Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church

“Growing Relationships with God, Each Other, and Our Neighbors in the Way of Jesus”



All Saints Sunday

Saturday, October 31, 2026, 4:00 PM

Sunday, November 1, 2026, 9:00 AM

Welcome…There's a place for you here!

Welcome to the Lord's Table

All Christians, regardless of church membership or affiliation, are invited to the Lord's Table to share Holy Communion. You may come forward through the center aisle to share communion around the table and then return to your seat through the side aisles. You may also share communion while remaining in your seat. Bread and cups prepared in advance are available from baskets at the top of the ramps, or you may let an usher know to have those who are serving at the table come to serve you.

Bread, wheat wafers, or gluten-free wafers are available, as well as alcoholic wine (lighter color) or nonalcoholic grape juice (darker color). Trays are available in the front pews on either side for empty glasses. Those who are not partaking may also come forward to receive a verbal blessing.

Welcome to all God's children

During the Sunday service, the youngest children of God are invited to come forward for a message especially for them. "Busy bags" with quiet activities for children are available hanging along the low wall next to the choir. Children of all ages are welcome to share holy communion with a grownup's guidance.

You'll find a changing table in the restroom near the top of the spiral staircase in the entryway. Another changing table is located just outside the glass-enclosed "cry room" behind the choir. An unstaffed nursery is located at the bottom of the spiral staircase in the entryway, as a place for a grownup to stay with their child.

Restrooms

in the entryway are single-occupant and gender-inclusive. They are found in two "cubes" with mirrored exteriors, one on either side of the entryway.

Sunday services are livestreamed, and some worshipers may be seen in the worship broadcast. Those seated behind the ramps will not be seen on camera.

(thank you for silencing your phone as you worship)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism:

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life. We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, for the waters of the Pike River, the Root River, and Lake Michigan, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

Let us remember all the saints before God:

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG "For all Your Saints, O Lord" ELW 427

GREETING

Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Sun.)

FIRST READING**: Revelation 7:9-17**
A reading from Revelation:

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all
tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with
palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and
they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and
wisdom and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they
come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who
have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the
Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 *(read responsively)*

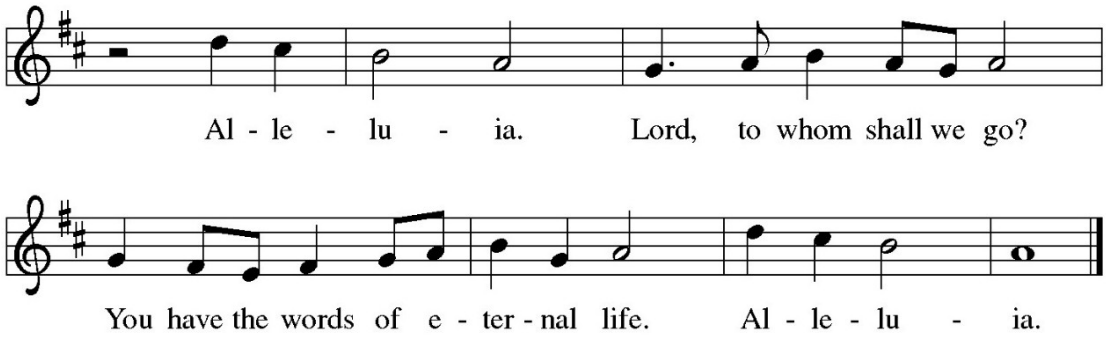
1 I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 **I will glory in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.
4 **I sought the LORD, who answered me**
and delivered me from all my terrors.
5 Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me**
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.
8 **Taste and see that the LORD is good;**
happy are they who take refuge in God!
9 Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
10 **The lions are in want and suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
22 O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING: **1 John 3:1-3**
A reading from First John:

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are.
The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like
him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *ELW Setting 4*



GOSPEL: **Matthew 5:1-12**
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor Beth Ann L. Stone

