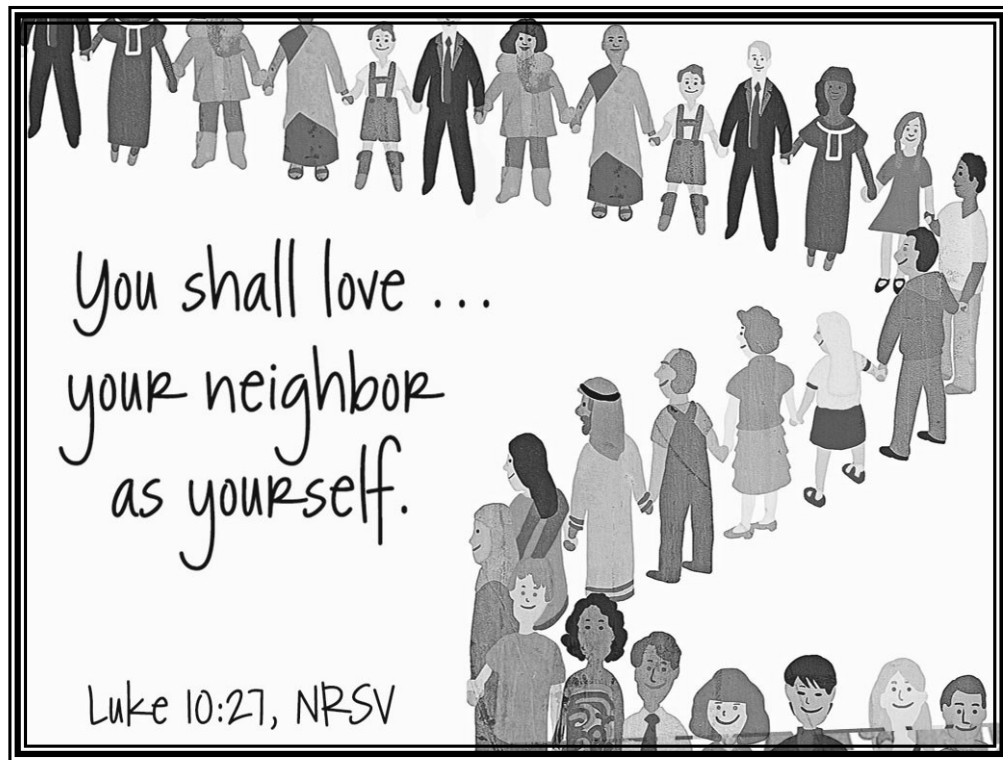


Sunday, July 13, 2025
The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



Holy Communion Lutheran Church
2000 West Sixth Street Racine, Wisconsin 53405
A community called to Worship, Learn, Love, and Serve

We Are Called
A Contemporary Worship Service

Special thanks to greeter Grace Deibert, assisting minister Eleanor Mason, lector Marianne Jensen, communion assistant Amy Larsen, audio-visual technicians Kylee Albright and Sawyer Krenzke, ushers Jim Carlson, Roger Degerman, David Leisner, and Gary Wood, altar guild Grace Deibert, Susan DiPasquale Peterson, Katie Peterson, and Lynn Sinclair, coffee fellowship Sally Neitzel and Joanne Steeves, councilperson in charge Joleen Carlson, and musicians Kate Potter Barrow, Gregg Albright and Gregory Berg for sharing their time and talent with us today.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

A.M.: What does the Lord require of us?

ALL: To do justice

A.M.: What does the Lord require of us?

All: To love kindness

A.M.: What does the Lord require of us?

All: To walk humbly with our God

A.M.: We come to learn, to praise, to pray;

All: We come to worship our God.

