our next distribution dates are June 25 th from 4PM – 6PM and July 9 th from 11 AM – 1PM. Please tell others about our ministry. If you have children's books at home you no longer need, please donate them to the Diaper Ministry. Contact Kylee Albright [kygregg@mac.com](mailto:kygregg@mac.com) or Amy Larsen [amylarsen2406@att.net](mailto:amylarsen2406@att.net) with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

### **Food Pantry**

The food pantry is asking for donations of 10 oz. cans of tomato soup and chicken noodle soup, 15 oz. cans of pork & beans, 15 oz cans of peaches and mixed fruit, and 15 oz. cans or pasta with meat (spaghetti's etc.) The number of clients has been increasing while the food we receive from Racine County Food Bank and the government has been decreasing which means we have had to purchase more food ourselves. The cost of this food is \$33.31 for a family of four, more for a larger family. Please no animal food. We also collect pens and pencils, cookbooks, and greeting cards to share with our clients. We can use lightly used plastic shopping bags and brown paper bags which we use to pack groceries. Thanks to everyone who contributes to the pantry and to our wonderful volunteers. We could not do this without you!

### **New Member Class Scheduled**

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of the Holy Communion church family? If so, save the date for a gathering after worship on Sunday, July 27th. Lunch will be served, stories will be shared, your questions can be answered. A reception of new members is planned for August 10th at the church picnic. Please let the office or the pastors know if you plan to attend so we can plan for lunch.. If you can't be there on July 27th let the pastors will meet with you at another time.



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

### **Ketchup Club Tuesday, July 1st**

On July 1st the Ketchup Club will meet at 11:30 for lunch at Aries Café, 4713 Douglas Ave. These get-togethers are a fun way to catch up with old friends and to make some new ones. Please let Pastor Laura or the office know if you will be able to join us so we can reserve a table. If you unexpectedly find yourself free, please come and we will happily make room for you at the table!

### **NOISY OFFERING for Sunday School Year 2024/2025**

Thank you for your "change" that helped support the efforts of our Sunday School children to make a positive "change" in our church, community and world.

With the collections we were able to purchase a large supply of warm socks (\$760.56) for the Hospitality Center, make a donation (\$398.12) to our HCLC Food Pantry and contribute to Lutheran World Relief for victims of the California Wildfires (\$519.22). Also, through the ELCA Good Gifts program we were able to purchase 8 fruit tree seedlings (\$80.00) and a Family Farm (\$715.00) that includes a cow, goats, pigs, chicks and honeybees. This gift helps to fund work being done in projects and programs supported by funds from ELCA World Hunger.

### **Holy Communion Honey Do List**

Are you looking to volunteer without having to attend meetings? Do you like to do things on your own time? Do you enjoy light painting, clean up and fixing things? If so, you are the perfect fit for tackling things on the Holy Communion Honey-Do list. We could use some help with the following:

- painting
- light wall repair
- general cleaning
- organizing

If you are interested, please contact Gregg Albright at 262-989-6432 or kygregg@mac.com. Thank you!

### **Save the Date for the Church Picnic**

Please mark your calendars for Aug 10th, and plan to join us for our church picnic on August 10th at Pritchard Park, Wiczeorek Pavilion, 2800 Ohio St. (same venue as last year.) The outdoor service will be at 9:30, followed by food, fun and fellowship. And of course we will have Pastor Laura's brother David's famous Pulled Pork! Watch for more details as we draw closer to the event!

### **Giving With Tithely**

Many of our members have decided giving through [tithely.ly](https://tithely.ly) is a simple way to stay up to date with their pledges or to make special offerings. This QR code will take you to the Tithely web page where you can make a donation to HCLC with your credit card or bank account. You can choose a one-time donation or recurring donations, whether you pay by credit card or from your checking or savings account, and if your donation should go to the general fund, the food pantry, or another fund. If you need help, you can contact Keri in the office.



### **Scrip Cards For All Your Summer Plans**

Scrip cards can be useful for all of your summer plans. There are grocery cards for your BBQ and picnic supplies, restaurant cards for the days it is just too hot to cook, cards for department and clothing stores for beach towels and swim suits, home improvement stores for all your backyard and garden DIY projects, and of course, gas cards for all your road trips. There are even scrip cards for hotels! Shopping with scrip is an easy way to support HCLC with your regular purchases.. Stop at the scrip table this morning and see what they have available!

## **HCLC 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](mailto:amylarsen2406@att.net).

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!**

## **Upcoming Worship, Education , Fellowship, and Service Opportunities**

Wednesday,, June 25 - 4:00 - 6:00 Diaper Ministry

Friday, June 27 - 12:30 Food Pantry

Sunday, June 29 - 9:30 Worship

Monday, June 30 - 12:30 Food Pantry

Tuesday, July 1 - 11:30 Ketchup Club lunch at Aries Cafe

Friday, July 4 - Independence Day - Office Closed, Food Pantry Closed

Sunday, July 6 - 9:30 Worship

Monday, July 7 - 12:30 Food Pantry

Tuesday, July 8 - 1:00 Quilters

Wednesday, July 9 - 11:00 - 1:00 Diaper Ministry  
10:00 Book Club

Thursday, July 10 - 10:00 July Birthday Club

Friday, July 11 - 9:00 Men's Group  
12:30 Food Pantry

Sunday, July 13 - 9:30 Worship

Monday, July 14 - 12:30 Food Pantry

Friday, July 18 - 12:30 Food Pantry

Sunday, July 20 -9:30 Worship

Monday, July 21 - 12:30 Food Pantry

Tuesday, July 22 - 1:00 Quilters

Wednesday, July 23 - 4:00 - 6:00 Diaper Ministry

Friday, July 25 - 12:30 Food Pantry

Sunday, July 27 - 9:30 Worship  
10:45 Prospective New Member Gathering

Monday, July 28 - 12:30 Food Pantry

## **Finance Update**

### **2025 Finance Numbers**

**Revenue: \$33,534.55**

**Expense: \$51,718.05**

**Net Income: \$(18,183.50)**

### **Year to Date Finance Numbers**

**Revenue: \$264,718.16**

**Expense: \$251,962.64**

**Net Income: \$12,755.52**

## **Holy Communion Church Council**

Joleen Carlson, president, Gary Wood, vice president, Laurie Knudson, secretary, Kylee Albright, treasurer, Rose Adamski, Bob Larsen, David Knudson, Rebecca Mason, and Polly Timmerman.

***In person attendance Sunday, June 15th - 108    Online attendance - family units - 17***