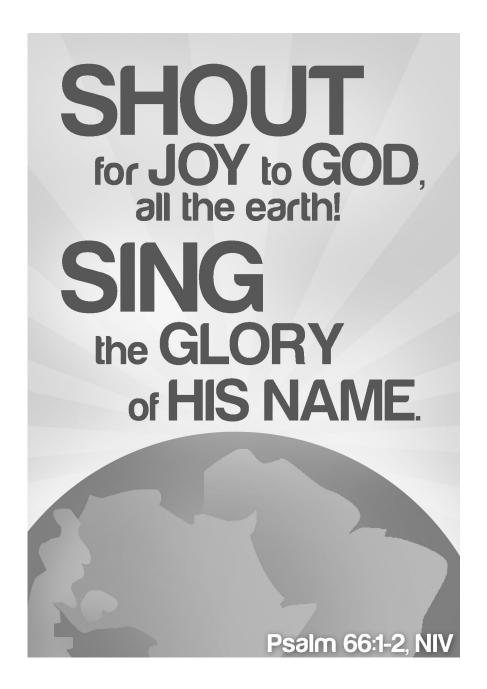
Sunday, July 6, 2025 The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



Holy Communion Lutheran Church
2000 West Sixth Street Racine, Wisconsin

Special thanks to greeters Cindy Myhre and Thomas Mentch, assisting minister Linda Godson, lector Roger Degerman, communion assistants Roger Degerman and Thomas Mentch, ushers Jim Carlson, Roger Degerman, David Leisner, and Gary Wood, altar guild Grace Deibert, Susan DiPasquale Peterson, Katie Peterson, and Lynn Sinclair, audio visual technician Kathy Berg, coffee fellowship Rose Adamski, councilperson in charge Laurie Knudson, Gregory Berg, and organist Randy Fischer for sharing their time and talents with us this morning.

PRELUDE (A quiet time of reflection to prepare for worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG



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.**

You are the treasured people of the Lord, a people holy to the Lord our God.

Keep the words of the Lord in your heart: teach them to your children.

Talk to them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down, and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

SCRIPTURE SONG



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

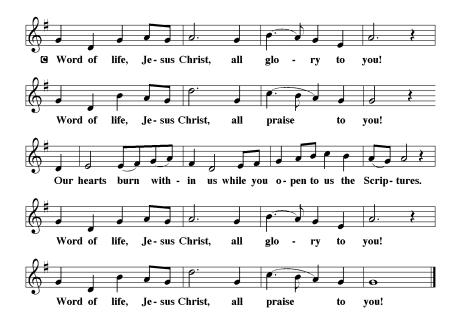
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

PSALM: Psalm 66:1-9

- ¹ Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.
- ² Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.
- ³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- ⁴ All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."
- ⁵ Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.
- ⁶ God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.
- ⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.
- ⁸ Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.
- ⁹ Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The holy gospel according to Luke, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

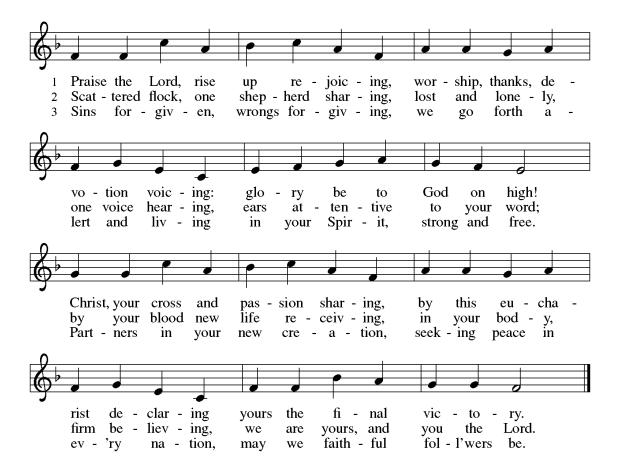
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Mark Doidge

HYMN OF THE DAY #544

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



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RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit. (Jude 20)

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 21)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone.
Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen

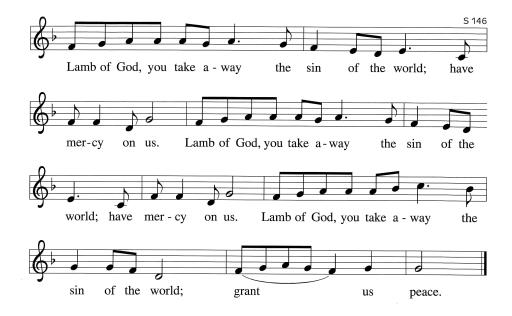
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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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.**

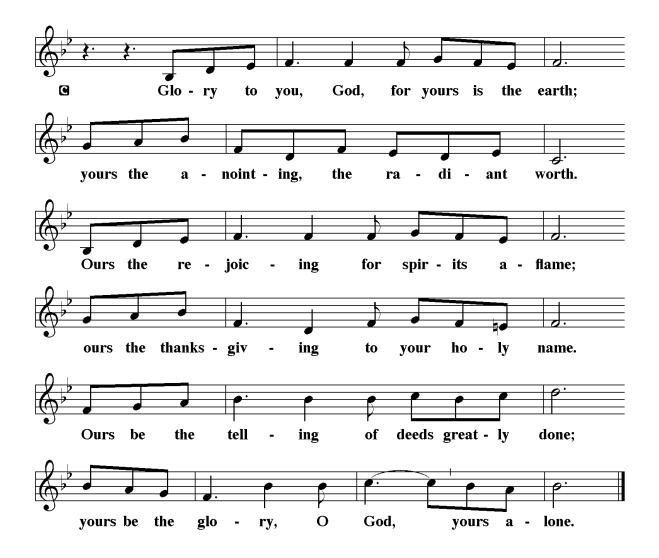
PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious God, You call for Your church to proclaim Christ's new creation for all. Renew and strengthen Your church, that it may be a vigorous force for justice and peace in the world. God of Grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Your creation abounds with natural wonders and an amazing array of creatures. Forgive us for walking insensitively upon the earth and for upsetting the natural balance of this world. Bless our efforts to make things right again. God of grace,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

The people of the world cry out for justice. Uplift all who are working to bring peace and stability in turbulent places. Bless the work of all who seek to eradicate hunger and poverty. Help all of us to live as You have called us to live- with generosity, compassion and concern for others. God of Grace,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

You care about all people in need. Nourish the hungry, walk with the lonely, draw close to the dying, comfort the grieving, and uplift the hurting. Today, we especially pray for Give help to them- and to all who care for them. God of Grace.

