

The Holy Communion

10:00 AM

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 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

Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

***Prelude: “Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise!
(arr. Larson)***

**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. (Please kneel if you are able)

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.**

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.)

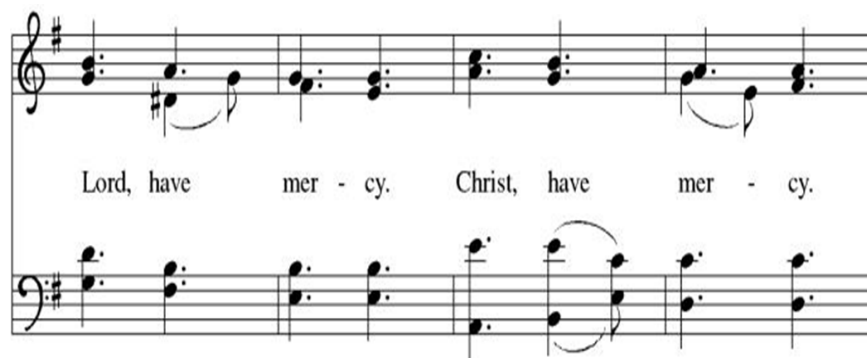
***Gathering Hymn: "Lord, Speak to Us" #676**

***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: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

****Children's Sermon***

Michael Williams

Word

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

¹The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a}Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm: 15



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- ¹ LORD, who may dwell in your ¹ tabernacle?
 Who may abide upon your ¹ holy hill?
- ² **Those who lead a blameless life and do ¹ what is right,
 who speak the truth ¹ from their heart;**
- ³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil ¹ to their
 friends; they do not cast discredit up- ¹ on a neighbor.
- ⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those
 who ¹ fear the LORD.**
**They have sworn upon their health and do not take ¹ back
 their word.**
- ⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take
 bribes a- ¹ gainst the innocent.
 Those who do these things shall never be ¹ overthrown.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

¹⁵ [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of
 all creation,¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were
 created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or
 dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created
 through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in
 him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the
 church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that
 he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all
 the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God
 was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth
 or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind,
 doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body
 through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and
 irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely
 established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the
 hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been
 proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a
 minister of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my
 flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for
 the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its minister
 according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to
 make the word of God fully known.

²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

****Gospel Acclamation***



Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

P: The Holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him.

³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon:

Pastor Carl Rabbe

Hymn of the Day: “Give Me Jesus” #770

****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: "If You but Trust in God to Guide You!" (arr. Miller)***



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*



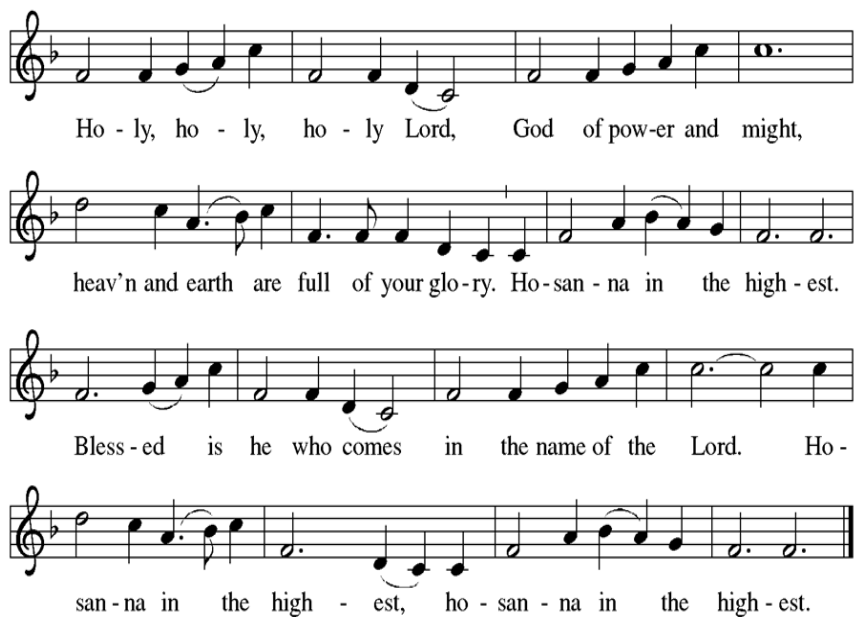
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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:

Communion Hymns:

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" #767 WOV

"For the Beauty of the Earth" #482



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.

