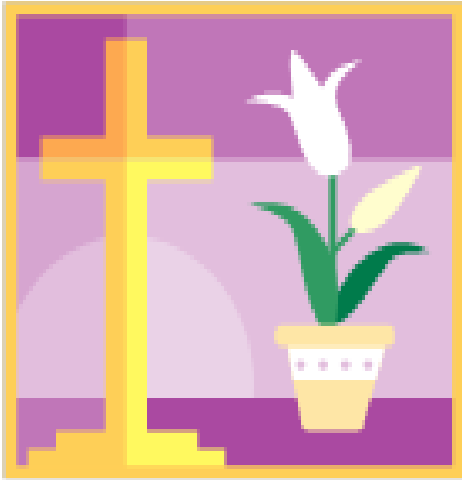


GROWTH FESTIVAL PENTECOST/ROGATION



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Pentecost/Rogation Sunday

May 19, 2024

BLESSING OF THE TRACTORS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON with ROGATION LITANY

L: Siblings in Christ; Today we seek God's blessing as we gather with thankfulness for God's wondrous creation. We especially seek God's blessing at this time of planting.

C: We dedicate our seed, our equipment, our soil, our animals and ourselves to the glory of God.

P: All your works praise you. O Lord.

C: and your faithful servants bless you.

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You make the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you. We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth; of things, seen and unseen. You stretched out the heavens like a curtain; you divided the day from night; you appointed times and seasons for work and rest, for tearing down and for building up. Be with us now and bless the work of those who labor in the fields. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things and continue your blessings to us through the bounty of your creation.

C: Amen.

L: Let the people praise you, O God:

C: let all the peoples praise you

P: The earth has brought forth her increase;

C: May God, our own God, give us his blessing.

L: May God give us his blessing,

C: and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

L: For the seed . . . Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer of heaven and earth, you give seed to the sower and bread for food. Nourish, protect, and bless the seed which people have sown and will sow in hope, so that by your good providence and bountiful giving, it may bring forth fruit in due season and be gathered with thanksgiving to satisfy the needs of your people. Lord in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

L: For the equipment . . . Gracious Lord, be with us now and bless us as we set apart our equipment to your glory and praise. Grant us diligence in maintenance, safety and caution in use, and patience during breakdowns. Give us the faith to know your gracious purpose in all things, give us joy in them, and lead us to the building up of your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: For the soil . . . O Loving Lord, the eternal fountain and giver of life, we give thanks that we again behold on every side the awakening of nature in answer to your call to arise from winter's sleep; and as you cheer our spirits with freshening grass, budding trees, and unfolding plants, grant us thankful hearts to praise you for the promise of your renewed provisions for our bodies and lives and an abiding trust in your unchanging love now and forever. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: For the rain and sunshine . . . Lord God, by your providence alone we receive the fruits of the earth. In your mercy send us such weather that our fields may bring forth abundantly to our sustenance and that at the time of harvest we may take of your gifts for our good and give thanks to you with gladness.

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We pray for the health and safety of our animals. Guide us in caring for them. Help us to nurture them in the best way possible. In your gracious wisdom, grant us fair market prices for milk and other agricultural products. We thank you for animals and all the other blessings you have placed in our care.

C: Hear our prayer

L: Loving God, grant safety, health, peace and productivity to all who farm. Help all of us to appreciate the blessing of living in a country where food is plentiful and abundant. Help us to remember those who do not have enough. We pray in Jesus' name.

C: Amen

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:29-31

²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.

³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 1:1-3

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with
leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL: Luke 8:4-15

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: ⁵A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. ⁶Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. ⁷Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. ⁸Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" ⁹Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. ¹⁰He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that 'looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.'¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. ¹⁴As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance. The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

When Peace, like a River *It Is Well with My Soul*



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Please stand.

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. 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 a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, and come to us at Pentecost, 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.

Your mercy is great.

You care for all your children. Bless those who have recently been baptized and keep them by your side forever. 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 especially; family and friends of Ben Christianson, Dan Skillings, Judy Clark, Bennett Anderson, Matthew Giefer, Irene Cotts, Chris (Vasey) Bechtel, Melissa Ahrens, and Bob Cramer. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. Please share the Peace

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Please stand.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

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.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff has a key signature change to two flats (B-flat and E-flat) for the final measure. The third staff has a key signature change to one sharp (F-sharp) for the final measure. The fourth staff has a key signature change to one flat (B-flat) for the final measure. The fifth staff ends with a double bar line.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

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.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

SONG DURING COMMUNION

ELW #496

One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1	Gen - tile	or Jew,	ser - vant	or free,
2	Man - y	the gifts,	man - y	the works,
3	Grain for	the fields,	scat-tered	and grown,

Refrain

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

ELW #856

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cle-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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Cantor: Maddie Mai
Lector: Vicki Price
Acolyte: Colten Zerzanek

OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun: 9:00am – Worship – NH – Children’s Time w/Jane Hulett
Last NH Children’s time for the Summer
10:30am - Worship – LEC
Mon: Office Closed
Tues: *Office Open 8:00-3:30*
9:30am Lydia Bible Study at Phyllis Parish’s home
Wed: *Office Open 8:00-3:30*
PARISH VISITOR DEADLINE
9:00am Quilting – LEC
Thurs: *Office Open 8:00-3:30*
11:30-12:30 Food Pantry - NH
7pm LEC Council Meeting
Fri. *Office Closed*
Sat. 8-11am Pancake Breakfast-Downsville Museum
Sun. 9:00am – Worship - NH
10:30am - Worship – LEC

Lydia Bible Study at Phyllis’ Home

Please join us for the Lydia Bible Study at Phyllis Parish’s home instead of the church.

