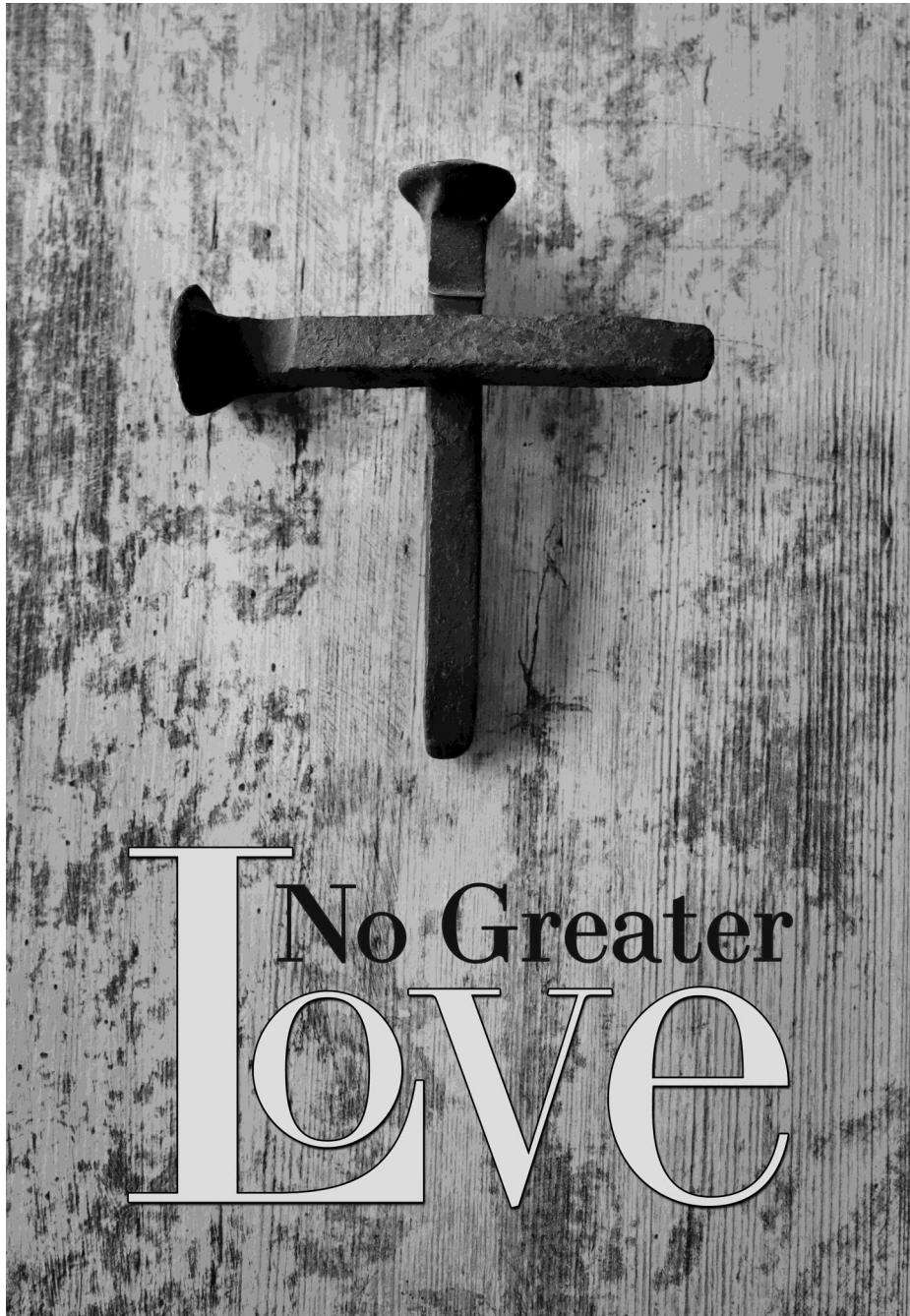


**Sunday, May 5, 2024**  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**



**Holy Communion Lutheran Church**  
**2000 West Sixth Street**  
**Racine, Wisconsin**

O the Joy  
A Liturgy Written by Gregory Berg


*Special thanks to greeter Joni Reske, assisting minister Kathy Berg, lector Marianne Jensen, communion assistants Roger Degerman and Don Lautz, AV technician Kylee Albright, ushers Jim Buhler Todd Jansen, Tim Krikau, and Gary Wee, altar guild Sandy Ivanoski, Kay Krause, Lori Neu, and Joni Reske, councilperson in charge Rebecca Mason, Gregory Berg and our musicians Elaine Lewis and Betty Petersen for sharing their time and talent with us today.*

PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG

O the Joy

Gregory Berg



O the Joy! O the Joy in know-ing Je - sus. Let us strive to know the Lord. God will re-  
ply like show-ers in the Spring-time as sure-ly as the morn - ing dawn. O the  
Joy in know-ing Je - sus. Let us strive to know the Lord. God will re - ply like  
show-ers in the Spring-time as sure - ly as the morn - ing dawn. God does not de-sire burnt  
of-fer-ings. God does not de-sire our sac - ri - fice. God most de-sires our hearts and lives so  
that is what we bring, and that is why we sing: "O the Joy!" O the Joy in know-ing Je - sus.  
Let us strive to know the Lord. God will re - ply like show-ers in the Spring-time as  
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Lord. God will re - ply like show-ers in the Spring-time as sure-ly as the morn-ing dawn.

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.  
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.  
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.  
Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.  
We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

## **GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE

Leader: Let us join as - one as we pray to the Lord, Congregation: **Lord have mer - cy.** For the  
peace from a - bove and for our sal - va - tion, **Lord have mer -**  
**cy.** For this ho - ly house and for all who in faith gath - er to wor - ship in this place, that  
we may be - hold a - glimpse of your face, **Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy,**  
know your peace, **Lord have mer - cy.** That the poor be re - stored and the  
bound re - leased, **Lord have mer - cy.** That the life of the church may be  
strong and se - cure anchored and cen - tered - sole - ly on you, and for gui - dance and grace in all that we do,  
**Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

leader  
 Lord God of pow - er and might, hea-ven and earth are

