



The Holy Communion

10:00 AM

Mary, Mother of Our Lord
August 17, 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.
- **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 (838-4186), Kristie Cavallo (671-1369), Ann Miller (507-4807), or fill out a lavender form in the pew and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate.

The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Mary's role is not limited to giving birth to Jesus and mothering him in his childhood. In John's gospel, she is among the women standing near the cross; in Acts, she is among the disciples awaiting the gift of the Spirit. Through all that happened she continued to see how God was at work through her son, keeping the ancient promises to her ancestors, brushing aside the rich and powerful, and focusing on those as poor and powerless as Mary herself.

Prelude "Ave Verum" (Mozart/Paxton)

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
 who forgives all our sin,
 whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,
 let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

If you are able, please kneel.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care.

**We are worried and distracted by many things,
and we fail to love you above all else.**

**We store up treasures for ourselves
and turn away from our neighbors in need.**

**Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt,

God made us alive together with Christ,

forgiving us + all our trespasses

by taking our sins to the cross.

For freedom Christ has set us free:

Rejoice in this good news!

C: Amen.

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

***Gathering Hymn:**

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

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***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.

*Hymn of Praise

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

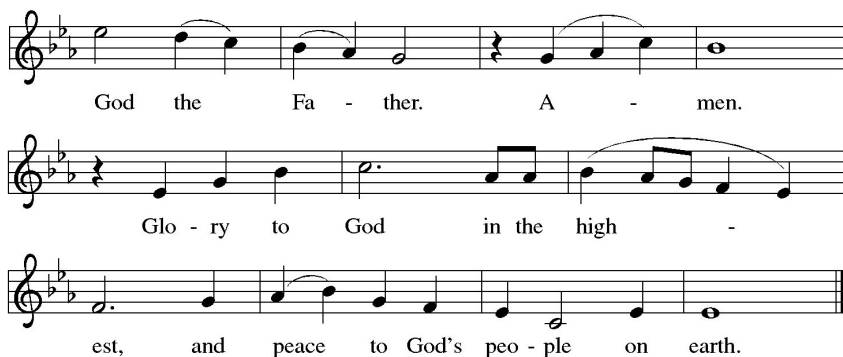
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



***Prayer of the Day:**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty God, in choosing the virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, and the despised. Grant us grace to receive your word in humility, and so to be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Children's Time

Michael Williams

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 61:7-11

⁷ Because [the] shame [of God's people] was double,
and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion;
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

⁸ For I, the LORD, love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my whole being shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

- ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-9 (Read responsively)

- ¹ I will bless the LORD ¹ at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be ¹ in my mouth.
² **I will glory ¹ in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear ¹ and rejoice.
³ Proclaim with me the greatness ¹ of the LORD;
let us exalt God's ¹ name together.
⁴ **I sought the LORD, who ¹ answered me**
and delivered me from ¹ all my terrors.
⁵ Look upon the LORD ¹ and be radiant,
and let not your faces ¹ be ashamed.
⁶ **I called in my affliction, and ¹ the LORD heard me**
and saved me from ¹ all my troubles.
⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who ¹ fear
the LORD and de- ¹ livers them.
⁸ **Taste and see that the ¹ LORD is good;**
happy are they who take ref- ¹ uge in God!
⁹ Fear the LORD, you saints ¹ of the LORD,
for those who fear the ¹ LORD lack nothing.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

- ⁴ When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of
a woman, born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those who
were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as
children, ⁶ And because you are children. God has sent the Spirit
of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are
no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir,
through God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**Gospel: Luke 1:46-55*

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

- ⁴⁶Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Carl Rabbe

**Hymn of the Day:*

"For All the Faithful Women" #419 (verses 1,6, last)

****Prayers of Intercession:***

Response: Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great

Conclusion: United with the great cloud of witnesses throughout the ages, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

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

****Offering Song: "Ave Maria " (Gounod)***

Linda Williams Flute



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy;
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

