

Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church

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



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, October 10, 2026, 4:00 PM

Sunday, October 11, 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" are hung along the wall in 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 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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

(silence is kept for reflection)

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“As We Gather at Your Table”

ELW 522

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (Sun.)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

A reading from Isaiah:

¹ O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ² For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will

swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

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

Psalm 47 (*read responsively*)

¹Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a joyful sound.

²**For the LORD Most High is to be feared:
a great king over all the earth,**

³who subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet;

⁴**who chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

⁵God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of the ram’s horn.

⁶**Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

⁷For God is king of all the earth;
sing praises with a song.

⁸**God reigns over the nations;
God is enthroned on high.**

⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:11-16 (NLT)

A reading from Ephesians:

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

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



GOSPEL: **Matthew 22:1-14**

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

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

SERMON: Pastor Beth Ann L. Stone

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We All Are One in Mission”

ELW 576

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM WITH NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

...Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY

You have made public profession of your faith. . . .

. . . People of God, do you promise to support these siblings and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray. . . . the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ:

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

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

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

Though the earth shall change, though the moun-tains trem-ble,
though the wa-ters rage, you, God, are here.
Though the na-tions war, though the peo-ples bat-tle,
though the em-pire fal-ters, we will not fear.

IN OUR PRAYERS

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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.)

"Here I Am, Lord"

Craig Courtney

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray: God of creation,

you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

ELW Setting 4

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

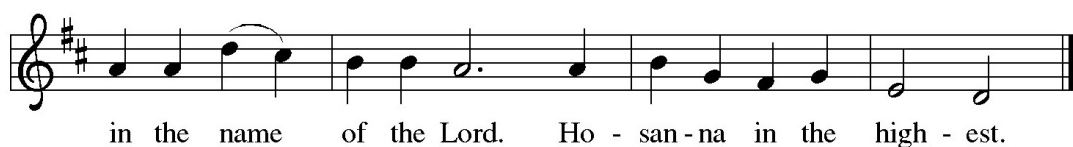
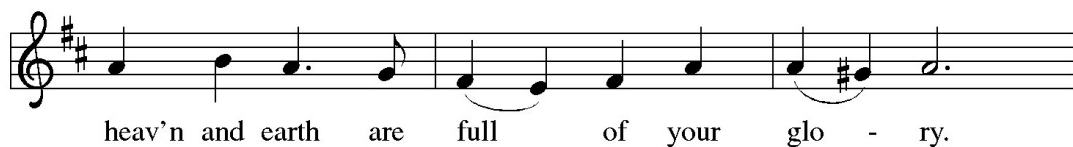
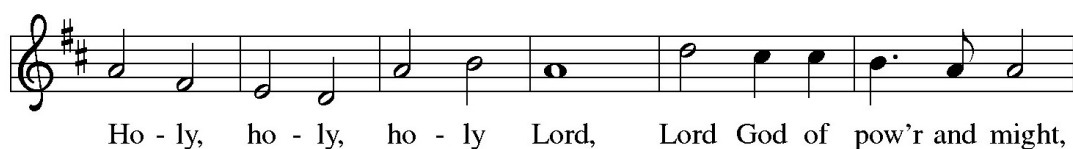
Lift up your hearts.

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:



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

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

ELW 873 Vs 1-3, 5

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Pastor Beth Ann Stone; Presider: Pastor Nathan Pratt

Musician: Michael Becker

Interim Choir Director: Gregory Schroeder

Sun. Greeter: The Steenrod Family

Welcome Desk Host: Ann Harmann

Sat. Reader: *One Needed*; Sun. Reader: Harold Solberg

Sun. Communion Assistants: Amy Obernberger, Jamie Rauth

Video Producer: Fritz Obernberger

Coffee Hour Treats: Jayne Armbruster, Jan Fuller

Worship Leaders for 10/17 and 10/18:

Sun. Greeter: The Meader Family

Welcome Desk Host: Bob Peck

Sat. Reader: *One Needed*; Sun. Reader: Karen Magee

Sun. Communion Assistants: Elaine Klandrud, Carol Wiechers

Video Producer: Chris Ryshkus

Coffee Hour Treats: Chris Pearson, Kathy Peck

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Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church Stewardship Appeal for 2027

None of us can carry out the work of the whole congregation by ourselves. We've all been given different gifts and abilities, with our own financial circumstances. But God asks every one of us to contribute as we've been called, to share of our time, talents, and resources for the sake of God's mission in our faith community.



"Christ makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."

(Ephesians 4:16, NLT)

Some of us are financially comfortable, able to give more. Some of us are learning how to give to God first, living within our means on what is left after we've made our offering. Some of us are growing to make giving to God a regular part of our budget each week or month. Some of us have limited resources, but more time to offer our hands in serving our neighbors. Some of us will make an intent to give for the first time next week, stretching ourselves to be more intentional about our giving to God's work. Every response is important to our shared goals and your own faith development.

Next week is MPLC Commitment Weekend. Members and friends, please watch your mail at home this week for your Stewardship Appeal packet, and bring your Commitment Card with you to worship on October 17 or 18. **We're depending on "all hands" to respond with an intent to give to MPLC in 2027!**

THIS WEEK AT MPLC: Oct 11 - 18

Sun. Oct 11

9:00 AM: Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00 AM: Coffee Hour (Fellowship)

10:15 AM: Sunday School (Education)

10:20 AM: Adult Ed (Mygatts)

Mon. Oct 12

5:00 PM: Grief Share (Mygatts)

Tues. Oct 13

11:00 AM: Chair Yoga (Fellowship)

6:30 PM: Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Wed. Oct 14

11:00 AM: Midweek Bible Study (Mygatts)

5:30 PM: Prayer Vigil (Sanctuary)

6:30 PM: Confirmation (Mygatts)

7:00 PM: Adult Choir (Choir Room)

Sat. Oct 17

4:00 PM: Worship (Sanctuary)

Sun. Oct 18

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: Open Table (Fellowship)

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.**

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