congregation  
 Lord God of pow - er and might, hea-ven and earth are

4  
 full of your glo - ry. Lord God of pow - er and might,

full of your glo - ry. Lord God of pow - er and might,

7  
 hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. *Fine* Glo - ry, Maj - e - sty, and  
 (Lord God, Heaven-ly King the

hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. *Fine* Glo - ry, Maj - e - sty,  
 (Lord God, Heaven-ly King,

11  
 Praise to Thee be gi - ven. Christ who takes a -  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther)

and Praise to Thee be gi - ven. Christ who takes  
 the on - ly Son of the Fa - ther)

14  
 way our sin have mer - cy up - on us. *D.C. al Fine*

a - way our sin have mer - cy up - on us. *D.C. al Fine*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**    *"In the Singing"*    Senior Choir

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH MAY GO TO CHOIR

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The Jewish believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

## SECOND READING: 1 John 5: 1-6.

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord; al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

## GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

The holy gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON Pastor Laura Fladten**

**CHILDREN RETURN TO WORSHIP**

# A New Commandment

A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as".

I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff continues with the accompaniment. The lyrics are: "I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you."

By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if

The third system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff continues with the accompaniment. The lyrics are: "By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if".

you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know

The fourth system of musical notation. It includes a triplet of eighth notes in the treble staff. The lyrics are: "you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know".

you are my dis - ci-ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

The fifth system of musical notation. It includes a triplet of eighth notes in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "you are my dis - ci-ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er."

Text: John 13:34-35  
Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous



## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## INVITATION SONG

Leader: Come to the ta - ble of the... Congregation: Come to the ta - ble of the Lord to the ta - ble of the...

