Sunday, October 12, 2025 The Eighteenth 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

We Are Called A Contemporary Worship Service

Special thanks to greeter Evelyn Lajiness, assisting minister and lector Sheri Krenzke, communion assistants Gary Wee, audio-visual technicians Kylee Albright and Sawyer Krenzke, ushers Jim Carlson, Roger Degerman, David Leisner, and Gary Wood, altar guild Lynn Riekkoff and Cindy Myhre, coffee fellowship Shelley Lussmyer, councilperson in charge Gary Wood, and musicians Kate Potter Barrow, Gregg Albright, and Gregory Berg for sharing their time and talent with us today.

PRELUDE

SPECIAL MUSIC "Founded In Faith" Paul Weber Senior Choir
(please see the lyrics on the back of your bulletin)

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.



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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:

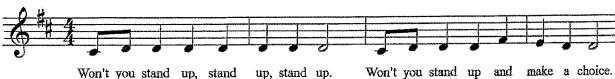
P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

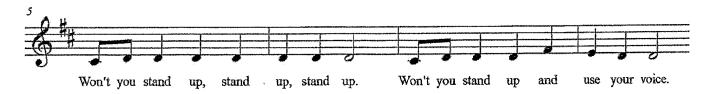
All: And also with you.

**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.







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

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CHIIDREN AND YOUTH MAY GO TO CHOIR

WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c (from the Message

¹Naaman was general of the army under the king of Aram. He was important to his master, who held him in the highest esteem because it was by him that God had given victory to Aram: a truly great man, but afflicted with a grievous skin disease ²It so happened that Aram, on one of its raiding expeditions against Israel, captured a young girl who became a maid to Naaman's wife. ³One day she said to her mistress, "Oh, if only my master could meet the prophet of Samaria, he would be healed of his skin disease.

⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he was terribly upset, ripping his robe to pieces. He said, "Am I a god with the power to bring death or life that I get orders to heal this man from his disease? What's going on here? That king's trying to pick a fight, that's what!" ⁸ Elisha the man of God heard what had happened, that the king of Israel was so distressed that he'd ripped his robe to shreds. He sent word to the king, "Why are you so upset, ripping your robe like this? Send him to me so he'll learn that there's a prophet in Israel."

¹⁰Elisha sent out a servant to meet him with this message: "Go to the River Jordan and immerse yourself seven times. Your skin will be healed and you'll be as good as new. ¹¹Naaman lost his temper. He turned on his heel saying, "I thought he'd personally come out and meet me, call on the name of God, wave his hand over the diseased spot, and get rid of the disease. ¹² The Damascus rivers, Abana and Pharpar, are cleaner by far than any of the rivers in Israel. Why not bathe in them? I'd at least get clean." He stomped off, mad as a hornet.

⁹ So Naaman with his horses and chariots arrived in style and stopped at Elisha's door.

¹³But his servants caught up with him and said, "Father, if the prophet had asked you to do something hard and heroic, wouldn't you have done it? So why not this simple 'wash and be clean'? ¹⁴So he did it. He went down and immersed himself in the Jordan seven times, following the orders of the Holy Man. His skin was healed; it was like the skin of a little baby. He was as good as new. ¹⁵ He then went back to the Holy Man, he and his entourage, stood before him, and said, "I now know beyond a shadow of a doubt that there is no God anywhere on earth other than the God of Israel. In gratitude let me give you a gift."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 111

- ¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- ² Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.
- ³ Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴ You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.
- ⁵ You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.
- ⁶ You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.
- ⁷ The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.
- 8 They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.
- ⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

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:



GOSPEL: LUKE 17: 11-19

The holy gospel according to Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

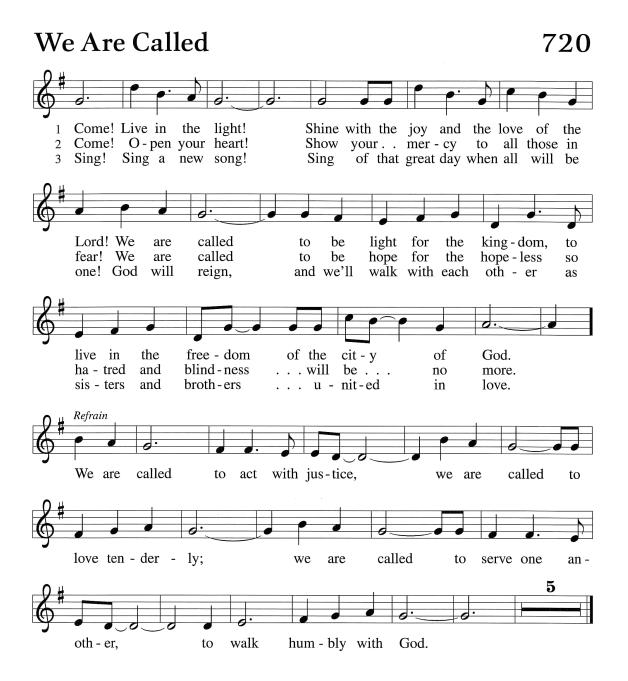
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

