

# *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

June 1, 2025

9:30 a.m. Worship



**Como Park Lutheran Church, ELCA, RIC**

*Reaching out in Christ to a changing world.*

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*We welcome all to worship here: those who are strong in faith and those who are seeking, those who are hurting and those who give comfort; all who are drawn to worship, community, and faith.*

*We acknowledge and celebrate the rich diversity within and around us. As a community rooted in the body of Christ, we commit ourselves to creating a space where people of all races, ages, ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions are not only included but deeply valued and seen as essential to our shared journey.*

*Together, we value human diversity as a divine gift and blessing—a reflection of God’s boundless creativity and love. Because of this, we commit ourselves in ministry to fully embracing all people and advancing racial equity in our ministry.*

*We recognize that we hold a variety of beliefs, perspectives, and lived experiences; and yet we gather in Christ to worship God together. If you have questions, feedback, or needs for assistance, please ask. We seek to grow together in ministry, community and faith, and we are glad that you are here with us today.*

*~ The People of Como Park Lutheran Church*

**TODAY’S COFFEE HOUR**  
**will immediately follow the service.**

Please join us for some coffee and light snacks in the Narthex.

This service will be broadcast live on YouTube  
and recorded for later viewing.

[www.youtube.com/c/ComoParkLutheranChurch](http://www.youtube.com/c/ComoParkLutheranChurch)

## ADULT FORUM & UPCOMING EVENTS

*(For full list of events, see page 22-23.)*

TODAY	No Adult Forum	Adult Forum will resume in the fall.
06/08/2025	Pentecost	<b>Please wear red.</b>
06/15/2025	Father's Day	-
06/16/2025	Vacation Bible School	First Day of VBS



Regular - Liturgist  
**Bold - Congregation**  
✠ - Stand as able



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### THE GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

Berceuse

Louis Vierne

#### WELCOME, GREETING, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ✠CONFESSIOIN AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**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 sins in the presence of God and one another.

*~ Silence is kept for reflection. ~*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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.**

## ✠OPENING HYMN

**This is the Spirit's Entry Now**

**ELW 448**

## ✠THE APOSTOLIC GREETING (2 Corinthians 13:14)

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.**

# ✠KYRIE

ELW pg. 193-194



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



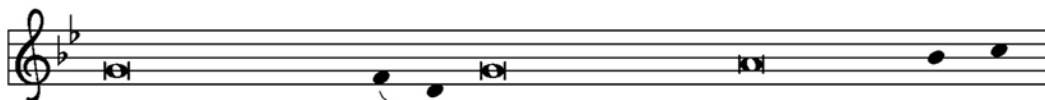
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



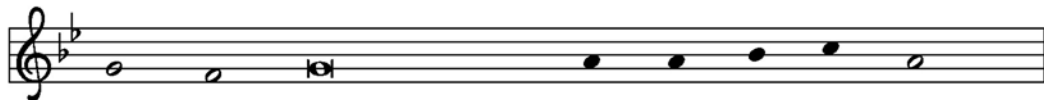
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## ✠GLORY TO GOD

*ELW pg. 195-196*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of

God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of two phrases. The first phrase, 'A - men,', is marked with a slur over the first three notes (A4, B4, C5) and a fermata over the final note (D5). The second phrase, 'a - men.', is also marked with a slur over the first three notes (D5, C5, B4) and a fermata over the final note (A4). The lyrics 'A - men, a - men.' are written below the staff.

## ✠PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

**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.**

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup>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.

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 97



<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice;

let the multitude of the | isles be glad.

<sup>2</sup>**Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,**

**righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God's throne.**

<sup>3</sup>Fire goes be- | fore the LORD,

burning up enemies on | every side.

<sup>4</sup>**Lightnings light | up the world;**

**the earth | sees and trembles.**

<sup>5</sup>The mountains | melt like wax

before the Lord of | all the earth.