Come to the ta - ble of the Lord. Leader: 1.Wine is poured and bread is bro - ken.  
2.Have no fear or hes - i - ta - tion,

Words of Institution are spoken here

Hear the gos - pel and pro - mise spo - ken.  
Come with hope and ex - pec - ta - tion.

All: Come as fam - 'ly friends and neigh - bors. Come en - count - er Christ the Sa - vior.

Leader: Come to the ta - ble of the... Congregation: Come to the ta - ble of the

Lord. to the ta - ble of the... Come to the ta - ble of the Lord.

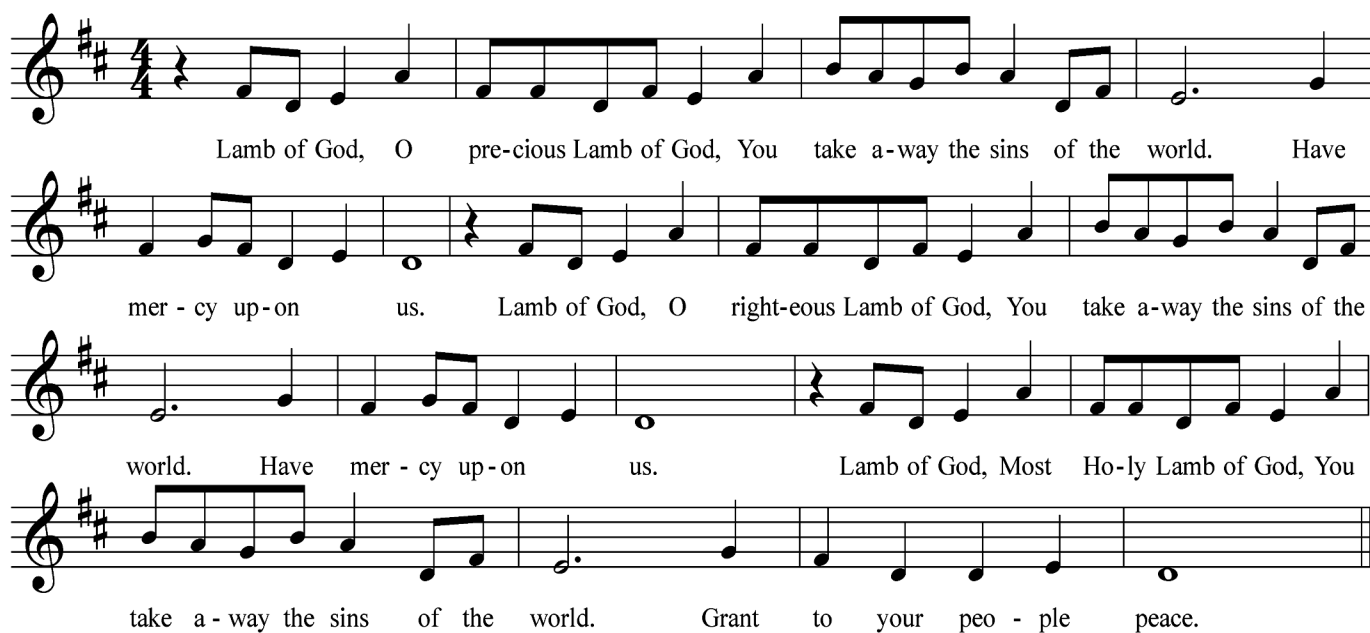
## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

## CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION

### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

### COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, O pre-cious Lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the world. Have  
mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God, O right-ous Lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the  
world. Have mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God, Most Ho-ly Lamb of God, You  
take a - way the sins of the world. Grant to your peo - ple peace.

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.  
Amen.

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

## CHILDREN MAY GO TO SUDAY SCHOOL

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

Thanks we bring to God a-bove for the bles-sings of His love, shown to us in count-less ways.

That is why we give our praise. Let us thank the Lord. Let us thank the Lord.

Bles-sings sim-ple, bles-sings grand come from God's al-might-y hand, far be-yond what we de-serve.