****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: "On Our Way Rejoicing" #537***

****Dismissal:***

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Hymn of Faith" (Gluck)

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 13, 2025 Service

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Gifts Given Today

Chancel flowers today are sponsored by Rose Fry in loving memory of her husband Marlin.

Our bulletin sponsors are Kathleen, Kevin and Megan Eves in memory of Jaxon Eves.

Book Study

Book Study: 'V is for Voice' John 10: 2-10. Discussion will be in the Gathering Area tomorrow, Monday, July 21 at 10:30. Contact is Linda Williams.

Flood Buckets/Social Ministry

For the month of July 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 Dates

July 21 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 Phyllis Moyer, 717-304- 2872. Thank you in advance for your help and time.



Upcoming Meetings/Events July 21 thru August 26, 2025

Book Club	July 21, 10:30-11:30 am GA
Dick Kern Funeral	July 22, Visitation 10:00 -11:00am Funeral Service 11:00am -12:00pm
Londonderry Service	July 27, 10:00 -11:00 GA
Book Club	July 28, 10:30-11:30 am GA
MPR Off Limits Due To Floor Waxing	July 28 through August 6
Book Club	August 4, 10:30-11:30 am GA
Social Ministries	August 5, 10:00-11:00 Parlor
Property Committee	August 5, 7:00-8:00 pm CR
Book Club	August 11, 10:30-11:30 GA
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
Book Club	August 18, 10:30-11:30 am GA
Parish Visitor Committee	August 19, 10:00 am GA
Noon Meal	August 21, 12:00-1:00 MPR
Book Club	August 25, 10:30-11:30 am GA
Londonderry Village	August 26, 10:00 am

Ministers of the Liturgy

Presiding Minister	Pastor Carl Rabbe
Assisting Minister	Phyllis Moyer
Crucifer	Phyllis Moyer
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Organist	Holly Gainor
Torch Bearers	Keith Kuhlengel Steve Kahl
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Altar Guild	Sue Kotzatoski Deb Ricker
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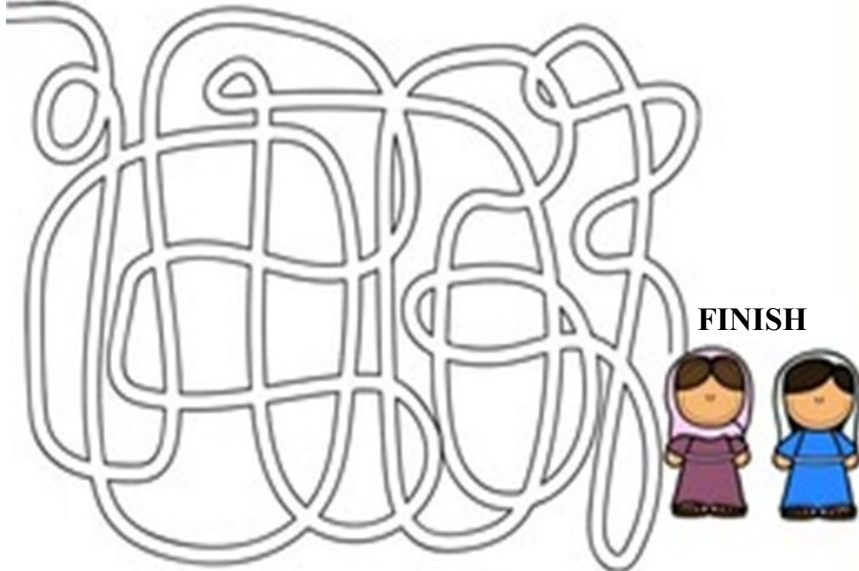
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Find Your Way to Mary & Martha

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Martha, Martha

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**Christ Jesus is the Image of the Invisible
God, the Firstborn of all Creation.**



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BLESSED
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HEAVENS
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