



**The Holy Communion
10:00 AM**

**9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025**

**Palm Lutheran Church
11 W. Cherry Street
Palmyra, PA 17078**

Welcome to Worship with Palm Congregation

Greetings in the name of the triune God. All the baptized are invited to join in the celebration of the Lord's Supper today. Please receive the Sacrament trusting that the crucified and risen Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, and that Christ himself instituted this meal for your strengthening of faith, growth in grace, and forgiveness of sin.

Worship Notes

- **Welcome Packets for Guests** are located at the ushers stand. The packets contain information about liturgical worship at Palm congregation and our different ministries.
- **Hearing assistance devices** are available in the narthex. An usher will be glad to assist you.
- **Please fill out a communion card** if you are visiting today. We will forward it to your congregation. Members should be sure to fill out a card at least once a year as their formal record of participation for voting membership. The communion cards are located on the center stand/table in the narthex, and in the card holders in the pews. Please place a completed card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.
- **Parents with small children:** Please help yourself to the **white activities bags** (hanging on the wooden bear) in the narthex for your little one(s) who like to remain active during the service. They are filled with crayons, coloring pages and a few other goodies. At the end of the service, please return them to the clearly-marked basket so they may be refilled. Thank you!

Special Needs?

- The **Teddy bears** in each pew may be taken to someone in need of a sign of God's love and comfort. If you are able, please place a donation in the envelope attached to the bear, remove the envelope and put it in the offering plate. (Be sure to remove the envelope before giving it to the recipient.) Questions? Call Kitty Wolf at 717-838-4186.
- A **Prayer Chain** within our congregation gives support to those with prayer concerns. To add a person's name to the chain, contact Ann Miller at 717-507-4807. Names will be included for two weeks unless requested for a longer time.

- **Stephen Ministers are willing** and able to care for you by being present and listening while you live through a difficult time in your life. If you feel a need for this kind of prayerful listening care, call Kitty Wolf (717-838-4186), Kristie Cavallaro (717-576-1595), Ann Miller (717-507-4807).

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

Prelude: "(Little) Fugue in G minor" (J.S. Bach)

Gathering

****Confession and Forgiveness:***

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection. (If you are able, please kneel)

P: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.
Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

(Please turn to follow the processional cross as it moves into the Sanctuary.)

Gathering Hymn:

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #632

***Apostolic Greeting:**

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

C: **And also with you.**

***Kyrie:**

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

**Hymn of Praise:*



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

****Prayer of the Day:***

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Carl

Word

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm: 33:12-22



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¹²Happy is the nation whose God ¹ is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to ¹ be God's heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks ¹ down from heaven,
and sees all ¹ humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly en- ¹ throned and watches
all who dwell ¹ on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions ¹ all their hearts
and observes ¹ all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size ¹ of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by ¹ their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain ¹ hope for victory;
despite its great strength it ¹ cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear ¹ you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your ¹ steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their ¹ lives from death,
and to keep them alive in ¹ time of famine.**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for ¹ you, O LORD,
our helper ¹ and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoic- ¹ es in you,
for in your holy name we ¹ put our trust.**

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, ¹ be upon us,
even as we place our ¹ hope in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

****Gospel Acclamation***



****Gospel: Luke 12:32-40***

P: The Holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon:

Pastor Carl Rabbe

****Hymn of the Day:***

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

#764

****Nicene Creed:***

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

****Prayers of Intercession:***

**Response: God of Grace
 Hear our prayer**

Conclusion: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Amen.

****Sharing of the Peace:***

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Meal

Offering of our Gifts

**Offertory Anthem:*


“Deep River” (arr. Marriane Kim)

Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**Offering Prayer*

P: Let us pray:
Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: **Amen.**

**Holy Communion*



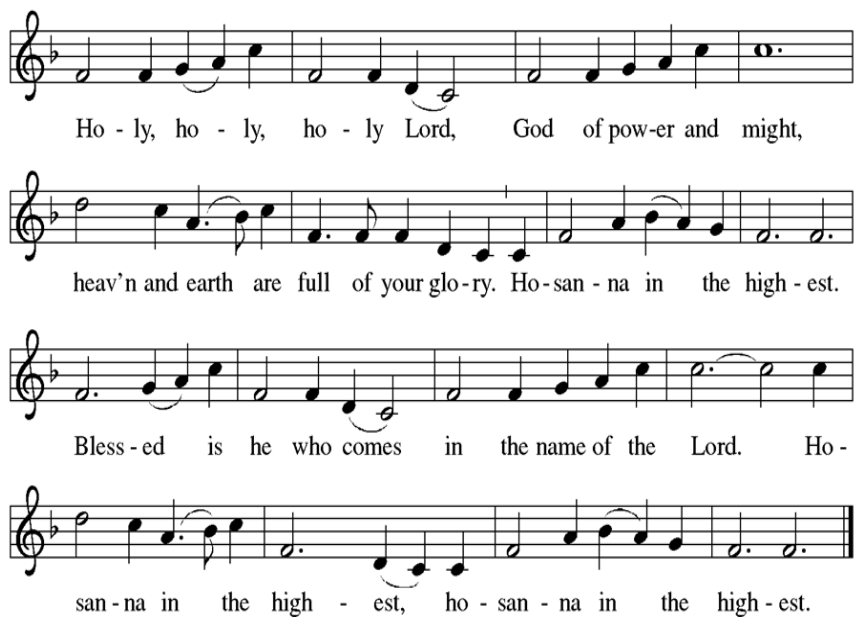
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

****Eucharistic Prayer***

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the
flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through
the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the
wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise
to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.
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.
With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Bless this
feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Come, Lord Jesus.
O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine. Breathe new life into
us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.
With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth
and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed
and holy Trinity,
Amen.

****The Lord's Prayer:***

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: 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.

****Invitation to Communion:***


P: The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

C: Thanks be to God.

Communion of the Faithful:



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymns:

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" #502

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken" #494

****Prayer after Communion:***

A: Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Sending

****Benediction:***

P: The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

****Sending Hymn:***

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" #802

****Dismissal:***

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: #6 Poco Vivace of Short Preludes and Intermezzos" (Herman Schroeder)

Our Palm Family in Prayer

Grieving: The family of Dick Kern.

Immediate concern: Patrick Grant, Andrew & Owen Conard,
Craig and Bonnie Housel, Sue Nale, Lee Phillips, Bob Baker, Brian
Hoy, Hilda Maderik, David Snover, Kailyn Nadden, Fran Drupp,
Nancy, Sean.

Ongoing: Angela Machac, Andy Bomberger Leon Riegel,
Harry Fox, Dan Charpentier, Mae Rader, Margaret & Craig Solle,
Lorraine and Garin Moore, Cindy, George Henrikson, Pat Gontz.

Worshipping at home: Cindy Starr, Marilyn McCurdy.

Attendance for August 3, 2025 Service

85

Gifts Given Today

Chancel flowers today are sponsored by Steve and Debbie Ricker for the Glory of God.

Our bread and bulletin sponsor for today is Mae Rader in honor of her granddaughter Holly's birthday.

Flood Buckets/Social Ministry

For the month of August we are collecting 6 to 14 oz pump-spray bottles of Insect Repellent. We are also collecting 5 gallon cleaning buckets with lids are also needed. A list of needed supplies is posted on a board in the Narthex.

Social Ministries

Is collecting Food for the Caring Cupboard Children's Lunch Program through August 23. Please see the bulletin board in the Narthex for the needed items.

Property Committee

The Property Committee would like to thank Duane Rexrode, Don and Kitty Wolf and Tim Miller for the design and installation of the two (2) new handrails along the side stairs of the chancel. Both steps now have the option of a left or right handrail to use for your convenience to enter or exit the chancel. Thank you, Duane, Don, Kitty and Tim!"

Clothing Drive Drop-off Continues thru August 13 Donations to be placed in the trailer.

Clothes need to be clean and gently used, no tears, holes, or stains. All sizes of clothing for women, men, children, and infants will be accepted. This also includes coats, suits, and accessories (shoes, handbags, belts, gloves, mittens, and hats). All items should be placed into a bag/box. Please indicate on the front of the bag/box the gender and size of the articles. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex. If you could give a some time to assist in sorting the clothing, please sign up. It would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Phyliss Moyer, 717-304- 2872. Thank you in advance for your help and time.

Dear Palm Family

Thank you for all of the caring messages, cards, prayers, and the prayer shawl as I underwent knee surgery and throughout the recovery. All are greatly appreciated. I am grateful to be part of such a caring church community and felt so very supported through this journey. Thank you again. In God's love, Rosalie Jerpe.