All Are Welcome

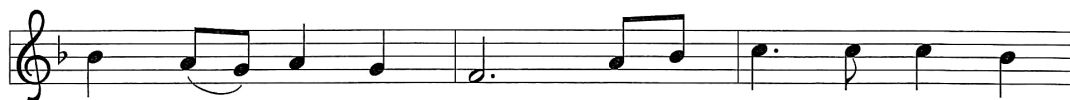
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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CONFESSION OF SINS:

P. In the presence of God, who knows our hearts and minds, let us confess our sin:

O Holy and loving God,

We acknowledge to you, to ourselves, and to one another that we're not what you have called us to be. We have not always stood by our faith, shared our hope, or reached out with love. We have done unkind and shameful deeds, and we have left undone, deeds which could have made a difference in the lives of those around us. Too often, we have failed to speak and act for peace, justice, and kindness in our world.

Have mercy upon our repentance, forgive our sin, and change our lives. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and loved by God. Go into the world with changed hearts and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ! **Amen.**

GREETING:

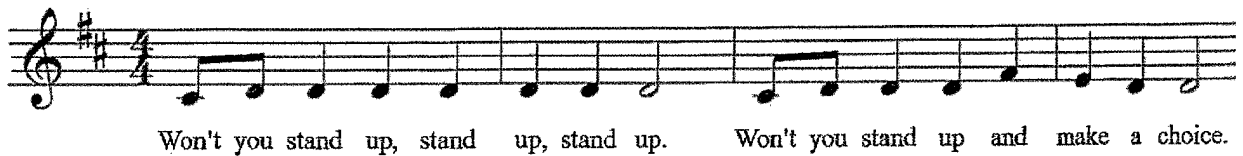
P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

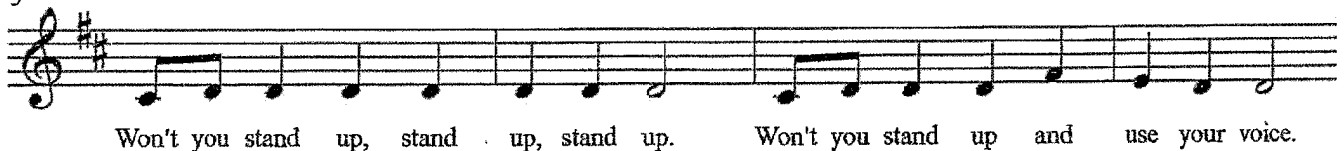
**SONG: Won't You Stand Up

Solo: All the lonely people crying, it could change if we just get started.
Lift the darkness, light a fire for the silent and the brokenhearted.

Refrain:



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Solo: With the comfort, there's a healing, high above the pain and sorrow.
Change is coming, can you feel it? Calling us into a new tomorrow! **Refrain:**

Solo: When the walls fall all around you, when your hope has turned to dust.
Let the sound of love surround you, beat like God's heart in each of us! **Refrain:**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A.M.: Oh God who breaks barriers down and welcomes all:

All: You invite us to walk humbly by your side. You call us to act with justice. By your works, you inspire us to serve one another. We pray that you will give us the courage to make a difference in this world by treating people with respect and dignity, bringing healing to the broken, and living in your light so that those whose spirits are darkened by hopelessness and despair feel your shining presence and tender love.

A.M. And all God's children say:

All: Help us to walk humbly with you, O God! Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:5-14

⁵ The Lord your God will bring you into the land that your ancestors possessed, and you will possess it; he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your ancestors.

⁶ “Moreover, the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, in order that you may live.” ⁷

The Lord your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on the adversaries who took advantage of you. ⁸ Then you shall again obey the Lord, observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, ⁹ and the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ “Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

¹ To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰ **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Cantor: We hear the ancient words of God, whose son once on this earth did trod. So we today could sing out, Hallelujah. With open mind and joyful heart, we listen, then we'll do our part—to help our broken world shout Hallelujah.