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for our country. May it remain true to the highest ideals on which it was founded. Foster in us a desire and diligence to build communities where no one is marginalized and all may partake of the good life You intend for all of Your children. God of Grace,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We entrust these spoken prayers and the unspoken prayers of our hearts to Your hold care and keeping - 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.

SENDING SONG



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

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Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

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Announcements



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning were given in honor of Kate Potter Barrow 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 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 of the wafer into the chalice of wine). There are also gluten free wafers and grape juice available in the center. If you feel more comfortable taking communion in your pew, there are individual wafer/juice cups available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary.

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.

Food Pantry

The food pantry is asking for donations of jelly, 18 oz. peanut butter, 1 lb. egg noodles, pancake mix, syrup, and instant potatoes. Please, no dog or cat food. The number of clients served 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. In June our pantry served 360 households, a total of 1069 individuals. We greatly appreciate any support you can give us!

We also collect pens and pencils, cookbooks, and greeting cards to share with our clients and we accept donations of lightly used plastic shopping bags and brown paper bags for packing groceries. Thanks to everyone who contributes to the pantry and to our wonderful volunteers. We could not do this without you!

Diaper Ministry

This month's Diaper Depot delivery is sponsored by an anonymous donor. 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 July 9th from 11 AM – 1PM and July 23rd from 4 PM – 6 PM. 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. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Kylee Albright kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net.

Men's Group

All men are invited to join Pastor Mark in the lounge at 9:00 a.m.this Friday, July 11th, for the Men's Group. They meet once a month on the second Tuesday for fellowship and discussion. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Mark, pastormark.hclc@gmail.com. All are welcome!

Book Club

For our book club meeting on July 9, we will be discussing Of Love and Treason by Jamie Ogle. It's Rome, AD 270. In the wake of the marriage ban, rumors swirl that there is one man brave enough to perform wedding ceremonies. He is a public notarius and leader of an underground church. Valentine believes that the edict is unjust and risks his life for the sake of his convictions. As his fame grows, so do fears for his safety. Iris believes that regaining her sight will ease the mounting troubles she faces at home. Her last hope rests in searching out Valentine, but the danger of associating with the people labeled a threat to the empire is great. When a staggering betrayal occurs, Valentine, Iris, and everyone they love must wrestle with trusting a God who can restore sight.

We will be meeting at Julie Burton's home at 10-11:30. Please call Julie at 262-639-5914, to get directions and let her know that you will be attending.

On August 13th, we plan on discussing <u>The Personal Librarian</u> by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

July Birthday Club

Do you have a July birthday? If you do, please join Pastor Laura and Pastor Mark in the lounge this Thursday, July 10th, at 10:00 to enjoy a birthday donut and celebrate with others born in July! Come join them for a cup of coffee, a birthday song, conversation and some laughs. Hope to see you there!

Third Tuesday Bible Study

Third Tuesday Morning Bible Study will meet July 15th at Julie Burton's home (136 Steeplechase Drive) from 10:00 to 11:30. We encourage different translations of the Bible to enrich our discussion. We will discuss the second chapter of the book of Acts that describes the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended on all who were gathered there. Join us for this inspiring insight to the early church.

Noisy Offering

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 during the 2024-2025 school year.

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.

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.

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!**

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.

Save the Date for the Church Picnic

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, August 10th, and plan to join us for our church picnic at Pritchard Park, Wieczorek Pavilion, 2800 Ohio St. (same venue as last year.) It has a beautiful, covered space for worship with plenty tables to relax and enjoy lunch. The worship service will begin at 9:30, followed by lunch featuring Pastor Laura's brother David's famous Pulled Pork and time for fun and fellowship. Watch for more details as we draw closer to the event!

Using Tithe.ly For Your Capital Campaign Pledge

For those of you who wish to give via Tithe.ly for your Capital Campaign Pledge and want Keri to set it up, please fill out the Tithely Authorization form which is on the table in the back of the sanctuary and in the office, or email her at keri.hclc@gmail.com or call 262-632-8802. If you give via Tithe.ly on your own, please select Capital Campaign (Window Project) fund. Please note the church will net less the fees if you choose not to cover it.

Giving With Tithely

Many of our members have decided giving through <u>tithe.ly</u> 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 tithe.ly 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.



<u>Upcoming Worship, Education, Fellowship, and Service Opportunities</u>

Sunday, July 6 - 9:30 Worship

Monday, July 7 - 10:00 Worship & Music Team Retreat

2:30 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

Friday, August 1 - 12:30 Food Pantry

Sunday, August 3 - 9:30 Worship

Finance Update

May 2025 Finance Numbers

Year to Date Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$33,534.55

Expense: \$51,718.05

Net Income: \$(18,183.50)

Revenue: \$264,718.16

Expense: \$251,962.64

Net Income: \$12,755.52

In-person attendance on Sunday, June 29, 2025 - 74 Online attendance - 25 family units