Let our thanks and praise be heard. Let us bless the Lord. Let us bless the Lord.

All we are and all we own comes from God and God a-lone!

All the bles-sings we re-ceive, far more than we can con-ceive, lead us then to give and share

with the need-y ev'-ry-where. Let us thank the Lord. Let us thank the Lord.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray.

God of Love, You have fashioned a world with sufficient bounty to leave no one hungry. Help us to share with others, including those in our own community who are in need of food to eat and a safe place to live. Remind us of the importance of loving our neighbors as you have first loved us. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you call us not only to love our family and friends, but even to love our enemies. Open our eyes and hearts to recognize all that we share in common with those who at a glance seem so different from us. Help us to see everyone as a treasured part of your human family. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you intend for us to derive joy from family, but human frailty can make some relationships, challenging and even painful. Guide us in our most difficult relationships and grant us the gifts of wisdom and sensitivity. And when it is healthy to do so, help us to embrace the gift of forgiveness. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you intend for all people to experience the full measure of love. Forgive us for the times when we have erected walls and barriers that were contrary to your holy will. Help us to build a world where all people are free to live as themselves. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, it is often in life's most difficult moments that we experience love in its richest form. Bless all who are experiencing difficulty or pain of any kind this day help them to feel loved and uplifted, even in the midst of their deepest hurts. We pray for..... Sustain them and those who care for them. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Hear these spoken prayers, and the unspoken prayers of our hearts, and continue to extend to us the love and grace and mercy made perfect in Christ Jesus, our Lord,  
**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

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What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.  
Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.  
Arr. © 1955 Augsburg Publishing House

WONDROUS LOVE  
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**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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*Please join us in the lounge for coffee and fellowship.*

## Announcements



### Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning were given by David and Laurie Knudson in memory of memory of Dave's mother, Nancyann Knudson, and by Jo Nissen.

### Welcome Visitors!

A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out one of the yellow cards in the pew rack in front of you so we can acknowledge your visit with us. You can put your completed card into the offering plate or give it to an usher or a pastor before you leave. Please join us in the lounge after the worship service for a cup of coffee and a treat and a time of conversation and fellowship.

### Communion By Intinction

All are welcome to come to the table for Communion. We offer Holy Communion through Intinction (dipping of the wafer into chalice of wine). There are also gluten free wafers and grape juice available in the center. We understand that not everyone will be comfortable with this practice yet, so the individual wafer/ juice cups are still available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary if you feel more comfortable taking communion in your pew.

### First Communion This Morning

Asia Doidge, Luke Ricchio and Vincent Ricchio and their families have been going to classes to learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion and will be receiving communion this morning. They were asked to answer the question,

#### **“What Does Receiving Holy Communion Mean To Our Family?”**

“When I hear the words; this is my body and this is my blood - **given for you**, I realize that Jesus has given me his whole life. He lived **for me**. He sacrificed **for me**. He died and was raised **for me**. But that is not the end of the story. He gives me his whole life, he gives me his love and his kindness and he wants me to do the same for others. When I take communion, I realize that I should be kind and loving too.

-Asia Nakeyia Doidge

“It is a weekly connection to and reminder of the sacrifices that Jesus made for our salvation. It is an important way that we can accept Jesus into our lives and teaches us to share his love.”

-Luke Joseph Ricchio and Vincent James Ricchio

### Youth Ministry Zone

**Confirmation** will be on Sunday, May 19th. After the worship this morning, parents/grandparents and confirmands should stay for a short rehearsal.

### **All Age Youth Party to Kick Off Summer!**

Come and join Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura for pizza, popcorn, games and more! We'll gather on **Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00-12:30**...can't wait to see you there!!!

### **All Women Are Invited to Sing With The Sunday School & Youth Choir on May 12th**

All women of the congregation who would like to help sing the verses on the song the kids' choirs will sing on Mother's Day can rehearse after the service in the choir room this morning. Grab a snack and a cup of coffee and join Kate in the choir room for a brief rehearsal.

