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**Confirmation/Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**June 1, 2025, 9:00 am**

***Introduction to the day…***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

It is possible to hear in Jesus’ high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ’s forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

**GATHERING HYMN Crown Him with Many Drowns ELW 855**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

A person touching a field of yellow flowers

AI-generated content may be incorrect.**He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ☩ the One

who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection,

and called to live the baptized life,

let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

waters that make a people your own,

that restore to wholeness,

and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church;

waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;

waters that set your people on a new path,

rejoicing in the Spirit’s power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,

that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying ELW 752**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34**

16 One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” 18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.  
  19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. 20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city 21 and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe.” 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. 23 After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.  
  25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” 29 The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 They answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34 He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 97**

A book with flowers on a table

AI-generated content may be incorrect.1 The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice;  
 let the multitude of the isles be glad.  
2 **Clouds and darkness surround the Lord,**  
 **righteousness and justice are the foundations of God’s throne.**  
3 Fire goes before the Lord,  
 burning up enemies on every side.  
4 **Lightnings light up the world;**  
 **the earth sees and trembles.**  
5 The mountains melt like wax  
 before the Lord of all the earth.  
6 **The heavens declare your righteousness, O Lord,**  
 **and all the peoples see your glory.**  
7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!  
 Bow down before the Lord, all you gods.  
8 **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,**  
 **because of your judgments, O Lord.**  
9 For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth;  
 you are exalted far above all gods.  
10 **You who love the Lord, hate evil!**  
 **God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**  
11 Light dawns for the righteous,  
 and joy for the honest of heart.  
12 **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,**  
 **and give thanks to God’s holy name.**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

12 “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”  
  14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.  
  16 “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”  
 17 The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”  
 And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”  
 And let everyone who is thirsty come.  
 Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.  
  20 The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”  
  Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!  
  21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**GOSPEL: John 17:20-26**

[Jesus prayed:] 20 “I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.  
  25 “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY One Bread, One Body ELW 496**

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION**

**Confirmation Class of 2025**

**Madison Bauer, Psalm 37:5, *Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.***

**Rianne Rickinger, Romans 5:5, *Hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.***

*(The Confirmation youth gather at the Baptismal font)*

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these confirmands*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Madison and Rianne,

whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called them to yourself,

enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,

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Description automatically generatedand nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,

and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,

and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands:I renounce them.

People of God, I ask you to profess together the faith we share.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

**AFFIRMATION**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the

covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God’s faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support Madison and Rianne, and pray

for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*(Confirmation youth, parents and sponsors gather at the altar for the blessing)*

Father in heaven, for Jesus’ sake, stir up in \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

Let us rejoice with our siblings in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God**

**and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

…Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERING***In addition to our normal offering, a* ***Special Benevolence in June*** *(collected in a special*

*envelope) will be going to* ***SOS.***

**OFFERING SONG** **Now the Heavens Start to Whisper ACS 901**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again, breathe your life into us,

and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**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 our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**A sheet music with music notes

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**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and

the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord’s passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

**THE 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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *- Certified gluten-free crackers are in the bowl on the communion plate.*

Come to the table of grace.

Receive the gift of new life.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders,

sing of your glory,

and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The triune God,

who was, who is,

and who is to come,

Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit,

light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN Bind Us Together**

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| **Bind us together, Lord,**  **Bind us together with cords**  **That cannot be broken.**  **Bind us together, Lord,**  **Bind us together,**  **Bind us together with love.** | You are the family of God.  You are the promise divine.  You are God's chosen desire.  You are the glorious new wine. |
| There is only one God!  There is only one King!  There is only one Body!  That is why we sing. |  |
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**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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| **Coming up at GSLC** | | |
| Sunday, June 1 | 9:00 am | Worship Service   * Seventh Sunday of Easter * Confirmation Sunday * John 17:20-26; Jesus prays that the disciples will be one and abide in his love |
| Tuesday, June 3 | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting |
| Wednesday, June 4 | 9:00 am | Executive Committee |
| Thursday, June 5 | 11am-2pm | Purple Angels Lunch and Fellowship |
| Sunday, June 8 | 9:00 am | Worship Service   * Day of Pentecost * John 14:8-17[25-27]; The Father will give you another Advocate, the Spirit of truth |