REFRAIN

SERMON Pastor Laura Fladten

CHILDREN AND YOUTH RETURN TO WORSHIP



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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: I want my life to make a diff-'rence; I want my life to make a change. I want my life to do some good here; I want my life to make a change.

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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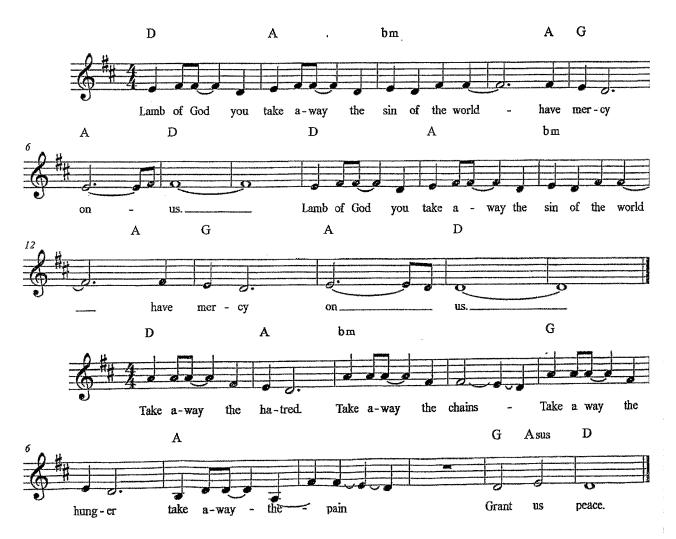
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LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

DISTRI BUTION 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.



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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.**

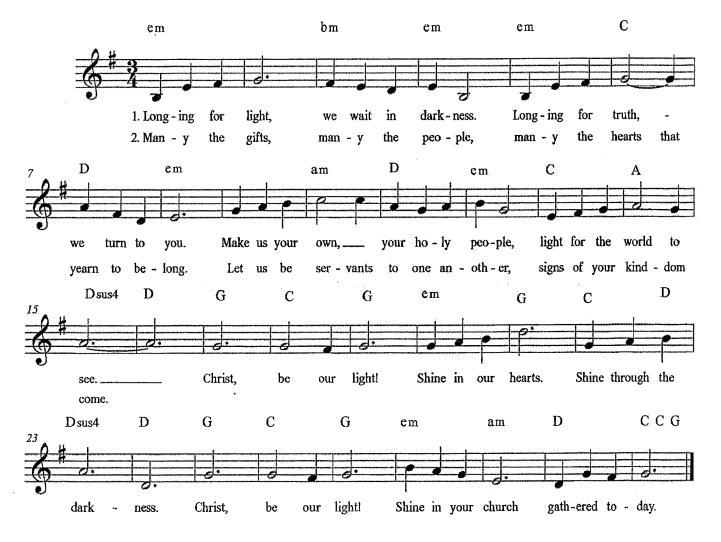
PEACE

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

CHILDREN MAY GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Christ Be Our Light"



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray. (brief silence)

God, You are the Creator of all that is, and there is so much around us that is beautiful. Forgive us for the greed and carelessness with which we have trampled upon Your creation and done terrible damage to it. Guide us to wiser ways of living in which we preserve the earth's beauty and bounty for those who come after us. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

God, You are the Cornerstone of the church- and we cannot accomplish anything of lasting value without Your help. Forgive us and your whole church for all of the times when we have fallen prey to arrogance and failed to embrace Your simple and greatest commandment- that we love one another as You first loved us. Forgive us- and help us to do better. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

God, You are the Good Shepherd, and without Your guidance we are sure to go astray. Forgive us for our forgetfulness - for the ways in which we wander off in ways that lead us far away from where you have us be and from how you would have us live. Help us to listen for the gentle, calming sound of Your voice. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