### **Men's Group Meets This Friday, May 10th**

The Men's Group meets on the second Friday of every month at 9:00 a.m. All men are invited to come join the discussions.

### **Third Tuesday Bible Study - Note the change of date!**

Third Tuesday Bible Study will meet at the home of Julie Burton, 136 Steeplechase Drive, on **Tuesday, May 14th at 10:00 a.m. (Please note the change of date this month!)** The study is on the Gospel of Mark, 10:28 to 10:52, pages 289-301 in William Barclay. This is a tough lesson as Jesus and his disciples are headed for Jerusalem where Jesus will be crucified. Meanwhile, his disciples are focused on the distinction of their popularity. The main message this month is when Jesus explains to them, "the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life for the ransom of many."

### **Book Club**

Your book club will meet by Zoom on May 8 at 10:00 to 11:30. We will be discussing The Guncle by Steven Rowley. Patrick O'Hara is a bit out of his league. When tragedy strikes, he becomes the primary guardian of his niece, Maisie, and his nephew, Grant. He is completely overwhelmed! He has a lifestyle that is not suited for a 6 and 9 year old. Patrick's eyes are opened to a new sense of responsibility and the realization that sometimes even being larger than life means you are unfailingly human. If you would like to join the discussion, please contact Julie at [jaburton5914@gmail.com](mailto:jaburton5914@gmail.com) to get the Zoom link.

For June 2024, we plan on discussing The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi.

### **“And a child shall lead them...”**

HCLC is excited to let its kids and parents/ guardians know that a new service which will be led by our young people is in the works. Our talented, thoughtful young people will be helping to compose the service as well as lead it, conducting everything but the sermon. Youth from age 3 - college age are welcome to participate. We are hoping to debut it on Rally Day, September 8th, 2024 which means we will need to rehearse during the summer. Several rehearsal dates will be sent out and the more your children can attend, the better. We have begun learning some of the music on Sundays during our regular rehearsal time, so attending those rehearsals would be helpful too.

Some of the dates to look out for:

1. Early June - a liturgy, prayer writing session with the older kids at Kate's house with Pastor Mark, Pastor Laura, Ms. Kate, and Greg Berg.
2. Music rehearsals at various times in June, July, August.
3. A late August afternoon/early evening "lock in" rehearsal at church to practice the entire service with musicians, sound techs etc.

Any young people who would like to participate as well as adults who would like to lend a hand at rehearsals, the lock-in, etc are asked to contact Kate via text at 262.498.7593 and make sure I have your phone numbers and emails so contact regarding rehearsals, writing sessions, etc can be made. Watch for announcements in the bulletins, Chalice, and emails from HCLC as well.

## **Birthday Club**

If you have a May birthday we encourage you to join us in the lounge this Thursday at 10:00 am for a cup of coffee and a birthday donut so we can celebrate with you!

## **Relay For Life Luminarias - White Bags Available for**

The Annual Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society will be held Friday, June 7th at Campus Park, 8500 Campus Drive, in Mt. Pleasant. Luminarias honor every life touched by cancer. You can dedicate them to a loved one lost, someone currently battling, or anyone who's overcome it.

The event begins at 6PM. You are invited to stop in and walk to get your extra steps in for the day. There is food and raffles to raise additional money. The Luminarias will be lit about 9:00 p.m. Relay participants share an emotional moment when each is lit in remembrance of a life touched by cancer. Together, they take a moment of silence to remember the loved ones they're dedicated to.

Susan Anderson will once again have luminaria bags for you to purchase and decorate. She plans to have them available after worship on May 19th and June 2nd. The minimum donation for each white luminaria bag is \$5.00. You can stay to decorate yours here or take it to work on at home. Bags must be returned to Susan or the church office before June 6th. Please contact Susan with any questions, [susanderson06@att.net](mailto:susanderson06@att.net) or 262- 902-5334 .Thank you!

