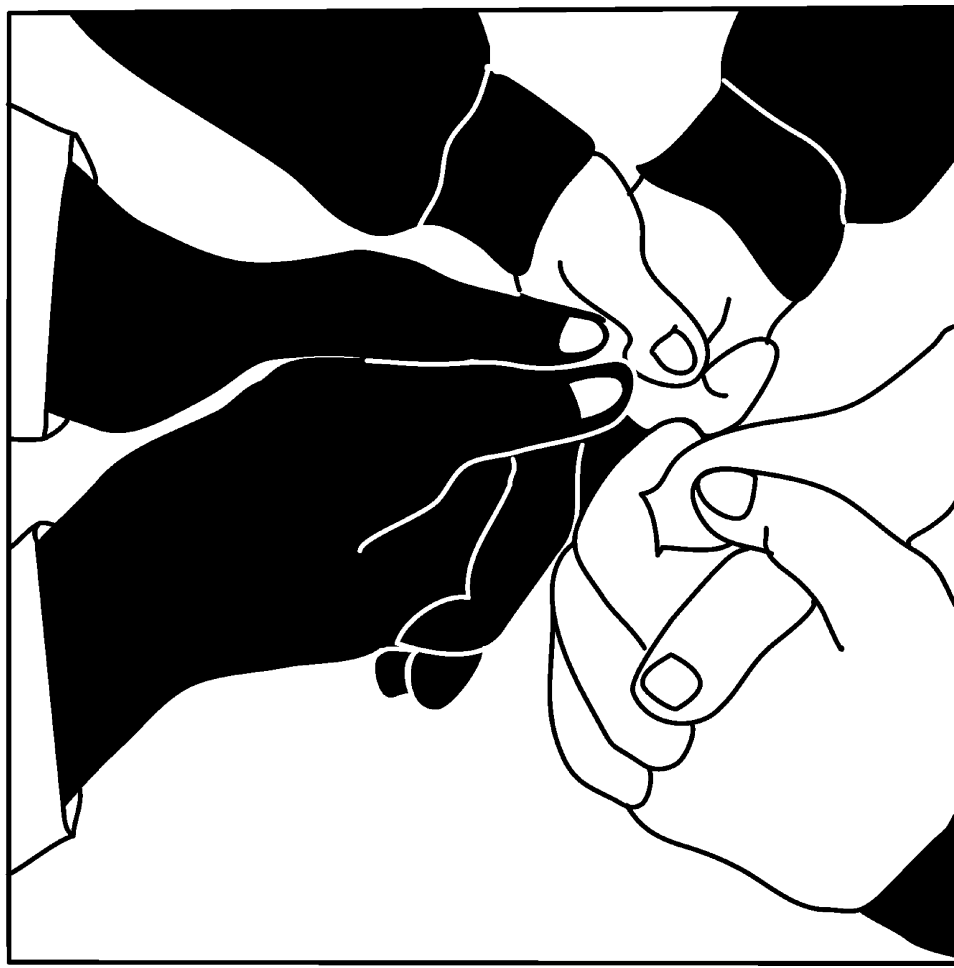


Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church

Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church is committed to welcoming, loving, and embracing all. We open our doors to people regardless of gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, race, ethnicity, mental or physical abilities, neurodiversity, addiction, citizenship status, housing status, or past imprisonment. We acknowledge and honor our different backgrounds and life experiences, and we come together to celebrate the gifts of unity and diversity as one body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12). As Jesus loves us, we are called to love one another (John 15:12).

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*May 21, 2023
Seventh Sunday of Easter*

A special welcome to all visitors, it is an honor to worship with you!

Welcome to Worship at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church!

Please turn OFF cell phones and pagers. Thank you!

Worship Information

Hymns and liturgies for the service today are included in the bulletin. The congregation reads aloud anything in bold print following the “C”. You will note directions in the service for when to stand as you are able or to sit. If you would prefer to remain seated throughout worship, please feel free to do so.

Children Welcome!

Infants and children are encouraged to be present during worship. Youngsters are welcome and valued as important participants in worship and witness!

Hospitality

An elevator is available and can be accessed by taking the ramp at the front of the worship center entering the chapel and turning right. Restrooms are located off the stairwells leading to the Fellowship Hall and also outside the church office. Diaper changing tables have been placed in both the women’s and men’s restrooms off of Fellowship Hall.

Trouble Hearing?

Personal hearing amplifiers are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you.



In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

CENTERING

This is an intentional time to find a place of calm and to prepare through silent prayer and contemplation.

BELLS

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of heaven and earth, steadfast in love for creation.

C: Amen.

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as a new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring of mercy, might, and majestic hope.

C: Empower us with the Holy Spirit and guide us to peace in all of our ways.

L: Where there is desolation, bring renewal. Where there is despair, grant hope. Where there is war, bring peace. We ask this through the power of the Triune God.

C: Amen.



1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;
2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom - ise fail.



sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, gleam - ing stars and light.
God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;



laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he has made.
heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name!

AUSTRIA

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: 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.

L: Let us pray.

C: Gracious God, your mercy and presence abide with us in this life and the next.

Guide us to seek peace and understanding in our challenges. Guide us to find joy in our everyday lives. Guide us to follow Christ's example of divine mercy. Through the power and majesty of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 1:6-11

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 68:4-10, 32-35

Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;

I Am is that name, rejoice before God!

⁵**In your holy habitation, O God,**

you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;

but the rebels shall live in desert places.

⁷**O God, when you went forth before your people,**

when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God,

the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹**You sent a bountiful rain, O God;**

you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰Your people found their home in it;

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

³²**Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;**

sing praises to the Lord.

³³You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;

you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

³⁴**Ascribe power to God,**

whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,

giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

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

GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Vicar Michael

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Word of God, Come Down On Earth”

ELW 510



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L: God of harmony, as you drew your Son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

L: As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to use it wisely. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activists and organizers, teachers and politicians, and all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

L: We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide our congregational leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our staff, council, our committees, and all who Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church their spiritual home Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
 ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
 Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Generous God,

C: In this meal you bless us to be a blessing to others. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine, guide us serve your kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: With hearts full of your love and mercy, we give thanks and praise to you our God.

L: With the angels, saints, and the heavenly hosts we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

C: 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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

ELW 537



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

HERMAS

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, let the love of God guide you now and forever.

C: Thanks be to God.

BELLS

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 ATTENDANCE May 14: 70

WORSHIP SUPPORT: Vicar, Michael Poeschl
 OFFICE MANAGER: Roberta Holscher

Short-Term Prayer Requests: Norm Arlandson and Paultina Rollay

Long-Term Prayer Requests:
(on-going spiritual support for recovery, life-transitions, conditions, and emotional support)

Please pray for: Sharesti Anderson; Raelynn Anderson; Norm Arlandson; Jon Borodine; Allen Eckman; Linda Erickson (sister of Vicky Anderson); Carol Fisher; Jan Foster; Nancy Gallo; Doug Houge; Naomi Luxton (Pastor Shawna's niece); Bill L.; David & Andrea Olson; Brenda Robbins; Mickey Trego; Peggy Williams & family; Carol (friend of Roxanne); Peter & family; and those we name in our hearts...

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 21	9:45 AM Worship/Sunday School
Tuesday, May 23	11:00 AM MCLC Staff Meeting
Wednesday, May 24	9:30 AM Illuminator Mailing 1:00 Visual Bible Study "The Chosen"
Sunday, May 28	9:45 AM MCLC Worship/Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism Sunday

Please join us on Sunday, May 28th for the baptisms of our new members, Sam Ebute and Willie Grant.