

I revealed myself to those
who did not ask for me; I was
found by those who did not seek me.
To a nation that did not call on my name,
I said, 'Here am I, here am I.'

Isaiah 65:1

The Holy Communion 10:00 AM

**Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 22, 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.

- **Counseling Services** for individuals, families, and groups are available through the PACC sponsored Palmyra Area Counseling Center (520 Birch Street, Palmyra) at 1-800-452-6517.
- **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

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

Prelude: "Arioso" (David Paxton)

**If you are able, please stand.*

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.

C: **Merciful God,**
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.

C: **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:**

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" #843

***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.**

P: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.

²I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

⁴who sit inside tombs
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat the flesh of pigs,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵who say, "Keep to yourself;
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

⁶See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the Lord;

because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.

⁸Thus says the Lord:

As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,"

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

****Gospel Acclamation***

Alleluia. Return ¹ to your home,* and declare how much God has ¹ done for you.

Alleluia.



Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

P: The Holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 8th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me,"

²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)

³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him. Jesus said,]

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon:

Pastor Carl Rabbe

Hymn of the Day:

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

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****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: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

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: "My Life Flows On"*

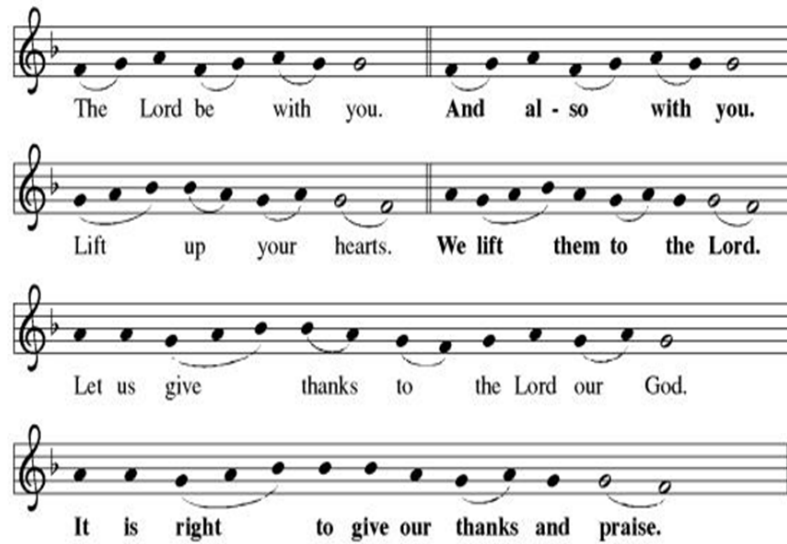
Gwendolyn Bowers, Soloist

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.

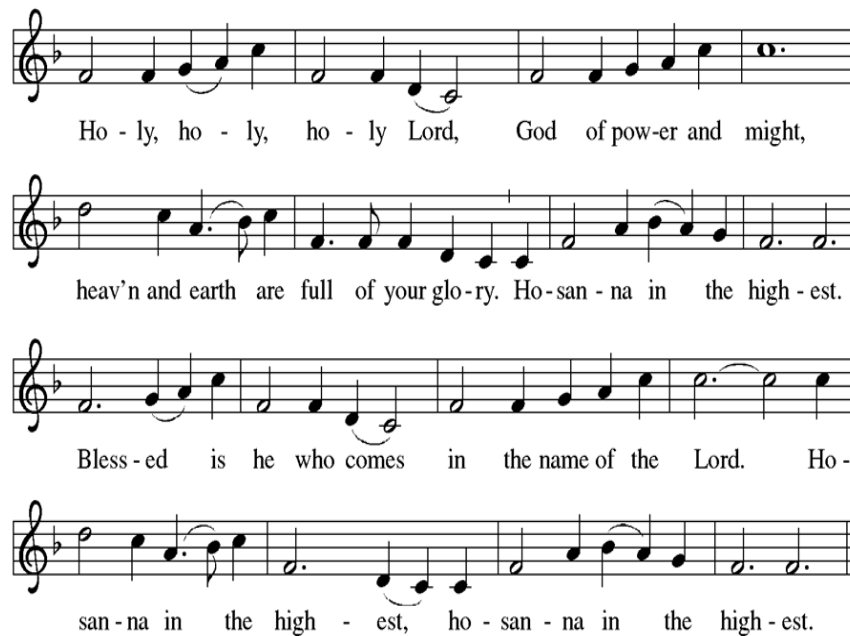
**Offering Prayer*

- 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*



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



****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:

"One Bread, One Body" #496

"Will You Come and Follow Me" #798

****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:***

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #858

****Dismissal:***

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Praise" (Martin)

Our Palm Family in Prayer

Grieving: The family of Chris Drupp. The family of Bernie LaPine.

Immediate concern: 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 June 15, 2025 Service

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Gifts Given Today

The chancel flowers today are sponsored by Cory and Elaine Bender in loving memory of Elaine's parents anniversary.

Our bread today is provide by David and Joyce Brander in celebration of their grandson David's birthday.

Our bulletins today are provided by Rod Ditzler in Judy Ditzler's memory.