## **HCLC Quilters**

The HCLC quilters meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. If you have any cotton fabric or any gently used full, queen or king size flat sheets you do not need the quilters would be happy to have it to use for quilt tops and backing. do not need to have any prior quilting experience to help construct the quilts. For more information, call Linda Holmquist, 633-0032, or Evelyn Lajiness, 634-0527.

## **Upcoming Worship, Education, and Fellowship Opportunities**

**May 5 - 9:30 Worship and Sunday School - First Communion Celebration**

**10:30 Confirmation Rehearsal**

**May 6 - 1:00 Food Pantry**

**May 8 - 10:00 Book Club (meeting by Zoom)**

**May 9 - 10:00 Birthday Club**

**May 10 - 9:00 Men's Group**

**May 12 - 9:30 Worship/Sunday School**

**May 13 - 10:00 Bible Study**

**1:00 Food Pantry**

**May 14 - 10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study at Julie Burton's home (Note the change of date)**

**May 17 - 1:00 Food Pantry**

**May 19 - 9:30 Worship/Confirmation/Last day of Sunday School**

**10:30 Relay For Life Luminaria bags available**

**May 20 - 10:00 Bible Study Brunch**

**1:00 Food Pantry**

**May 21- 9:30 Ketchup Club at Meadows Family Restaurant in Franksville**

## **Finance Update**

### **March Finance Numbers**

Revenue \$38,495.02

Expense: \$43,265.96

Net Income: \$(4,779.94)

### **Year to Date Finance Numbers**

Revenue: \$145,457.89

Expense: \$138,722.66

Net Income: \$6,735.23

*In Person Worship Attendance on April 28 - 123*



**Medical Equipment Lending Closet**

Did you know we have a lending closet with medical equipment such as canes, walkers, shower chairs, wheel chairs, etc. for people to borrow? Often these items are needed only for a short time after an illness or surgery, and they can be costly to purchase. You can borrow an item for as long as you need it. We only have one or two of some items, so availability does vary. If you need an item, call the church office, at 632-8802, and we will check to see if there is one available for you to borrow. If you have medical equipment you no longer need, you can donate it to our lending closet. You can bring them items in any time the office is open, or on Sunday mornings.

**Food Pantry News**

In April the pantry served 373 households, a total of 1274 people. For the month of May the pantry is asking for donations of peanut butter, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, cereal, spaghetti sauce (no spaghetti noodles - we have a large amount in stock right now), and chicken noodle soup. If you bring donations down to the pantry please look for the white basket with the red bow and place your items in the basket. We keep track of the weight of all our donations so if you put them in the basket we know they need to be weighed. We are very grateful to all who donate to the pantry. We could not continue this ministry without our wonderful volunteers and donors!

**Ways You Can Serve**

Are you looking for a way to help on Sunday mornings? We have a number of opportunities for you! We need A-V Tech volunteers to help run the sound board and video cameras during worship. A-V volunteers are scheduled about once every other month. We could also use a few more ushers and a couple more altar guild volunteers. Usher and altar guild teams work on rotating schedules with one month on and then a couple months off. Training is provided for all! You can call the office or talk to one of the pastors if you want to give one a try. We also have dates open for Coffee Fellowship treats. There is a sign up sheet in the lounge. You choose a week to bring a goodie to share during coffee fellowship.

**Graduate Recognition**

We need your help! HCLC is proud of our 2024 graduates and would like to recognize them during the 9:30 worship service on June 2nd and in the June newsletter. If you, or someone in your family is graduating from high school, college, or a technical school program, please fill out the information below and return it to the office by Wednesday, May 22nd by US mail, email (office.hclc@gmail.com), in person, or call the office (262-632-8802). If possible, please provide a picture of the graduate. You can send a digital picture of bring in a photo we can scan. Thank You!



Graduate's Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Received \_\_\_\_\_

Plans for the future \_\_\_\_\_

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Will the graduate be able to attend the June 2nd worship service? \_\_\_\_\_