



The Holy Communion

**Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost**

July 27, 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

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

Prelude: "A Prayer for All Mankind" (Russell)

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:**

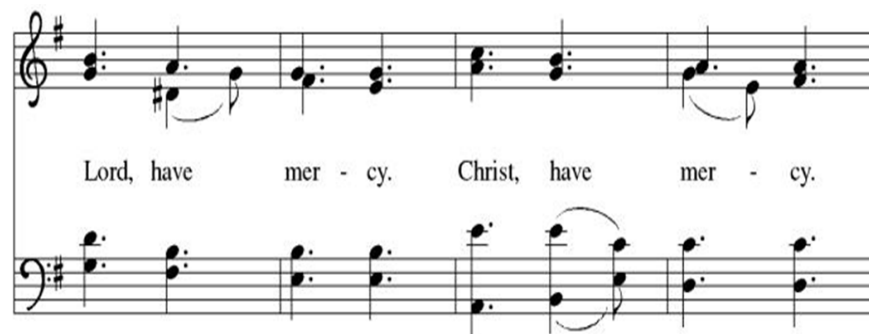
"All People that on Earth Dwell" #883

***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 and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Children's Sermon

Kathy Meyer

Word

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰ Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶ And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹ He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there."

He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it."

³² Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm: 138



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¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹ my whole heart;
before the gods I will ¹ sing your praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word a- ¹bove all things.

³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways ¹ of the LORD,
that great is the glory ¹ of the LORD.

**⁶The LORD is high, yet cares ¹for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ¹from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right | hand shall save me.

⁸ You will make good your pur- | pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not
abandon the works | of your hands.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ;

¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths.

¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

****Gospel Acclamation***



***Gospel: Luke 11:1-13**

P: The Holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."² So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon:

Pastor Carl Rabbe

***Hymn of the Day:**

"Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright" #745

***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:***

"Faith Is The Victory" (Sankey)

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*



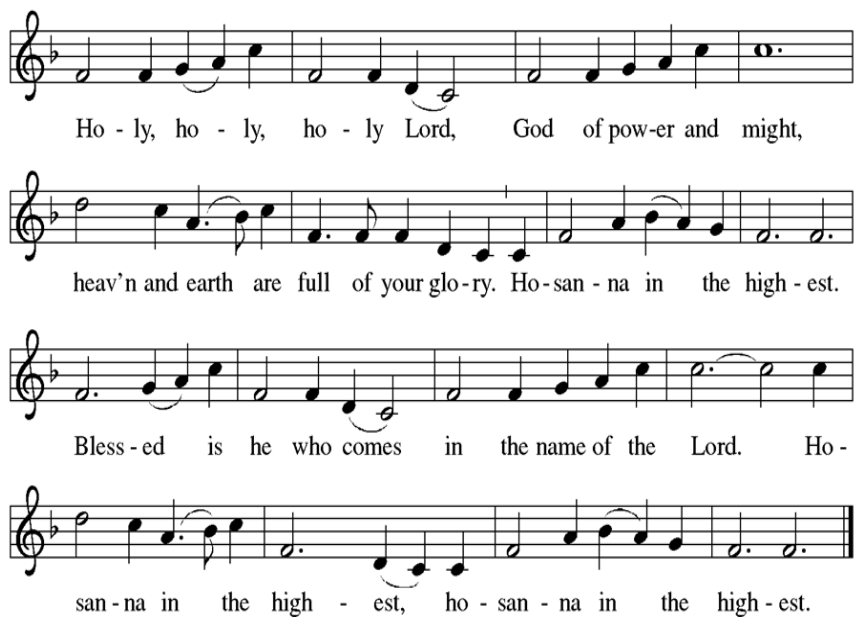
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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:

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #742

"Seek Ye First" #783WOV

****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:***

"Go My Children with My Blessing" #543

****Dismissal:***

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Little Trumpet Tune in G" (Harris)

Our Palm Family in Prayer

Grieving: The family of Dick Kern.

Immediate concern: Patrick Grant, Andrew 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.

Our Service Men/Women: Tommy Camunas, Jr. (Vivian and Duane Rexrode's step grandson; Air Force in Iran)

Attendance for July 20, 2025 Service

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Gifts Given Today

Chancel flowers today are sponsored by Hellen Nixdorf to the glory of God.

Our bulletin sponsors are Daniel and Tracy Helwig in celebration of their granddaughter Charlotte's birthday.

Our bread sponsors are Daniel and Tracy Helwig in celebration of their grandson Jett's birthday.

Flood Buckets/Social Ministry

For the month of August we are collecting heavy-duty rubber gloves. 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 couple of hours of your time, or more, to assist in sorting the clothing, please sign up. It would be greatly appreciated. Times and dates are on the sign-up sheets. More hands make light work, and, in this world, we live in today, there is a need in our and surrounding communities for such a worthwhile cause. If you have any questions, please contact Phyliss Moyer, 717-304- 2872. Thank you in advance for your help and time.

Book Study

Discussion on 'W is for Walking on Water', Matthew 14:22-33, tomorrow-Monday, 7/28, 10:30, Gathering Area. We will take a break for the rest of August and resume on Sept. 8 with 'X is for Oxen', Luke 14: 15-24. We then have two more chapters to finish the book 'A is for Alabaster' We will then need a new book to read. Open to suggestions. See Linda Williams if you have a book to recommend or if you want to browse through my bag of possible reads. Our Monday discussions are great. Looking forward to diving into a new book (after we finish X, Oxen, Y, Yeast and Z, Zaccheus). Hope to see you in the Gathering Area on Monday.



Upcoming Meetings/Events July 28 thru August 26, 2025

Book Club	July 28, 10:30-11:30 am GA
Londonderry Service	July 29, 10:00-11:00
MPR Off Limits Due To Floor Waxing	July 28 through August 6
Social Ministries	August 5, 10:00-11:00 Parlor
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
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

Ministers of the Liturgy

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Crucifer	Evvie Kohl
Communion Assistants	Laurie Miller Ben Ricker
Lector	Steve Oliver
Organist	Holly Gainor
Torch Bearers	Laurie Miller Ben Ricker
Greeters	Susy Fox Wayne Fox
Ushers	Tom Gillispie Dan Helwig Steve Oliver Duane Rexrode
Altar Guild	Phyllis Moyer Vivian Rexrode
A/V Ministry	Scott Thomas

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Can You Find It?

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answer	share	stone	bread	child
trust	offer	milk	fish	glad
heed	joy			