

PLATTVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH
5475 Bell Road
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O COME. LET US WORSHIP THE LORD!

May 10, 2026
9:15 a.m.
Sixth Sunday of Easter

* Indicates the congregation will stand.

PREPARATION Enter to worship
THE PRELUDE/BELL RINGING

Lay Minister
Henrik Christopherson

Announcements

Blessing

*The OPENING HYMN

"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

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Ministers

All Members

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Lector

Sean Keener

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Head Ushers

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Darrell Hansen

Bob Bols

Bruce Knudson

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The PSALM Psalm 66

Celebrate insert

The SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 3:13-22

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Church Office

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*The HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

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*The PRAYERS

*The SHARING OF THE PEACE

The OFFERING

*The OFFERTORY "Create in Me"

Insert in pew

*The OFFERTORY PRAYER

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*The LORD'S PRAYER

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BACK INTO THE MAINSTREAM OF LIFE

*The BENEDICTION

*The CLOSING HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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*The DISMISSAL/POSTLUDE

Depart to serve



Celebrate

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Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they

would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

²⁹"Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."



Bless our God, you peo - ples; let the sound of praise be heard.

Bless our ¹ God, you peoples;

let the sound of ¹ praise be heard.

⁹**Our God has kept us a- ¹ mong the living
and has not allowed our ¹ feet to slip. R**

¹⁰For you, O God, have ¹ tested us;
you have tried us just as sil- ¹ ver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us in- ¹ to the net;
you laid heavy burdens up- ¹ on our backs.**

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through ¹ fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place ¹ of refreshment.

¹³**I will enter your house ¹ with burnt offerings
and will pay ¹ you my vows—**

¹⁴those that I promised ¹ with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I ¹ was in trouble.

¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the ¹ smoke of rams;
I will give you ox- ¹ en and goats. R**

¹⁶Come and listen, all you ¹ who believe,
and I will tell you what God has ¹ done for me.

¹⁷**I called out to God ¹ with my mouth,
and praised the Lord ¹ with my tongue.**

¹⁸If I had cherished evil ¹ in my heart,
the Lord would ¹ not have heard me;

¹⁹**but in truth ¹ God has heard me
and has attended to the sound ¹ of my prayer.**

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not reject- ¹ ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing ¹ love from me. R

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamiation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous,

in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel

John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
Amen.

Preparing for Next Week

Monday Psalm 93. **Tuesday** 1 Peter 3:8-12. **Wednesday** John 16:16-24. **Thursday** (Ascension of Our Lord) Luke 24:44-53. **Friday** (Matthias, Apostle [transferred]) Luke 6:12-16. **Saturday** 2 Kings 2:13-15. **Seventh Sunday of Easter** Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11.

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PARISH CALENDAR

*Happy Mother's Day not only to all the moms on earth,
but also to all the moms in heaven*

Today 9:15 Worship

Monday, May 11th 7:00 pm Church council meeting

Sunday, April 19th Installation of church council officers

Wednesday, May 13th 9:30 am Quilting

Tuesday, May 19th 9:30 am Grace Circle at church

Please be sure to check out May's newsletter. In honor of Memorial Day, there is a biography about Andrew Ragness, one of our veterans buried in our cemetery who has a memorial in our church window, located on the north and right side of the altar. On the bulletin board there is a brief article and picture from a 100+ year old newspaper. (courtesy Morris Daily Herald). Thank you Janelle for doing the research on this!

Vacation Bible School – Passport to Peru, June 15-19. Time and other details soon to follow.

Baby kits: Garage sale season is upon us; it's a good time to look for items for our Lutheran World Relief baby kits. Items needed:

(sizes between 6-24 months)

2 lightweight cotton t-shirts (no onesies)

2 long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (w/o feet)

2 receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel

4 flat fold cloth diapers

1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt w/ hood (or include baby hat)

2 pair of socks

1 hand towel, dark color

2 or 3 bath size bars of gentle soap

2 diaper pins or large safety pins

May 3rd offering: Current \$476.00 Bldg use \$25.00 World Hunger \$36.00

Thank you for your support!



The Perspective of Love

It has been said that, on our journey of discipleship, each of us receives new eyeglasses. These glasses have a prescription that filters out all the cobwebs and distractions, giving us the ability to see everything through love. If we wonder what a particular scripture passage means, we read and interpret it through love. If we wonder how to make a big decision, we discern it through love. If we wonder how to respond to a challenging person or situation, we consider responses through the perspective of love.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments,” Jesus says to his disciples (John 14:15). Loving Jesus means keeping his commandments, and keeping his commandments means loving: loving God, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and seeing our neighbors and ourselves in the same way our God of grace and forgiveness sees us.

We are not left on our own to maintain this perspective of love in all that we see, think, say, and do. Jesus promises that he and the Holy Spirit will not only be alongside us but will also live in us forever.