

Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church

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



Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday

Saturday, March 28, 2026, 4:00 PM

Sunday, March 29, 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). Paper towel-lined baskets are provided for empty cups at the end of the first pew and at the top of the ramps. 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" are hung along the wall in the sanctuary for use during services. Toys and books are also found in and near the glass-enclosed room at the end of the gallery seating. 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 room. 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 located in two cubes made of mirrors, one on either side of the entryway.

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

(thank you for silencing your phone as you worship)

PRELUDE (Sun.)

“Allegro for Trumpet”

A. Vivaldi

Danielle West, trumpet

WELCOME

ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: **Matthew 21:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF PALMS

Let us pray. *(A brief silence is kept.)*

We praise you, O God, ... the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

ELW 344, vs. 1, 3-5

(raise palms at refrain)

**Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

- 1 You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. Refrain**
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. Refrain**
- 4 To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. Refrain**
- 5 Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.**

*Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM (Sun.) "Hosanna in the Highest!" Ruth E. Schram
CHILDREN'S SERMON (Sun.)

CHOIR ANTHEM (Sun.) "Let the King Come In " Lloyd Larson

FIRST READING: **Philippians 2:5-11**

A reading from Philippians:

- ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name that is above every other name,
¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion.

Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in-vi - ta - tion.

GOSPEL: **Matthew 26:14—27:66**

The Passion of our Lord, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord. *(please wait to stand, when prompted, after Matt. 27:44)*

(after the reading) The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *(be seated in silence, for reflection)*

(remaining seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Stay with Me"

ELW 348

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

pray. Watch and pray.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends, "Hear us, O God."

The assembly responds, "Your mercy is great."

*In our prayers . . . Audrey Enright, Chris Smith, Clare, Cristina, Dan,
Darrell Reynolds, David Bjorkman, Eric, Gary Brown, Ginny Trendel, Janelle Schowalter, Jean Wishau, Jill,
Jim Broetzmann, Julie Reynolds, Karen Tyykila, Lauren, Pastor Marcy Wieties, Paul, Ray Palenik, Ron,
Scott, Sean, Jim Jocius, Dennis Vollrath*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

Use the QR code to reach our online giving page:



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray: O God, maker of heaven and earth, **your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Now the Feast

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 our duty and delight . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
 might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

ELW 339

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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.**

The flowers on the altar are given in celebration of Phil & Sandy Lyden's 60th Wedding Anniversary by their daughters.

The flowers on the organ are given in celebration of Maxine Silvius on her 90th birthday on March 28th by her family.

Today's Worship Leaders

Leader: Pastor Beth Ann Stone; Presider: Pastor Nathan Pratt
Musician: Michael Becker; Minister of Music: Dimitri Shapovalov
Sun. Greeter: Christine Corcoran
Sat. Reader: *One Needed*; Sun. Reader: Marisa West
Sun. Communion Assistants: Joe Maier, Amy Obernberger
Coffee Hour Refreshments: Diane Kelly, Becky Litwin
Video Producer: Becky Litwin

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THIS WEEK AT MPLC: Mar. 29- Apr. 5

Sun. Mar. 29

9:00 AM: Worship (Sanctuary)

10:15 AM: Coffee Hour (Fellowship)

10:15 AM: Palm Sunday Celebration & Easter Egg Hunt (Fellowship)

10:15 AM: Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conference)

10:20 AM: Adult Ed (Mygatts)

11:15 AM: Book Club (Conference)

Tues. Mar 31

11:00 AM: Chair Yoga (Fellowship)

6:30 PM: Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

Wed. Apr. 1

7:00 PM: Adult Choir (Choir Room)

Thurs. Apr. 2

6:30 PM: Maundy Thursday Worship (Sanctuary)

Fri. Apr. 3

1:00 PM: Good Friday Worship (Sanctuary)

6:30 PM: Good Friday Worship (Sanctuary)

Sun. Apr. 5

9:00 AM: Easter Worship (Sanctuary)

10:15 AM: Easter Breakfast (Fellowship)



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday Worship

Thursday, April 2, 6:30 PM

Good Friday Worship

Friday, April 3, 1:00 PM and 6:30 PM

Racine/Kenosha Community Easter Vigil Worship

at CARTHAGE COLLEGE'S SIEBERT CHAPEL in Kenosha

Saturday, April 4, 5:00 PM

Easter Sunday Festival Worship

Sunday, April 5, 9:00 AM

followed by Easter Breakfast for all in the Fellowship Hall

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