HYMN OF THE DAY "Sing With All the Saints in Glory" ELW 426
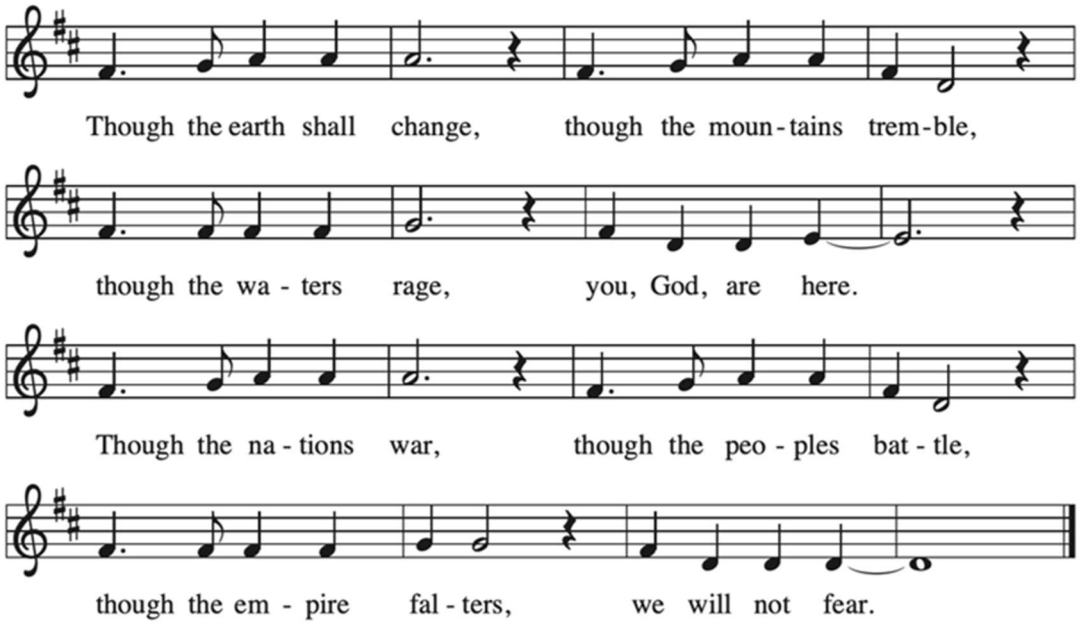
APOSTLES' CREED

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.

SONG FOR PRAYER *(sing once before and once after the prayers)*

"Though the Earth Shall Change" (from Psalm 46; ACS 1035)



IN OUR PRAYERS

Darrell Reynolds, Julie Reynolds, Eric, Gary Brown, Janelle Schowalter, Jill, Jim Broetzmann, Julia, Pastor Marcy Wieties, Ray Palenik, Ron, Scott, Laura Gifford, Callie Holguin, Betty Boetcher, Gabie Smith

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

Use the QR code to reach MPLC's online giving page:

CHOIR ANTHEM (Sun.) "Beautiful in His Time" Dan Forrest

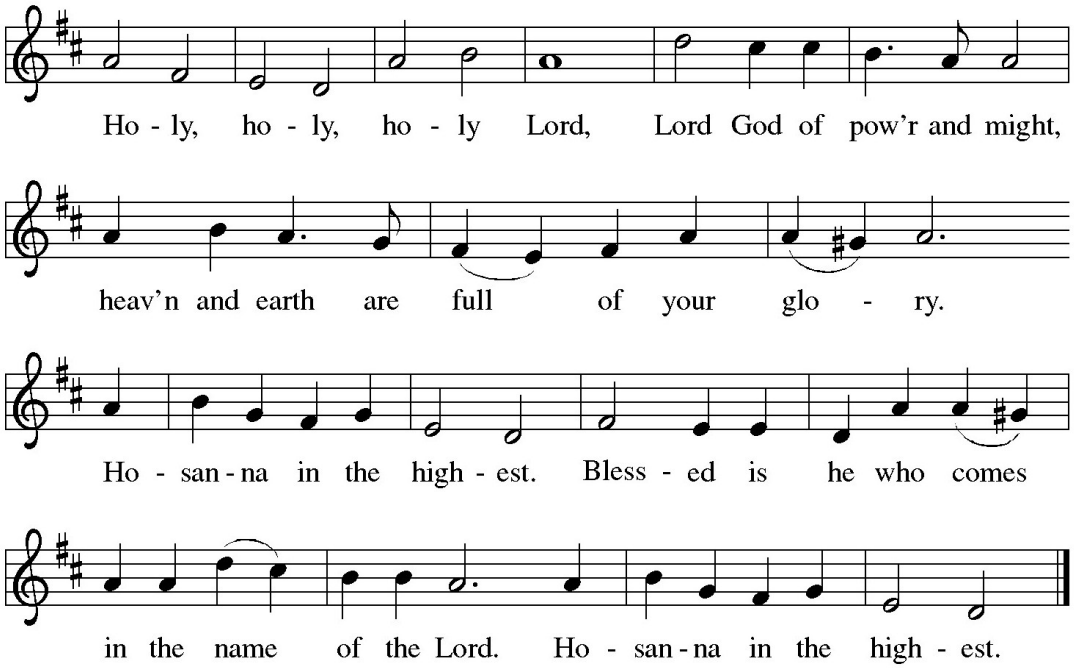
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray: Eternal God,
**our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION *ELW Setting 4*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

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.