God, You are Prince of Peace - and You desire us to live together in harmony as one human family. Forgive us for all of the ways in which we sow discord - for all of the ways in which we allow fear or greed or resentment to direct our words and deeds. Wherever we are - within our own families, in our neighborhoods, at work, in school, at play, out in the community - may we be instruments of your peace. And raise up leaders that will seek peace between nations, that all of us may look forward to a brighter and safer future. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

God, You are the Comforter for those who are mourning or bearing difficulties burdens. Extend your healing and tender mercies to all those for whom we feel special concern today: <Names> Give help to them and to those who care for them. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

God, You are the Light of the World. When all we can see is darkness, remind us that nothing is stronger than the light of your love. Open our eyes to see that light in the kindness and grace of others - and inspire us to be vessels of that same light through the course of our daily lives. And we thank you for those who have been shining examples to us of what it means to walk and live as children of Your light. Lord in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER**.

Hear these spoken prayers and the unspoken prayers of our hearts, and continue to extend to us the never-failing grace and love, made perfect in Christ Jesus our Lord, **AMEN.**

BLESSING

Congregation, please join in singing the choruses of Amens.

DISMISSAL

A.M.: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Announcements



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar were given in loving memory of Allen Carlson, given by Eunice Carlson.

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. 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. Individual wafer/juice cups are available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary for those who prefer to commune in their pews.

Youth Groups Meeting in October

Confirmation Class will meet on today, October 12th following worship until noon. All 8th graders are invited to join the pastors for a time to journey deeper into their own faith. Snacks will be provided!

6th - 12th Graders will meet Sunday, October 19th from 5:00 - 6:30pm for fun, faith, and food. We will begin in the kitchen where we will all help prepare a meal to enjoy together. Come hungry!

Interim Help Needed for the Food Pantry!

While the search for a Food Pantry Assistant continues there is a need for interim help with a few simple but critical tasks:

- Could you pick up bakery on Monday mornings at two locations: one at 9AM and one at 9:30 AM and bring the bakery back to the Food Pantry?
- Are you available for a short time to break down cardboard boxes and bundle the cardboard for recycling? Sometimes the pantry volunteers are able to work on this when they aren't busy but the cardboard can pile up fast! It is best to check with Sharon before coming in to check on the need and the size of the pile.

Please consider filling these positions on a temporary basis. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Contact the church office (262-632-8802 or office.hclc@gmail.com) and speak to Heidi or Sharon in the Food Pantry.

Meeting For Adult Christmas Program Participants

The Christmas Program is a go! There will be a brief meeting for all adults (except senior choir members) who agreed to participate on today at 10:45 in the choir room. After the worship service, grab your coffee and a treat then head to the choir room for a short meeting. See you there!

If you can't attend this meeting, contact Kate to discuss the schedule and your preferences. Texting is the best way to get in touch with her.

Thanks! Kate (262) 498-7593 email: kpotterbarrow@gmail.com

Diaper Ministry

Sincere thanks to Gregg and Kylee Albright for sponsoring this month's Diaper Depot delivery in celebration of their grandson Wesley's 2nd birthday and to the Funk family who sponsor in memory of Wayne & Jan Sotona. Our next distribution dates are October 22 from 4PM – 6PM and November 12 from 11AM – 1PM.

The Diaper Ministry is growing! We now average serving 50+ babies and adults each time we are open and have had as many as 70 clients in one session. Please consider supporting our work with a donation or as a volunteer. Contact Kylee Albrightkygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net.

In-person attendance on Sunday, October 5, 2025 - 93 family units attending online - 23

Names For All Saints' Sunday

On Sunday, November 2nd, we will light candles while we read the names of those in our Holy Communion family who have died in the last year. If you he a friend or family member you would like to be included, please call or send it to the office, 262-632-8802 or office.hclc@gmail.com.

Food Pantry

In October the pantry is asking for donations of side dishes, tuna, pancake mix, syrup, and jelly. We get requests for Bibles and devotional books for both adults and are still collecting greeting cards, 2026 calendars, pens and pencils If you have extra candy left over from Halloween the pantry can use it to make special treat bags for Christmas.

A huge thank you to all who contribute to the food pantry. In August our food pantry was quite busy, serving 1197 people. Because of the number of people we are serving and the decreased amount of food coming from Racine County Food Bank and Community Action Agency, we are spending a great deal shopping and our account is dwindling. We would not be able to provide food for so many without a lot of help! Thank you!