Book Study

Book Study Monday, June 23. Discussion will be on 'Q is for Quirinius' Luke 2: 1-2. With all the political turmoil, a terrible time for the Messiah to be born. Or maybe it was the perfect time. Political turmoil? Imagine that. Show up tomorrow at 10:30 in the Gathering Area. Contact is Linda Williams.

Flood Buckets/Social Ministry

In June we are collecting dishwashing soap. (16-34oz). A list of needed supplies is posted on a board in the Narthex. If you prefer to make a donation via check, please note on the memo section that it is for Flood Buckets.

Social Ministries

Is collecting Food for the Caring Cupboard Children's Lunch Program from June 9 through August 23. Please see the bulletin board for the needed items.

Summer Ladies Night

The Lutheran Churchmen of Lebanon County will be holding their Summer Ladies Night on July 15, 2025, at 5:00 pm at Heisey's Diner. The cost is \$17 per person. This will be a family style meal with Ham, Turkey, Potato Filling, Corn, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Apple pie and various beverages. Please call Cory Bender at 717-421-8971 NLT July 3, 2025, with your reservation and number attending.

Palm Church Picnic on July 20

Will be held at H.M. Levitz Memorial Park, 28 Park Drive, Grantville. We will have the park all day as well as a covered pavilion. Activities will be children's games, bingo, guessing jar game, softball game, bean bag toss, ring toss, and cake walk. The church will provide meats, buns, and drinks. We are asking you to bring one of these items: salads (macaroni, potato, or pasta), snacks (chips, pretzels, veggie, or cheese tray), desserts (pie, cookies, brownies, or fruit). We will also need cakes for the cake walk. There will be a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex. We hope that you can join us for a good lunch, fun times, and fellowship.

Got "stuff"??

Looking for something to do with that thoughtful gift you received but just don't have a use for or those sale items you just couldn't pass up but didn't really need? Maybe you do arts, crafts, woodwork, or such. Here's your opportunity to do a little cleaning out and share your bounty with others! The Hospitality Committee is collecting donations of **new** items to fill baskets for bingo prizes at the congregational picnic on July 20th. Basket themes include sports, golf, movies, gardening, fishing, candy, baking, bath and pampering, cars, kids, dog, cat, tea, coffee, girls, boys, and tweens. Small to medium-sized new or like new baskets or other containers are also needed. Items can be dropped off in the bin in the narthex until July 6. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Hospitality Committee. See you at the picnic!

There will not be a July/August Combined Parable

Instead, we will continue to publish monthly Parables. This way the congregation will have more up to date information as to the "happenings" in the church.

Join us for Vacation Bible School

What is VBS 2025 about? FINGERPRINTS!!!!

Join us each evening from Wednesday July 9 through Friday July 11 from 5:30-7PM for a short meal, some singing, games, meaningful experiences, new friendships, and lots of fun!

Email questions to Michael Williams at:
youth.director@palmlutheran.org

Large Print Sunday Bulletins

If you need a large print bulletin for Sunday services, please contact Fatima Nelson, our Church Administrator via email (parish.Secretary@palmlutheranchurch) or call the office (717-838-3311) the Wednesday before you plan to attend. This will ensure that a large print bulletin will be there for you. We are using this approach in order to make sure the large bulletin is available to those that need it and also reduce waste of our resources.

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Floor Maintenance in the Narthex & MPR in July

July 14 through July 17 the Narthex will be off limits due to the waxing process and curing of the wax.

July 27 through August 6 the Multipurpose Room will not be available due to the waxing process and curing of the wax.



Upcoming Meetings/Events Week of June 23 thru July 31, 2025

Book Club	June 23, 10:30-11:30 am GA
Londonderry Service	June 24, 10:00- 11:00 am
Wedding Reception	June 28, 11:00-2:00 pm MPR
Book Club	June 30, 10:30-11:30 am GA
Social Ministries	July 1, 10:00-11:00 am Library
Property Committee	July 1, 7:00-8:00 pm CR
JULY 4TH HOLIDAY	CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED
Book Club	July 7, 10:30-11:30 am GA
PEO	July 8, 6:30-9:30 MPR
Council Meeting	July 8, 7:00-8:30 CR
Vacation Bible School	July 9-11 5:30-7:00 pm MPR
Memory Care	July 10, 10:00-11:30 am Parlor
Book Club	July 14, 10:30-11:30 am GA
Parish Visitor Committee	July 15, 10:00 am GA
Noon Meal	July 17, 12:00 pm MPR
Sexton on vacation	July 18-25
Book Club	July 21, 10:30-11:30 am GA
Londonderry Service	July 22, 10:00 -11:00 GA
Book Club	July 28, 10:30-11:30 am GA

Ministers of the Liturgy

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Assisting Minister	Rachel Daubert
Crucifer	Evvie Kohl
Communion Assistants	Patty van Scyoc Vivian Rexrode
Lector	Kathy Meyer
Organist	Holly Gainor
Soloist	Gwendolyn Bowers
Torch Bearers	Rachel Daubert Patty van Scyoc
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Altar Guild	Sue Kotzatoski Deb Ricker
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Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Man Can You Find All The Words?

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FOOT	BEGGED	PEOPLE	HAND	CHAINS
PIGS	BROKEN	REPORTED	DROWNED	CURED
GUARD	GALILEE	HILLSIDE	DRESSED	JESUS
DEMON	FEEDING	SPIRIT	LAKE	EVIL