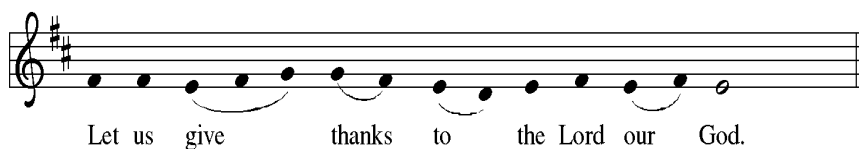
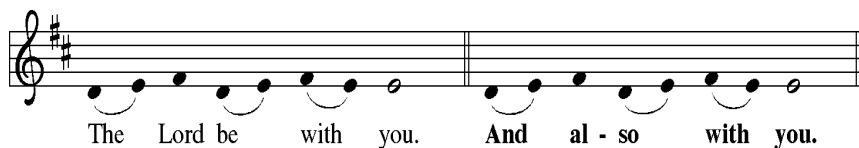
****Offering Prayer:***

A: Let us pray:

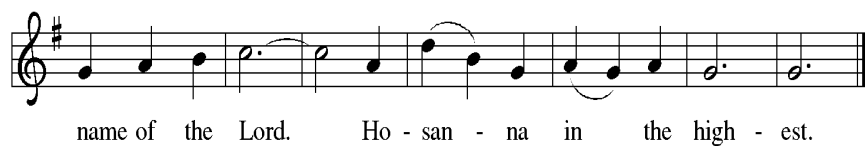
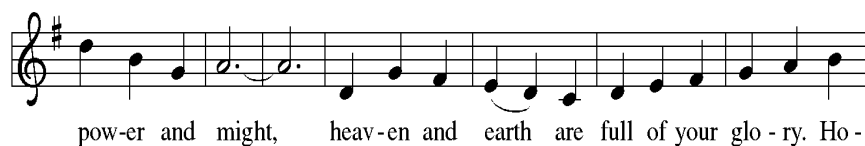
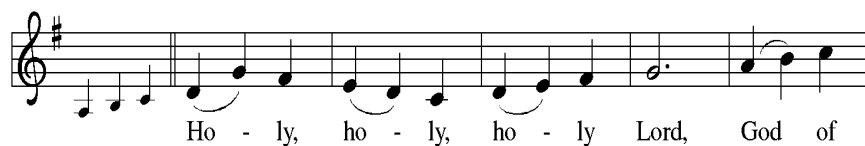
God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, Creator God and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

****Holy Communion:***



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



****Eucharistic Prayer:***

P: 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.
C: 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.**

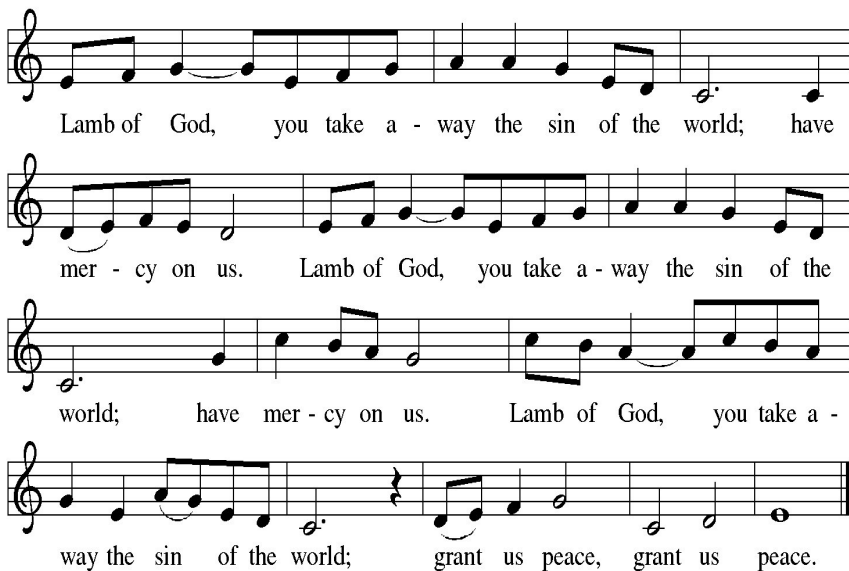
****Invitation to Communion:***

P: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.

Come to the banquet.

C: Thanks be to God.

Communion of the Faithful:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns:

"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness" #251

"Sing of Mary, Pure and Holy" WOV #634

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen
and preserve you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

****Prayer after Communion:***

A: Let us pray.

