

## **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 28, 2023*  
*Day of Pentecost*

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.



On Pentecost we celebrate that we are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and are sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

## **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. 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 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.**

GATHERING HYMN “*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*” ELW 752, sing twice



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

*CHILDREN PRAYING*

**HOLY BAPTISM**

P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from our transgressions and liberates us from death by joining us to the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. In the waters of Baptism, we affirm our identity as children of God. Seeking to be God’s love in the world around us. In this water, with the power of the Holy Spirit, we become one in the body of Christ. As we live with God and with God’s people, we grow in faith, we grow in love, and we are strengthened by the majesty of the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In Christian love I present to you Sam and Willie for a sacred and Holy Baptism. As a congregation we will sponsor both Sam and Willie, in our love and gratitude, that together with God we are God’s family.

Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church, do you promise to support Sam and Willie in their Christian faith, to love them as God loves you, to continue to let your relationships grow with the undeniable force of God’s love. If you do, repeat after me: **we do and we ask God to help us.**

Sam, Willie, and Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church, do you claim the Triune God, our church family, the grace that has been gifted to you in our faith as The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America? Do you renounce all forces of evil, the adversary, and all its empty promises, that take away the Glory from God? If you do repeat after me: **we do and we ask God to help us.**

**BAPTISM**

*Seal of the cross*

L: Sam and Willie, I Baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Children of God, you will forever be God’s beloved in your blessing of Baptism today.

# GIVING OF THE LIGHT

L: Let your light so shine before others, Sam and Willie, children of God.

L: I present to you Sam and Willie, may God bless you and keep you, and together let us build a house where God's love can dwell.

## GATHERING HYMN

*"All Are Welcome"*

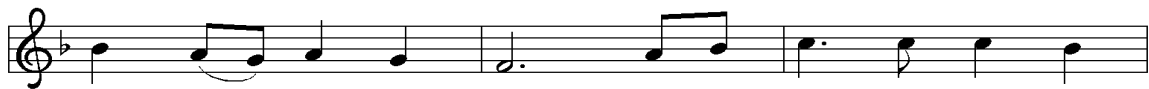
ELW 641, vs. 1, 3, 5



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
claim the faith of Je - sus:  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
end to fear and dan - ger:  
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## 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, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of the Spirit, that we may rejoice in your peace, and be the peace in the world around us. Guide us in your unconditional promise for all of creation. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-2

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Numbers 11:24-30

*The spirit of God rested upon seventy elders in Israel who had been chosen to share the burden of leadership with Moses. When some became jealous that two others also had the spirit and could prophesy, Moses said that he hoped that all of God's people would be prophets.*

<sup>24</sup>Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. <sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" <sup>30</sup>And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

*Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)*

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,  
living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
O Lord, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the Lord.

<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!**

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*“Celtic Alleluia”*

ELW 174

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

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GOSPEL

John 7:37-38

Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as living water, quenching the thirst of all who come to him and filling the hearts of believers until they overflow.

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the festival of Booths, the great day, while Jesus was standing in the temple, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me," <sup>38</sup>and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

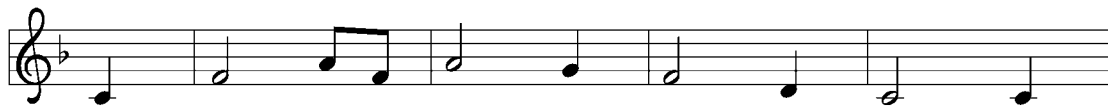
SERMON

Pastor Shawna

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

ELW 779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.



## 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: Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring peace to the world around us and seek justice in all who need your grace. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for protection for lands facing destructive fires. Guide us to help protect your creation. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Generous God, we give you thanks for the many gifts you place within our hearts. Guide us to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. 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 - jice 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: You make the desert bloom, and you send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts and make us messengers of your mercy. Through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### 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.**

### THANKSGIVING FOR MINISTRY AND GODSPEED

L: In Ecclesiastes we read there is a time for every season: a time to plant... a time to build up... a time to mourn... a time to speak... a time to love. We have shared many seasons together: seasons of joy, sorrow, learning, and growth. Today we celebrate all that we have shared and ask God's continued blessings on all that is to come.

**C: We turn to you in confidence, O God.**

L: Grounded in God's grace, you have prayed, planned, and sought to care for this people and this community.

**C: We turn to you in thanksgiving, O God.**

L: Grounded in the story of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ, you have led us to a deeper understanding of love of neighbor. You have shown us the incarnational nature of this love, as we seek to see your face in everyone we meet.

**C: We turn to you for strength, O God.**

L: Grounded in God's eternal word, we now move forward with gratitude for your presence among us, the many gifts you have shared, and with confidence as we continue to bring God's word of hope to our community and world.

**C: We turn to you in faith, O God.**

L: Pastor Shawna Day is leaving our congregation; we wish to bid her farewell.

L: Pastor Shawna, we called you to be our pastor in 2022: to proclaim God's word, to baptize new members into the church of Jesus Christ, to announce God's forgiveness to us, and to preside at our celebration of the Lord's Supper. With the Gospel, you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrow, your family has been important to our life together in this church and in our service to this community.

L: People of God, members of Minnehaha Communion, do you release Pastor Shawna from service as your pastor?

**C: We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.**

L: Pastor Shawna, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with Minnehaha Communion?

Pastor: I do and give thanks to God for our ministry together.

## THANKSGIVING AND SENDING

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them, and you call them to various avenues of service. We give you thanks for the ministry of Pastor Shawna among the people of God in this place. You watch over our going out and our coming in: bless this time of ending and beginning. You surround your people in every time and place: keep us close in your love. You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial: prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together; heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us. Help Pastor Shawna and her family, and all of us to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us. As she has been a blessing to us, so now send her forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Your sisters and brothers in the Minneapolis Area Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America give thanks to God for the ministry you have shared. We promise you our continued support and prayer. Rejoicing in the blessings of God in this congregation and in the ministry of Pastor Shawna, with hope in God's abundant grace in years to come, I announce that her service as Pastor in this congregation is now concluded.

L: As you move forward to new journeys, we wish you Godspeed. As you have been a blessing to us, we now send you forth to be a blessing to others, through Jesus Christ our Risen Savior.

L: Let us pray. Lord God, you have called your servant to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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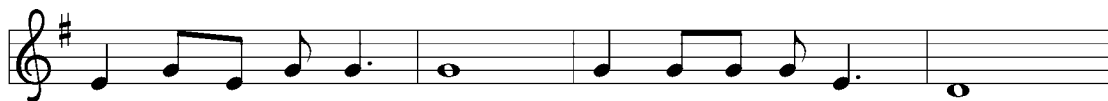
SENDING HYMN

*"This Little Light of Mine"*

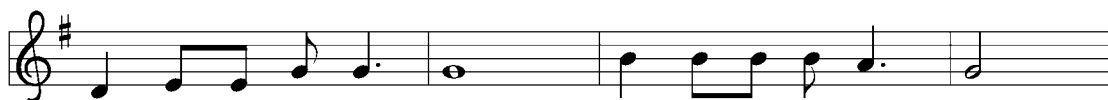
ELW 677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*THIS JOY*

## 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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TELLERS: Marilyn Boehm, Paultina Rollay ATTENDANCE May 21: 59

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; Darlene Sandey; Mickey Trego; Peggy Williams & family; Carol (friend of Roxanne); Peter & family; and those we name in our hearts...

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 28

9:45 AM Worship

Tuesday, May 30

11:00 AM MCLC Staff Meeting

Sunday, June 4

9:45 AM MCLC Worship