REFRAIN:

All:



GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

The holy gospel according to Luke, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

REFRAIN

SERMON Pastor Laura Fladten

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Are Called

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1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



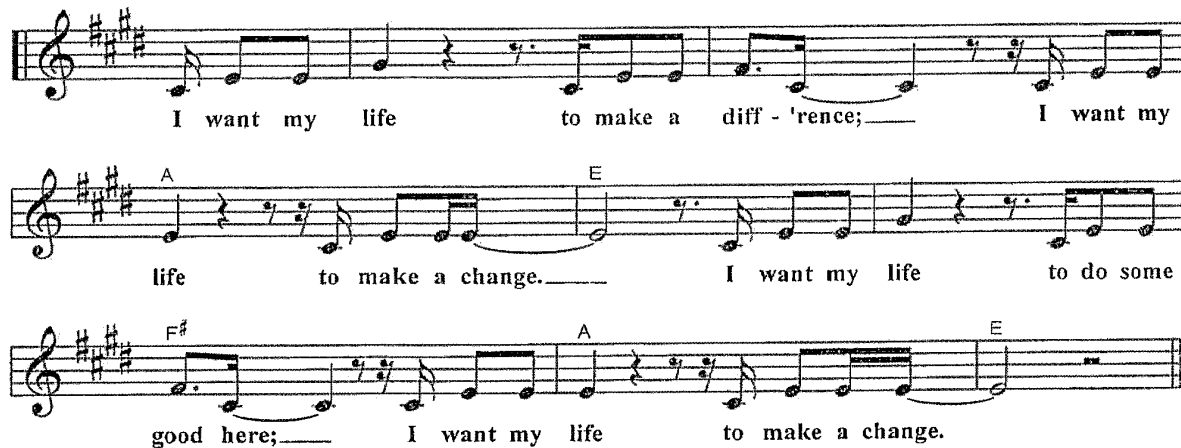
oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

MEAL

INVITATION SONG: Make A Difference - Rachel Kurtz

Pastor: You gave your life to make a difference. You gave your life to make a change.
You welcomed all to your table. You're calling us to do the same.

Refrain:



Solo: Working side by side, no out or inside,
Together we can make that change.
With a few or many, with a lot or not any,
Together we can make that change! **Refrain:**

Solo: Crossing the great divide, Joy and peace will abide,
Together we can make that change.
Jesus is our peace, all fighting will cease
Together we can make that change! **Refrain:**

Words of Institution:

Solo: We're the citizens with the saints, We're the sunshine with the rain.
We're the joy with the pain. We're the change!
You healed the sick and fed the poor. You loved the prophet and ended war.
Through us you will do more, You're the change! **Refrain:**

Pastor: You gave your life to make a difference.
You gave your life to make a change.
You welcomed all to your table.
You're calling us to do the same.

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LORD'S PRAYER:

Our father in heaven.

Hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD: *This song begins with a solo. Please watch the song leader who will invite you to sing when all instruments join after the interlude.*

D A . bm A G

Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world - have mer-cy

A D D A bm

6 on - us. Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world

A G A D

12 have mer - cy on us.

D A bm G

Take a-way the ha-tred. Take a-way the chains - Take a way the

A G Asus D

6 hung - er take a-way - the pain Grant us peace.

Baptized and Set Free

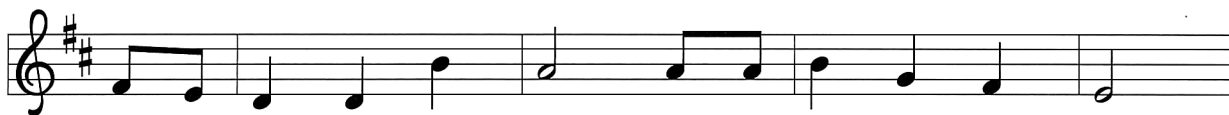
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1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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Music: Cathy Skogen-Soldner

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BAPTIZED AND SET FREE

7 4 7 5 6 6 8 5

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 "Christ Be Our Light"

em bm em em C

1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for truth, -
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the hearts that

7 D em am D em C A

we turn to you. Make us your own, — your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to
yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er, signs of your kind - dom

15 Dsus4 D G C G em G C D

see. ——— Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
come.