Third Tuesday Bible Study

THIRD TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY meets October 21st at the home of Julie Burton, 136 Steeplechase Drive, from 10:00 to 11:30. The discussion is focused on Chapters 5 and 6 in the book of Acts and using the study guide in William Barclay, pages 49 to 61. It begins with a man selling some of his land to give money to the church. But he chose to keep some for himself. When Peter confronted him, the man died! The disciples met at the Temple to witness and perform miracles. Hence, the Sadducees arrested Peter and John and put them in jail. One of the Pharisees suggested that the disciples were doing no harm and their influence would just evaporate. Now the followers of Jesus met weekly, shared what they had with the poor and needy. Then Stephen appealed to the early church to reach out beyond Jews to Gentiles everywhere. Join us in realizing the stresses facing the early Christian church. October 21st meet at the home of Julie Burton (136 Steeplechase Drive) from 10:00 to 11:30. Bring your Bible and a curiosity of the early church.

Save the Date! - Trivia Night Friday, November 7th

Friday, November 7th HCLC will have a Trivia Night, hosted by HCLC's own Jane Hearn, You can choose your own team of 5 or 6 friends or, if you'd prefer, we will find a team for you to join. We'll supply the DJ and come prizes - you supply snacks and your beverages. Watch for a sign up going out soon for you to tell us about your team. Put it on your calendar today and come join the fun!

Beer, Brats, and Brownies, October 26th

Plan to stay after worship for on October 26th for our Reformation Sunday Salute to the Martin Luther and the 508th anniversary of the Reformation. We will gather to enjoy brats, hotdogs and brownies and give a toast to Martin Luther. Root beer will also be served and we may even have some ice cream for floats! Join us for a time of fun, food, and fellowship!

Bible Sunday, October 26th

October 26th is also the Sunday when our three-year-olds and third graders are presented with Bibles that are gifts from the congregation. We look forward to celebrating with you and your family as our congregation witnesses this important faith milestone.

Scrip Cards

Scrip cards are available for purchase on Sunday mornings. Using the cards is an easy way to support HCLC ministries when you buy your gas, groceries, or do other shopping. You can find lists of participating retailers in the Welcome Center or stop by the scrip table to learn more about the program.

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.

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!**

Hospital Visitation

Please remember to contact the church office if you or a family member are in the hospital, nursing home, or become homebound. You can decide if you would like to receive a visit or have your name on the prayer list. If you notice a friend or someone who usually sits near you in church has been missing for a stretch, please mention it so we can check in with them.

Upcoming Worship, Education, Fellowship, and Service Opportunities

Sunday, October 12 - 9:30 Worship and Sunday School

10:30 - 12:00 Confirmation Class

1:00 Racine Theatre Guild (choir room)

Monday, October 13 - 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study

12:30 Food Pantry

6:30 Racine Theatre Guild (Mark Hurn room)

Tuesday, October 14 - 1:00 Quilters

Thursday, October 16 - 6:30 Racine Theatre Guild (Mark Hurn room)

Friday, October 17 - 12:30 Food Pantry

Sunday, October 19 - 9:30 Worship and Sunday School

5:00 - 6th - 12th Grade Youth Group

Monday, October 20 - 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study

12:30 Food Pantry

5:00 Delta Kappa Gamma (lounge and youth room)

6:30 Racine Theatre Guild (Mark Hurn room)

Tuesday, October 21 - 10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study

7:00 Racine Theatre Guild (Mark Hurn room)

Wednesday, October 22 - 4:00 - 6:00 Diaper Ministry

6:30 Racine Theatre Guild (Mark Hurn room)

Thursday, October 23 - 6:30 Racine Theatre Guild (Mark Hurn room)

Friday, October 24 - 12:30 Food Pantry

Finance Update

August 2025 Finance Numbers Year to Date Finance Numbers

 Revenue:
 \$39,816.90
 Revenue:
 \$376,514.49

 Expense:
 \$51,675.61
 Expense:
 \$395,936.01

 Net Income:
 \$(11,858.71)
 Net Income:
 \$(19,421.52)

Office Hours

The office is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

Founded in Faith by Paul Weber

Founded on faith, the church alive with grace proclaims the gospel here and in every place.

The Word of God resounds through time and space. Alleluia!

Your cross, O Christ, renews our life each day. Baptized in You, we learn and teach and pray. Fed by Your love, with thankful hearts we say: Alleluia!

Equipped by prayer, we live the Spirit's call, empowered to serve with gifts both great and small. We bring the living hope of God to all. Alleluia!

Growing in grace, for God's created earth, We yearn for justice, peace, and human worth-A world restored, a faithful caring church. Alleluia!

Founded on faith, called forth, empowered to serve, we share God's endless love without reserve.

Then let us shout aloud the living Word: Alleluia!