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our
wounds and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and
stranger, that all may come to know your love.

This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

Sending

***Benediction:**

P: The God of peace,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

C: Amen.

***Sending Hymn:**

“O Word of God Incarnate”

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***Dismissal:**

A: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “When the Poor Ones” (Manzano)

Our Palm Family in Prayer

Grieving: The family of Dick Kern.

Immediate concern: Patrick Grant, Andrew and 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.

Gifts Given Today

The chancel flowers today are provided by Rodney Ditzler in loving memory of his wife Judy, on the occasion of their wedding anniversary. Additional flowers provided by Dennis Shreffler in celebration of his wife's Millie's birthday.

Our bread sponsors for today are David and Joyce Brander in honor of their grandson Jason.

The bulletin sponsors for today are Tom and Kimberly Gillespie in honor of their granddaughter Briellas's birthday.

Attendance for August 10, 2024 Service

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Reminder, Pastor Carl will be on vacation

August 20-27. Pastor Caitlin Kurtz will be the Pastor on call.
She can be reached at 717-819-0420

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 which 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.

Book Study

We are taking a break for the rest of August and will resume on Sept. 8 with 'X is for Oxen', Luke 14: 15-24. Hope to see you in the Gathering Area on Mondays.

Rally Day

Will be held Sunday September 7 at 9:00 am. Everyone is invited to join us in the multipurpose room to celebrate the beginning of a new school year. There will be breakfast snacks, games, crafts and a chance to see all the educational opportunities and other activities and groups at Palm. Games and activities will be based on stories from the lectionary of the fall curriculum. Bible stories include the lost sheep, the Saducee's question, the mustard seed, Zacchaeus and ten men healed. Collect a prize by visiting all the display tables! Hope to see you at Rally Day and throughout the year each Sunday at 9:00 am for Sunday School, where there are classes for every age. Also, join us for intergenerational programs the first Sunday of each month.

Sunday School will meet each Sunday morning at 9:00 am before worship service.

Kindergarten-2nd Grade: Kathy Meyer, teacher, meets in the classroom in the secondary corridor.

3rd Grade-5th Grade: Linda Williams, teacher, meets in the classroom located in the secondary corridor. They are also using the Spark lectionary series.

Confirmation Class: Craig Meyer and Pastor Carl, teachers, meets in the Confirmation Classroom off the secondary corridor, using the Faith Inkubators curriculum. This class includes grades 6-8 and anyone wishing to familiarize themselves with the fundamentals of the Lutheran Faith, based on Luther's Small Catechism.

High School: Michael Williams, youth director, is the teacher, meets in the Youth Room, located at the end of the main hallway.

Palm's Parents of Little Lutherans: Dexter and Rachel Daubert, discussion leaders. This group discussion class will meet in the room adjacent to the PreK room along the main corridor.

Adult Group: Scott Thomas leads this discussion, which meets in the conference room, located off the main corridor leading from the gathering area. This is a video based discussion group, centering on the day's lectionary.

Ministers of the Liturgy

Presiding Minister	Pastor Carl Rabbe
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Acolyte	Keith Kuhlengel
Communion Assistants	Norah Kisekka Laurie Miller
Lector	Steve Oliver
Organist	Holly Gainor
Torch Bearers	Norah Kisekka Laurie Miller
Greeters	Phyllis Moyer Charles Moyer
Ushers	Cory Bender Larry Geib Tim Miller Glenn Snover
Altar Guild	Allison Felt Dorothy Felt
A/V Ministry	Scott Thomas

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Upcoming Meetings/Events
August 18 thru September 12, 2025
Pastor Carl on Vacation August 20-27

Parish Visitor Committee	August 19, 10:00 am GA
Noon Meal	August 21, 12:00-1:00 MPR
Labor Day, September 1	Church & Office Closed
Social Ministries	September 2, 10:00-11:00 Parlor
Property Committee	September 2, 7:00-8:00 pm CR
Yoko Tokuda Recital	September 5, 6:30-7:30 pm
Rally Day	September 7, MPR
Book Club	September 8, 10:30-11:30 GA
Council Meeting	September 9, 7:00-8:30 CR
Memory Care Group	September 11, 10:00-11:30 Parlor

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