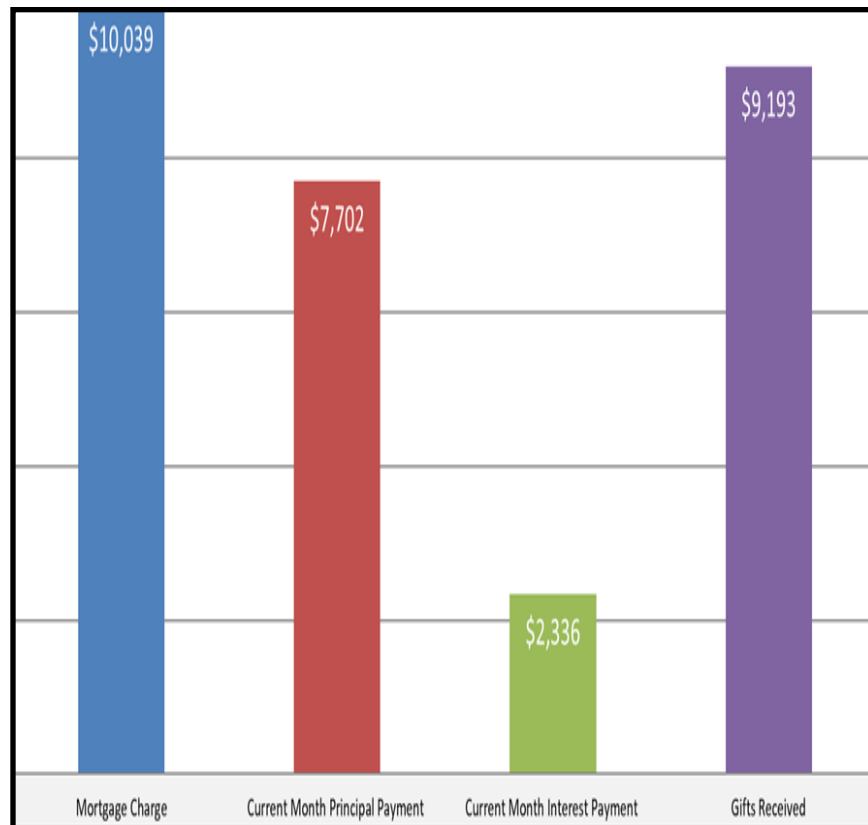
**Dear Palm Lutheran Congregation, A Great Big
Thanks to All of You**

Thank you very much for all the prayers, kind wishes, cards, and thoughtfulness through this trying time for our family. God bless you.

The Conard family (Andrew, Lauren and Owen)

**Building into God's Future
Mortgage Loan Update
July 31, 2025**

Beginning Mortgage Principal	\$1,720,000
Mortgage Principle	\$ 854,966
Gifts Received less Mortgage Payment	\$ - 846



Ministers of the Liturgy

Presiding Minister	Pastor Carl Rabbe
Assisting Minister	Evvie Kohl
Crucifer	Evvie Kohl
Communion Assistants	Steve Kahl Ben Ricker
Lector	Sue Kotzatoski
Organist	Carol Harlacher
Torch Bearers	Steve Kahl Ben Ricker
Greeters	Steve Oliver David Rorabaugh
Ushers	Cory Bender Larry Geib Tim Miller Glenn Snover
Altar Guild	Phyllis Moyer Viviane Rexrode
A/V Ministry	Scott Thomas

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Upcoming Meetings/Events
August 3 thru August 26, 2025
Pastor Carl on Vacation August 20-27

Social Ministries	August 5, 10:00-11:00 Parlor
Worship and Music	August 5, 1:00 pm GA
Property Committee	August 5, 7:00-8:00 pm CR
PEO	August 12, 6:30 -9:30 pm MPR
Council Meeting	August 12, 7:00-8:30 pm CR
Memory Care Group	August 14, 10:00-11:30 am Parlor
Clothing Drive & Free Meal	August 16, 9:00 am -1:00 pm
Parish Visitor Committee	August 19, 10:00 am GA
Noon Meal	August 21, 12:00-1:00 MPR

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Sexton	Lauren Conard

Can You Find All the Words? Do Not Fear!

F	B	R	D	Y	F	A	H	T	G	N	I	H	T	O	L	C
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kingdom of God

flowers

lilies

worry

fool

possessions

richman

heart

grass

God

clothing

heaven

Jesus

barns