**<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare your righteous- | ness, O LORD,  
and all the peoples | see your glory.**

**<sup>7</sup>Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight | in false gods!  
Bow down before the LORD, | all you gods.**

**<sup>8</sup>Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,  
because of your judg- | ments, O LORD.**

**<sup>9</sup>For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth;  
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.**

**<sup>10</sup>You who love the | LORD, hate evil!  
God guards the lives of the saints  
and rescues them from the hand | of the wicked.**

**<sup>11</sup>Light dawns | for the righteous,  
and joy for the hon- | est of heart.**

**<sup>12</sup>Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous,  
and give thanks to God's | holy name.**

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

**<sup>12</sup>See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."**

**<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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."**

**<sup>17</sup>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."**

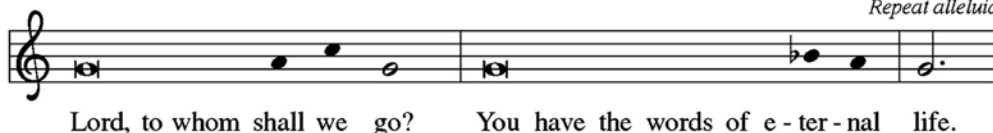
<sup>20</sup>The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ✠GOSPEL VERSE

*ELW pg. 198*



*Repeat alleluia*

## ✠GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the Seventeenth Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup>"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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.

<sup>25</sup>Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>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.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

David Person

(Jesus Loves Me! ELW 595)

## **SERMON**

Pastor Martin Ericson

## **✠HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Son of God, Eternal Savior**

**ELW 655**

## **✠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**

... Lord, in your mercy,  
... **hear our prayer.**

## **✠THE PEACE**

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

(In sharing God's Peace we share with each other our hope for God's blessing by shaking hands, or turning to one another and nodding, or bumping fists and saying "God's peace be with you.")

## **THE MEAL**

### **OFFERING**

Shake These Bones

Malcolm Dalglish

Jerry Barte

*Electronic offerings can be made using smart phones and tablet devices by going to [www.ComoParkLutheran.org](http://www.ComoParkLutheran.org) and clicking on the "donate" button. You may also use the giving kiosk in the narthex located by the staircase.*

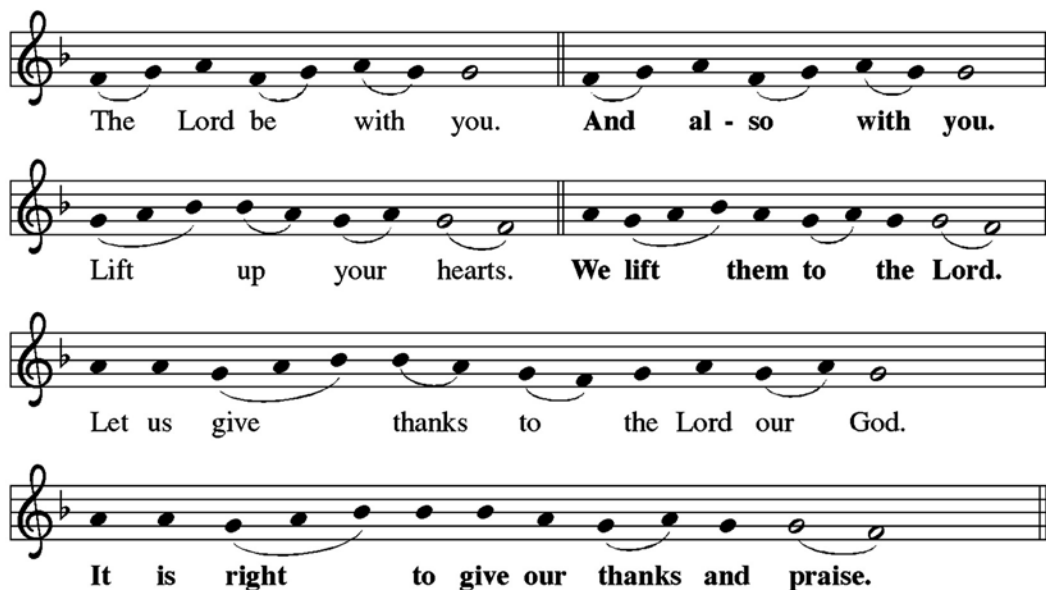


## ✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.**

## ✠THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are connected by slurs, indicating a continuous melody. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