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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| ***Upcoming Worship Assistants*** | | | | | | |
|  | **Usher** | **Lector** | **Communion** | **Offering Counters** | | **Deep Clean** |
| June 1 | Dave & Kami Weis | Richard Kopitzke | Dave & Sue Schraeder | Robin Beeman | Dave Schneider | June:  Chris Tipping  Julie Will  Andrea Hovick  Deb Janz |
| June 8 | Jon & May Hill | Nancy Tibbett | Rob Pankratz  Andrea Hovick | Heidi Binder | Kami Weis |
| June 15 | Jim & Sharon Schiszik | Chris Tipping | Ron Rothfusz  Nancy Leonard | Pam Mundt | Margo Berrier |
| June 22 | Ed & Ruth Raatz | Kris Tarter | Dave & Shelly Schneider | Dan Mundt | Bob Peterson |

There will be fellowship time after worship one Sunday a month. Please sign up on the table in the narthex.

Names on the prayer list now default to 6 weeks. If you would like a name to remain on the list longer, please let Pastor Katie know.

**Pastor Katie’s Office Hours**: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm. Tuesday mornings at Uptown Coffee. Afternoons available by appointment. You are welcome to stop in any time for conversation or concerns.

There will be a council election meeting after worship on June 1st. Thank you to the nominating committee for their work.

Ministry council position nominees:

1. President: Jon Hill
2. Vice President: Margo Berrier
3. Outreach: Nancy Leonard
4. Worship: Leslie Mader



Outdoor worship begins next Sunday, June 8th

A person sitting on a bench with a cross in the background

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A bouquet of flowers and leaves

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Roll up your sleeves! **Spring Cleaning** is scheduled on Saturday, June 7th, 8:00 am-12:00 pm with lunch to follow.

We will focus on washing windows, light landscaping, cleaning the sign on McMillian etc…

A signup sheet is in the narthex.

Our Good Shepherd Directory revision is on its way to the printer. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos and updated contact information. We are anticipating that the new directories will be printed and ready for distribution by the end of June.

Mark your calendars to join us for our Directory Distribution Celebration with refreshments and treats after church services on Sunday, June 29th. Please contact the team comprised of Jon Hill, Margo Berrier, Pam Mundt and Jane Wagner for more information.

A poster for a children's event

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A group of people sitting outside

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**Pub Theology is returning for the summer!  
1st & 3rd Wednesday June-August  
Scotty’s Pizza & Chicken 6:00 pm  
This year, we’re collaborating with Wesley UMC. Topics each week include: Having Hard Conversations (6/4), Attitude of Gratitude (6/18), Good Grief (7/2), What is Truth? (7/16), Faith & Science (8/6), Religion & Politics (8/20)**  
**What is Pub Theology?** People have been gathering in pubs and public spaces for ages talking about life, philosophy, faith, and deep questions of meaning. Increasingly, people all over are rediscovering the pub as a safe, open space where they can explore and express their own doubts and questions, learn from others, and engage people of varying religious traditions. In our increasingly fractured society, these spaces are not only welcome but needed.  
***Bring your questions and curiosity, and pull up a chair.***

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| Update from the Green Team  Calling all homeowners, renters, and farmers. Do you have unused or old chemicals you want to eliminate? The Wood County Agricultural and Household Clean Sweep will take place on **Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 8 am-12 pm at the Marshfield Ag Research Station, 2611 Yellowstone Drive in Marshfield**, and  **Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 8 am-12 pm at the Saratoga Town Hall, 1120 State Hwy—73 in Wisconsin Rapids.** Clean Sweep is a voluntary program for legally and safely disposing hazardous waste from homes, farms, and businesses. Households and farms can dispose of hazardous waste without charge; however, quantities are restricted. Businesses and schools can use Clean Sweep to dispose of unwanted chemicals easily and at a low cost.  **Why should you participate?** Hazardous chemicals can cause health, safety, or environmental problems. Chemicals improperly stored or disposed of can pollute lakes, rivers, and drinking water. **Examples of acceptable materials for Clean** **Sweep**   * **Auto:**brake fluid, degreasers, ether, old fuel, and transmission fluid. * **Lawn, Garden & Farm:** fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, and rodenticides. * **Household:** drain cleaner, dry cleaning fluid, floor polish, metal cleaners, mildew cleaner, mothballs, nail polish remover, NiCad batteries, oven cleaner, photography chemicals, pool chemicals, silver polish, and spot remover. * **Workshop**: creosote, gun cleaning fluid, hobby materials, lacquer, lead-based paints, stripper, thinner/solvents, turpentine, varnish, and wood preservatives.   **Examples of materials not accepted for Clean Sweep** Anti-freeze, appliances, automotive batteries, electronics, explosives, fluorescent tubes, and high-pressure cylinders. **Contact** Extension Wood County Office 715-421-8440 or Wood County Health Department 715-421-8911 or 715-387-8646. |