23 Dsus4 D G C G em am D C C G

dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray. (brief silence)

We pray for this church family ... for Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura ... our Staff and our Church Council, and for all our members, young and old alike. May all of us find energy and inspiration in your life-giving Gospel to do all we can to embrace kindness, work for justice, and walk humbly with you. We especially pray for our food pantry, our diaper ministry, and our school supply drive currently underway. May our efforts be a blessing to those in need. Lord in Your Mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for our country... for our leaders at every level ... and for our citizens on both sides of the political divide. Guide us forward to a better future where we can learn to relinquish our anger and resentment ... where we find ways to work together ... where we can embrace and even celebrate our differences ... and help us to build a nation where no one is shunted to the sidelines or preyed upon. Lord in Your Mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for all who are suffering in any way, who are in need of comfort, or strength, or hope. We continue to remember the people in Texas who have been impacted by the disastrous flooding there. We pray for all those who are caught in the crossfire of war or gun violence. And within our own community, we pray for all who are hurting in any way. Today we name... Bless them and all who seek to help them or care for them. Lord in Your Mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for our planet ... for all the creatures who live on the earth ... and for all that makes life possible in the world - the air, the seas, the soil. Help us to be wiser in how we live upon the earth and draw upon its resources. And remind us again and again that all that makes life living flows first and foremost from Your goodness and grace. Lord in Your Mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Hear these spoken prayers and the unspoken prayers of our hearts, and continue to bless us with signs of Your grace and mercy, through Christ our Lord,
AMEN.

BLESSING

Congregation, please join in singing the choruses of Amens.

DISMISSAL

A.M.: Go in peace. Live by the spirit.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the lounge.



Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning are in honor of Greg and Kathy Berg, given by Andrew, Jenny, Cameron & Jameson Palmgren, and in loving memory of Bill Beckett Sr. on his one year anniversary, given by his family.

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.

New Member Class on July 27th

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 know and 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!

Collecting School Supplies for Local Kids and Schools

Hope on a hill! That's HCLC's mantra and our pledge. So let's put hope into action - here in the neighborhood where we worship. As any teacher will tell you, many of the students in our schools come with great needs. We'd like to help by offering school supplies to the kids and teachers of the church's neighborhood. If you want to join in this Hope on a Hill mission, please purchase school supplies (list below) and bring them to the church office where we'll gather and sort them. Items will be distributed at the end of August when we host a picnic and invite the neighborhood families to join us in a simple meal and hand out supplies to the kids in our midst. The ripple effect of small kindnesses can and does create positive change in our neighborhood and world!

Many stores have great prices on school supplies right now so it is a great time to shop. Why not consider doing your shopping with scrip cards? Stop at the scrip table this morning to get some!

More emails and announcements will follow regarding lending a hand for the picnic.

Wide-ruled spiral notebooks, all colors

Pencils

Pink erasers - pencil tip or regular

Plastic, 3 prong, 2 pocket folders

Crayola markers - 8 packs, all color combinations

Crayons, packs of 24 or 48

Boxes of tissues

In-person attendance on Sunday, July 6, 2025 - 88 online attendance - 26 family units

Giving With Tithely

Many of our members have decided giving through tithe.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.



Third Tuesday Bible Study

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

Diaper Ministry

An anonymous donor is sponsoring this month's Diaper Depot delivery. 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 23rd from 4 PM – 6 PM and August 13th from 11AM – 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 or Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

Save the Date - Church Picnic August 10th

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, August 10th, and plan to join us for our church picnic at Pritchard Park, Wiczorek Pavilion, 2800 Ohio St. (same venue as last year.) It has a beautiful, covered space for worship and plenty of 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!

Upcoming Worship, Education, Fellowship, and Service Opportunities

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
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