✠HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Isaiah 6:3)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and



might, heav-en and earth are 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 (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

In the night in which he was betrayed...  
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

## ✠THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13; Revelation 11:15)

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION

All who believe Christ is truly present in the sacrament are invited to receive communion. At the server, hold out the flat of your palm to receive the wafer. If you desire gluten-free wafers, simply say to the first server "gluten-free." Then, step to the second server and take the wine in the small cup. The cups hold red wine and grape juice. If you are allergic to grapes, you are free to receive only the bread, knowing that Christ is fully present within each element. Children who do not yet commune will receive a blessing from pastor or first server.



## LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29)

ELW pg. 201

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.

## COMMUNION HYMN

I Come with Joy

ELW 482

## ✠POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## ✠POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE SENDING

### ✠BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

### ✠CLOSING HYMN

**The Church's One Foundation**

**ELW 654**

### ✠DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Carillon

Louis Vierne

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*Please pray for...*

Donnie B.	Mary Ann S.
Pam B.	Carol S.
Beth D.	Mary Ellen T.
Bill H.	Amy W.
Kathy H.	Tyler F. (brother-in-law of Ginger F.)
Scott H.	J.J. K. (great grandson of Bill H.)
Carl J.	Justin K. (friend of Sandra H.)
Nora J.	Joe (friend of Sandra H.)
Ann L.	Mike W. (friend of Sandra H.)
Erik M.	Paula M.L. (cousin of Jeanette M.N.)
Connie P.	Cheryl & Jim (quilter & husband)
Niko P.	Nichole (friend of Como Connects)
Ruth R.	Tommy (former student of Beth S.)
Mike & Shirley S.	... and all in need of prayers

*We welcome names of members, family, and friends on our prayer list.*

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### **Serving in the Military**

Dane Beecham, Jonathan Lund, Kristian Nelson  
... and all others who serve

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**We pray regularly for all members and friends of our congregation.  
This week in worship, we pray for:**

Jenni Wolf  
Sue Woodhall  
Charles Worthington  
Dick & Zarida Young  
Judy Zalk  
Michael Zalk, Ida, David, Daniel  
Zack & Claire Zehrer, Everett, Lawrence

## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

**Pastor:** Martin Ericson

**Director of Music Ministry:** Tom Ferry

## THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

<b>Date</b>	<b>June 1, 2025</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Brennan Todd
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Meg Duncan
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Polly Heaton
<b>Communion Asst 1</b>	Mary Sommerfeld
<b>Communion Asst 2</b>	Darrell Anderson
<b>Greeter</b>	Janet Pankonin
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Polly & Scott Heaton
<b>Children's Message</b>	David Person
<b>Reader</b>	David Person
<b>Liturgist</b>	Jonathan Nye
<b>Ushers</b>	Family Team Chresand
<b>Welcome Desk</b>	Meg Duncan
<b>Bus Helper</b>	Shirley Dingman
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Lowell Lundy
<b>Video Tech</b>	Ken Purdham

## USHER TEAM

Family Team Chresand: Jim & Margo and Ted

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 1ST

## SPECIAL EVENTS



**COMO PARK FARMERS' MARKET - MAY 15-OCTOBER 30**—We are excited to be partnering with the St. Paul Growers Association—St. Paul Farmers' Market to bring a farmers' market to our Como Park neighborhood! This new market will take place in our **CPLC parking lot** located at 1545 Hamline Ave N, and will be held **every Thursday afternoon from 2-6 PM from May 15th through October 30th**. There will