**Message from the Green Team**

*A refillery is a term coined in the zero waste and low waste industry to describe a store where you can bring in your own containers (BYOC) or purchase reusable containers and fill up with personal and home bulk essential goods. Products are sold by weight or each. A refillery is a place that makes it easy to reduce waste by reusing containers.*

We are lucky in Central Wisconsin to have a refillery at Mill Creek Garden Center outside of Marshfield and Process Low Waste in Stevens Point.  Mill Creek offers the following info on their website:

**1.      Pick a container.**We’ve made it simple for you by selling pre-filled glass jars with all our refillery products. Purchase a half-gallon laundry jar, or a 16-oz lotion jar, + take it home to use the products. OR, use one from your home. A laundry bottle you’ve used up and cleaned out. A mason jar. A cute crock from a thrift store. Almost anything works!

**2.    Use the scale.** If you’re using your own container or are bringing your jar back to refill, we’ve got a scale where you weigh the jar before and after filling, so we can just charge you for the cost of your refill.

**3.    Fill with product.**We’ve got 5 gallon buckets filled with your soap, cleaner, + lotion refills with quality pumps that will make filling your containers a breeze. All the products we sell are fragrance-free, making them less toxic for you, and making them accessible to those sensitive to fragrances. If you (like some of us!) love fragrances, just put a few drops of essential oils in your container once you get home.

**4.      Refill when you’re ready.**You can bring your jars back any time we are open to refill them. Additionally, we carry gallon and half gallon containers prefilled with products that you could take home to refill your own smaller jars, just like you do with bulk soap products from a box store. This means having plenty on hand at all times!

Mill Creek is a great place to start your journey using a refillery for soaps, cleaners, and lotions.  If you are looking for a larger selection of items, Process in Stevens Point offers the following:

**Home**: All Purpose and Multi Purpose Cleaners, Various Dish Soap, Dishwasher Powder, Laundry Powder, Laundry Liquid and Laundry Concentrate, Oxygen Booster, Borax, 10% Vinegar.

**Body:** Body Wash, Face Wash, Liquid Hand Soap, Facial Cleanser, Toners, Hydrosol, Make-up Remover, Sunscreen, Hydrogen Peroxide, Hairspray, Shaving Gel, Mouthwash, Toot Tabs. Oils: Castor, Magnesium, Jojoba, Almond

Happy Refilling!

The Good Shepherd Green Team

A church with a cross on top

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Annual Election Agenda

June 1, 2025

**Call to Order:**

**Nominating Committee:**

Committee members : Bruce Tibbett, Sarah Kopitzke, Tammy Neuman, Laurel Peterson, Dave Schneider, Margo Berrier.

**Outgoing Council Members:**

**Learning Director:** Marion Wilcox

**Fellowship Director**: Andrea Hovick

**Worship Director**: Laurel Peterson

**Outreach Director**: Chris Tipping

**Vice President:** Margo Berrier

**President:** Jon Hill

**Ministry Director Candidates:**

**Fellowship:** Andrea Hovick

**Learning:** Marion Wilcox

**Outreach**: Nancy Leonard

**Worship:** Leslie Mader

**Vice President:** Margo Berrier

**President:** Jon Hill

**Youth:** Open

**Nominations From The Floor:**

**Motion for Unanimous Ballot:**

**Motion to Adjourn:**