INVITATION

DISTRIBUTION *(see inside of bulletin cover for communion directions)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY BEFORE ELECTION DAY

BLESSING

SENDING SONG "For all the Saints" ELW 422 vs 1,3,6,7

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Remembering the Saints

Joyce Akin
JoAnn Danielson
Jean Ferraro
Shirley Jasperson
Pat Keller
Phyllis Kitzmann
Mary Lindabauer
LaValle Madsen
Jude Mahnke
Victor Mitmoen
Donna Mullikin
Janell Smith
Willine Svendsen
Daniel Wright

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Pastor Beth Ann Stone; Presider: Pastor Nathan Pratt
Musician: Michael Becker
Interim Choir Director: Gregory Schroeder
Sun. Greeter: Chuck & Peggy Svoboda
Welcome Desk Host: Ed Jacobs
Sat. Reader: *One Needed*; Sun. Reader: Jan Fuller
Sun. Communion Assistants: Stephen Gifford, Kirsten Graves
Video Producer: Fritz Obernberger
Coffee Hour Treats: Elaine Klandrud, Sue Schulz, Jean VanSwol

Worship Leaders for 11/7 and 11/8:

Sun. Greeter: Candy Zicarelli
Welcome Desk Host: Cindy Green
Sat. Reader: *One Needed*; Sun. Reader: Kirsten Graves
Sun. Communion Assistants: Denise Keller, Joe Maier
Video Producer: Dennis Harmann
Coffee Hour Treats: Kevin Jocius, Karen Krey

ACKNOWLEGEMENTS

Liturgy from Sundays and Seasons.com. © 2026 Augsburg Fortress. "Alleluia" and "Holy, Holy, Holy" from Setting 4 of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS006880. All rights reserved. "Though the Earth Shall Change" Music: Rolf Vegdahl and Tom Witt © 2009 Augsburg Fortress. Text: Tom Witt © 2009 Augsburg Fortress.
All rights reserved. Reprinted with permission under One License #A-711523.

THIS WEEK AT MPLC: Nov 1 - 8

Sun. Nov 1
9:00 AM: Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 AM: Coffee Hour (Fellowship)
10:15 AM: Sunday School (Education)
10:20 AM: Adult Ed (Mygatts)
4:00 PM: Community Meal (Living Faith)

Mon. Nov 2
1:00 PM: Caregiver Class (Mygatts)
6:00 PM: Parish Activities (Conference)

Tues. Nov 3
11:00 AM: Chair Yoga (Fellowship)
6:30 PM: Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Wed. Nov 4
11:00 AM: Midweek Bible Study (Mygatts)
5:30 PM: Prayer Vigil (Sanctuary)
5:30 PM: Finance Committee (Office)
6:30 PM: Confirmation (Mygatts)
7:00 PM: Adult Choir (Choir Room)

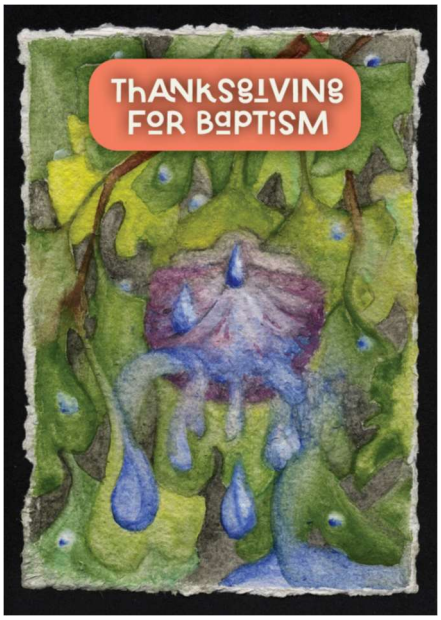
Sat. Nov 7
8:00 AM: Men's Breakfast (Fellowship)
4:00 PM: Worship (Sanctuary)

Sun. Nov 8
9:00 AM: Worship (Sanctuary)
10:00 AM: Coffee Hour (Fellowship)
10:15 AM: Sunday School (Education)
10:20 AM: Adult Ed (Mygatts)

MPLC STAFF DIRECTORY

Senior Pastor Beth Ann L. Stone	pastorbethann@mplc.us
Associate Pastor Nathan Pratt	pastornathan@mplc.us
Coordinator for Children & Family Ministry and Parish Coordinator Becky Litwin	becky@mplc.us
Organist/Accompanist Michael Becker	michael@mplc.us
Bell Choir Director and Interim Choir Director Greg Schroeder	gschroeder89@gmail.com
Business Manager Jessica Sexton	jessica@mplc.us
Communications Director Elaine Martin	elaine@mplc.us
General Information	info@mplc.us
Council President Andy Steenrod	asteenrod@gmail.com

We are called by Jesus to **love God and one another**, to practice generous hospitality, and to serve all unconditionally. We fully welcome you to join us, embracing your race, culture, ethnicity, age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical abilities, mental abilities, socioeconomic position, family status, background, and wherever you are in your faith journey. You are a unique and beloved child of God and are welcome here. You are accepted and openly affirmed just as you are. We commit ourselves to undertaking the work of racial equality and social and economic justice. We invite you to join us as we joyfully and inclusively love and serve God and our community, as **we are all one in Christ Jesus.**



Children's Message for Today

See if you can spot this image on the large "Tree of Life" poster hanging on the ramp!

Collection folders for youngest children of God are stored at the Welcome Desk. Please return them there before you leave today.

Wonders of Worship is a project of Nourishing Vocation with Children
through the Lutheran Center for Faith, Values, and Community at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN.
Original artwork by artist Vonda Drees.

Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church
1700 S. Green Bay Rd.
Racine, WI 53406
262-634-6704
spaceshipchurch.org