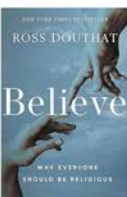
be a variety of locally grown and produced food items for sale. This market accepts and provides matching dollars to SNAP/EBT customers. We look forward to seeing you at the market. Visit: [www.comoparklutheran.org/farmers-market](http://www.comoparklutheran.org/farmers-market)

**SENIOR FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON - JUNE 12**—Join us for lunch in CPLC's Fellowship Hall on Thursday, June 12th at 12 PM noon for dine-in or 11:30 AM for pick-up at the front turnaround entrance. Our menu this month is Turkey Tetrazzini, French bread, salad, and dessert. Suggested donation is \$10 per meal. RSVP by Thursday, June 5th: 651-646-7127 or [office@comoparklutheran.org](mailto:office@comoparklutheran.org).



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) - JUNE 16-19**—Kids ages PreK-5th (completed) from our neighborhood and from our congregation are invited to summer Vacation Bible School! We will be partnering with counselors from Camp Onomia to fill the week with Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, and more! Join us on **June 16-19 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at CPLC**. Cost is \$40 per child (financial assistance available). PreK children must be potty-trained and have experience participating in a class environment. Please bring a bagged lunch. **Register by June 2 at:** [www.comoparklutheran.org/vacation-bible-school](http://www.comoparklutheran.org/vacation-bible-school)

**FRIDAY FAMILY NIGHT - EVERY LAST FRIDAY**—Families with Littles & Middles (newborn through 6th grade) are invited monthly for an evening of food, games, and fellowship. Our next meeting will be **June 27th from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM at CPLC**. Contact David Osterhouse at [osterhouse@comoparklutheran.org](mailto:osterhouse@comoparklutheran.org).



**SUMMER READING GROUP - SUMMER 2025**—Join us this summer for stimulating discussion and conversation on the new book by the *New York Times* columnist, Ross Douthat, Believe: Why Everyone Should Be Religious. In this book, Douthat argues in a clear and engaging manner that religious belief makes much better

sense of many issues within contemporary science and culture than a non-religious perspective does. It is an intelligent and fascinating discussion. We encourage anyone with interest to participate. Contact Walter Wietzke at [w.wietzke@gmail.com](mailto:w.wietzke@gmail.com).



**CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY - APRIL 25-26, 2026**—Save the dates! We will be celebrating our 100th Year Anniversary in 2026. 100th Year Anniversary Banquet is on Sunday, April 25, 2026 and 100th Year Anniversary Special Worship Service is on Saturday, April 26, 2026. Contact Jonathan Nye at [jonathan@comoparklutheran.org](mailto:jonathan@comoparklutheran.org).

## RECURRING EVENTS

**TECH SHADOWS - EVERY SUNDAY**—Come sit with us **any Sunday during worship service in the sanctuary**, and watch the technical side of worship! Find out if you'd like to be a CPLC Tech. Contact [office@comoparklutheran.org](mailto:office@comoparklutheran.org).



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE - EVERY TUESDAY**—Let's make a difference together by making quilts **every Tuesday at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall**. At the end of the year, we donate our quilts to homeless shelters. We always accept & appreciate donations (bed sheets, pillow cases, & materials), which can be dropped off at CPLC. Join us whether you know how to sew or not. Contact Jan Lathrop ([janetklathrop@gmail.com](mailto:janetklathrop@gmail.com)).

**TUESDAY FAITH TALK & THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY**—Join us for a **Faith Talk every Tuesday at 9 AM** and **Bible Study every Thursday at 9 AM in the Fireside Room**. To receive our weekly invitation and updates, email Pastor Marty at [ericson@comoparklutheran.org](mailto:ericson@comoparklutheran.org).



**BUS SERVICES**—If you would like a ride to Sunday worship services, please contact the church office at 651-646-7127 or [office@comoparklutheran.org](mailto:office@comoparklutheran.org).