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 9:30

Phyllis Parish Home

May Gather study: ‘After Certainty’

The Bencke Family in Japan

During May, we have the opportunity to support our missionary.

Between New Hope and Little Elk, let’s fill every day! You can sign up at your church, with Pastor Judy or the church office.

Donate for a full day at \$40.00 or a half day at \$20.00.



Everyone is welcome to join the Skillings family in celebrating Marg's 80th Birthday on Sun., June 9th, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Menomonie Moose Lodge.

Marg says "No gifts, please. Your presence is the greatest gift of all."

2024 - Graduation Quilts

Every year the Quilters at Little Elk Creek and New Hope Churches gift our High School Graduates with quilts that they have made during the year. Pastor Judy will bless each quilt during the church services on June 2, 2024 and present them, along with their parents, to the graduates. NH services are at 9:00 AM and LEC services are at 10:30 AM. Graduates, please plan to attend the church services along with your parents. The quilts will be displayed in the fellowship areas before the services for you to select your special quilt.

Below is a list of graduates and if we have missed anyone, please let the church office know.

New Hope Church: Alex Lammer

Little Elk Creek: Levi Suckow, Walker Ferguson, Madisynn Bauer, Andrew Schaefer, Colten Novak, Parker Blado and Kya Hayden

UW Stout College Graduates: Aaron Lee, McKenzie Christianson, and Shaelee Paul

UW Madison Graduate: Andrew Steinberger

LEC WELCA have committed to the third Friday of each month for 2024 to make meals at the Cairn House in Menomonie. The shift is 4 to 7pm. We are looking for anyone who would like to help us out with this project. It will require at least four volunteers a month. If you and/or your family would like to help, contact Roxane Schaefer at 715 308 3589 or (see me in church). Upcoming dates are June 21st, July 19th and August 16th. Thank you!

"LET JOY BURST FORTH LIKE FLOWERS IN THE SPRING"



Looking forward to our garden parties again this year. Hoping there are some of you who would enjoy sharing your garden or patio. It is a joyful time to see all the beautiful backyards we are so blessed to create. Visit with and get to know each other and just relax on a nice summer evening. For more info or willing to host call Roxane Schaefer @ 308-3589 or I will see you in church!

Upcoming Summer Garden Parties

Join us for fellowship, food and fun in God's beautiful outdoors on June 4th- Katie Villeneuve's on the lake! Go to Elk Point and take a left. 622nd street Lot # 18. Be there by 5:30pm. Please RSVP to Roxane Schaefer 308-3589. Katie and Carrie Cook are hosting the pontoon ride!

June 26th- Garden party 7pm at Mary Lemke's!

Thanks Katie Villeneuve, Carrie Cook and Mary Lemke!



Mark your calendars! **Tickets go on sale for our talent show fundraiser on May 22nd.** The show is called "Yata and Youth." It will be our last fundraiser for the trip to New Orleans this summer. You will be able to purchase tickets for \$20 each on the Mabel Tainter website or at the box office. **The show is at 7:00 on June 22nd.** If there are still tickets left on the day of the show, you can purchase them at the box office, starting at 5:00. Yata is a professional singer/song writer who enjoys working with youth and mentoring young musicians. This is a great opportunity for our youth and young adults. The show is going to be fantastic!

LEC Church Serving Band Concert June 18th

Women of LEC Church will be serving Ludington Guard Band Concert on Tuesday, June 18th. The concert starts at 7:30 pm, but we start serving pie and ice cream at 7:00 pm.

We need volunteers to bake some "home-made pies" and help serve the night of the concert. Contact Julie Miller at 715-556-2970 or Lynnette Smith at 715-505-9792 if you can help us out. If we don't hear from you, we will be contacting members for help and donations.

All are invited to join us at Wilson Park in Menomonie for dessert, fellowship and great music.

Join us for 2023 Opening & Pancake Breakfast



No charge
Free-will
Donation

SATURDAY, May 27, 2023
8:00am until 11:00am

**At the Downsville Community Museum on
County Rd C in Downsville**

Homemade Buttermilk Pancakes with Fruit Toppings, Real Maple Syrup, Sausage from CAL Packers, Juice & Coffee

Guest authors & book signing by:

Josie Siler - Howie's Broken Hee-Haw

Debra Raye King - Gravedigger's Daughter - Growing Up Rural

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