**NURSERY ROOM**—Our Nursery Room is available for families with children ages 3 & under. Drop off your children before service, pick them up after service, or join them and enjoy your time in the Nursery Room. The Parents Room is also available.





## **CPLC PROGRAMS/GROUPS THAT ARE CURRENTLY ON SUMMER BREAK AND RESUMING IN THE FALL**

If you are interested and/or would like to join any of the programs or groups,  
contact the appropriate the contact person below.

<b>PROGRAM/GROUP</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
Confirmation Class	Pastor Marty (ericson@comoparklutheran.org)
CPLChoir	Tom Ferry (ferry@comoparklutheran.org)
Joyful Ringers	Tom Ferry (ferry@comoparklutheran.org)
Sunday School	Kelly Whitstone (sundayschool@comoparklutheran.org)
Youth Group Meetings	David Osterhouse (osterhouse@comoparklutheran.org)
Women's Craft Group	Meg Duncan (melaurak@msn.com) or Cathy Gagné (cmtm@comcast.net)



## **NON-CPLC PROGRAMS/GROUPS AT CPLC**

### **AA Group**

every Monday at 6:00 PM

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**JUNE 1, 2025**

## **HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*Take, Oh, Take Me  
As I Am*



## **WEEKLY MILESTONES**



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

## **CARING CONVERSATIONS**



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What do you think life is like for those who work at or are in a prison?
- Where have you witnessed the church at work in the world today?

## **DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* Acts 16:16-34.

The suffering of Paul and Silas is real. Their prayers and hymn singing while in prison are also real. The other prisoners are moved by what they hear. Two miracles happen nearly simultaneously. One, an earthquake opens all the prison doors, yet no prisoner leaves and two, the selfless acts of the prisoners lead a prison guard and his family to faith in God and “*baptism without delay*” (v. 33). This is the power of love and mercy over the power of abuse and deceit just experienced by Paul and Silas. This story from Acts serves as an example of the larger story of the church. Disciples walk with power, but that power does not keep them from being harmed. Amid trials and suffering, the work of the church continues. The church lives in a world that can seem unfair yet is called to respond with praise to God and love for all. The church grew in those years as followers showed the love of God. Entire households joined the church through the gift of faith and of baptism.

*Discuss:* How have you witnessed the gift of faith and baptism making a difference in your life or the life of someone you know?

*Pray:* **God of power and mercy, we pray for the work of the church and our witness in the world through acts of love and mercy in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **SERVICE**



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you show mercy to those who are treated unfairly?

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



In John 17:20-26, Jesus prayed that the love of God may be in his followers and that their lives as disciples would also reveal his love for others. Jesus prayed not only for his disciples but for all future disciples. He prayed for us. Disciples serve God through acts of kindness towards all people whether rich, poor, in need, from a different background, or non-believers. Take a moment to fold your hands in prayer. As you look at your hands, think about how Jesus prayed for you and about how you can pray for others.

*Pray:* **Lord Jesus, help us to become one with Christians around us, so that our love points others to you. Amen.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)

**JUNE 1, 2025  
SEVENTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**



*Love and mercy triumph over suffering.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 17:20-26</b>	<b>Jesus prays for his disciples</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 16:16-34</b>	<b>Paul and Silas in prison</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Revelation 22:12-21</b>	<b>Christ is coming soon</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Exodus 33:12-23</b>	<b>Moses' intercession</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 5:16-21</b>	<b>The ministry of reconciliation</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Luke 11:1-4</b>	<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 97</b>	<b>The Lord brings justice</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 14:8-17, 25-27</b>	<b>Jesus promises the Holy Spirit</b>

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*At the same hour of the night he [prison guard] took them [Paul and Silas] and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. Acts 16:33 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, just as you and Jesus are one, give us the grace and peace to be one with you and with all believers so that the world may see and believe. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Nurturing God may this food strengthen us to be your faithful witnesses to the world that others may know your grace and mercy in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. (Revelation 22:21)



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