



*Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.*

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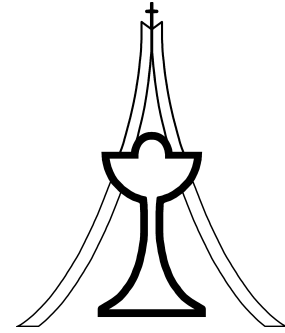
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*All are welcome here*  
*All people of faith, All people of doubt*  
*All people of any origin, race, ability, sexual orientation or gender expression*  
*All people who seek a compassionate community*

*All are welcome here*  
*Welcome to worship, Welcome to pray*  
*Welcome to learn, Welcome to give thanks*  
*Welcome to serve God and neighbors*

*All are welcome here*  
*All are redeemed by a gracious God*



## *The Gathering*

(Please read this before worship begins.)

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I cannot say what Communion is any better than Luther, so I'll let him say it. In the Small Catechism Luther writes the following, and more in The Sacrament of the Altar.

*What is the Sacrament of the Altar?*

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.

*What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*

This is shown by the words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." In the Sacrament, forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

*How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

It is not the eating and drinking that do these things, but these words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." These words are, along with the bodily eating and drinking, the main thing in the Sacrament. Anyone who believes these words has what they say: that is, the forgiveness of sins.

- As we travel this wilderness of COVID-19, it is right and proper for us to participate in the Eucharist as we are gathered as the church in person, as well as live streaming. Holy Communion takes place in the assembly of the Body of Christ.
- Online Communion is new territory for us as we navigate our new context. After reading Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, after much prayer and discernment, I believe this technology should be used in such manners to share God's grace, love, forgiveness and acceptance.
- As we assemble in person or live stream, when confessions are heard and forgiven, as the Word is proclaimed, it is proper for Communion to take place as we are then sent out as the Body of Christ for the world. I ask you to only commune as the live Word is spoken and not commune to the recording of this service.
- Please use bread and wine or a gluten free option and grape juice. Please prepare a plate and cup prior to service to have and share. If you have one and not the other, know that God is fully present in both elements and only one is necessary.

- God is the One working through the spoken Word in the mystery of communion. We don't fully know how, rather we know Jesus said, "Take, eat; this is My body," ... "Take this and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." God is the source of love infused into us through the Spirit as we partake of the Eucharist. We don't understand it fully; we fully believe Christ is there fulfilling His promises of forgiveness, life and salvation.

Remember: All Are Welcome – Hospitality fills God's Table – Everywhere!

Pastor Randy

### **Prelude**

*O Day Full of Grace*, arr. Anne Krentz Organ (Beth Dana, Piano)

*Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*, setting, Nancy M. Raabe (Beth Dana, Piano)

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*, Mark Patterson (Beth Dana, Piano)

*A Pentecost Prelude for Flute and Organ*, Charles Callahan (Beth Dana, Piano and Sara Behnke, Flute)

*Please mute Zoom on your computer.*

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are raised with him to new life.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

P We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning you created us in your image  
and planted us in a well-watered garden.  
In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,  
and you gave us water from the rock.  
When we did not know the way,  
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.  
At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,  
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.  
We praise you for your salvation through water,  
for the water in this font,  
and for all water everywhere.  
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.  
To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **Greeting**

P The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

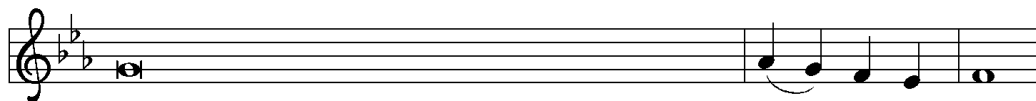
# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



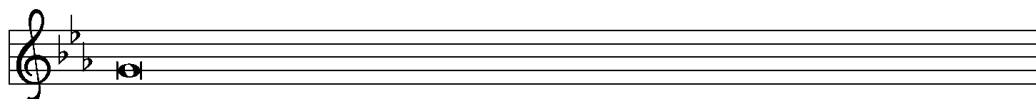
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



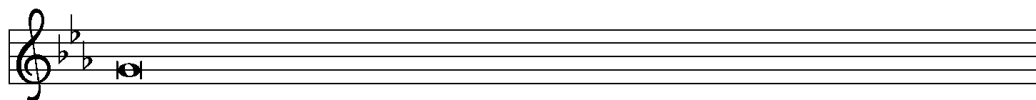
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men, a - men.

# Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and

Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Refrain*

## Prayer of the Day

P O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## The Word

L A reading from the book of Acts.

### Acts 2:1-21

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But 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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>'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.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

- <sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- <sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,  
living things both small and great.**
- <sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.
- <sup>27</sup>**All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**
- <sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- <sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**
- <sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- <sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**
- <sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.
- <sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**
- <sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- <sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!**

L A reading from the book of 1 Corinthians.

## 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.*

- <sup>3b</sup>No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.
- <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

L The word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **John 20:19-23**

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

<sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

P The Gospel of our Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

*Forgiving and Retaining*

**Pastor Randy Schroeder**



Hymn of the Day: ELW (red), hymn 396, *Spirit of Gentleness*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

*Refrain*

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

**A** Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *(a brief silence)*

**A** We call on your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your church, that they reveal your love for all. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** We call on your spirit of life, present in air, wind, humidity, storms, and oxygen in our atmosphere, breathing energy into all things. Heal with your breath the whole creation, especially those who struggle to breathe due to air pollution. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** We call on your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Give each one of us a heart for justice and empathy. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

- A We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for comfort, especially family and friends of Nicole, Carol, Patty, Jay, Nancy and Herb. We pray for all who are affected by COVID-19, those who have the virus, those dealing with separation from loved ones because of the virus, those dealing with being laid off from their jobs and the uncertainty that brings, those separated from family or friends. We also pray for Herb, Candy, Joe, Jason, Fil & Shirley, Rosalie & Paul, Chuck, Mary, Jeff, John, Beth, Denise, Pr. Judy, Barb, Christie, Tom, Charlotte, Donna, Jesse, Helmut & Carol, John, Katie, Meghan & Andrew, Kim, Joe, Lynn, Connor & Mason, Jim, Ben and Everett. Lord, in your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- A We call on your spirit of friendship. As Elizabeth welcomed Mary to her home, give us a spirit of welcome to those whom we meet in this congregation and outside these doors. Surprise us daily with unexpected grace, that we rejoice in every blessing you send. Lord, in your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- A We call on your spirit of hope. As you have led your saints in all times and places, stir in us the desire to follow their example, leading us from death to new life in you. Lord, in your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

#### **Peace**

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

## *The Meal*

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- Please have your wine and bread ready for the Meal. It would be best to use grape juice or wine and a small portion of bread or gluten free option for the Eucharist.
- Please participate by lifting the bread and the wine as the pastor lifts the bread and wine.
- If everyone in the family is healthy please take the time to commune each other; presenting the bread first and saying, “the Body of Christ given for you” and then the wine/juice saying, “the Blood of Christ shed for you.” If you’re not feeling well, please commune yourself as you are able.
- The elements (bread and juice or wine) should be consumed in their entirety or returned to the earth as once they are consecrated they are the Body and Blood of Christ. Please do not throw Jesus in the trash or down the drain.

**Offering:** Please feel free to send your regular tithe in the mail, drop it off to the church office or if you have not checked out our website and the "Your Offering Made Easy" tab, this could be your opportunity. (John Mills is available to answer any questions about the Vanco Online giving option if you wish to contact him. His email address is [john\\_r\\_mills@icloud.com](mailto:john_r_mills@icloud.com))

### Offering Prayer

A Merciful God,  
our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,  
but you make of them an abundance,  
just as you do with our lives.  
Feed us again at this table  
for service in your name,  
in the strength of the risen Christ.

C **Amen.**

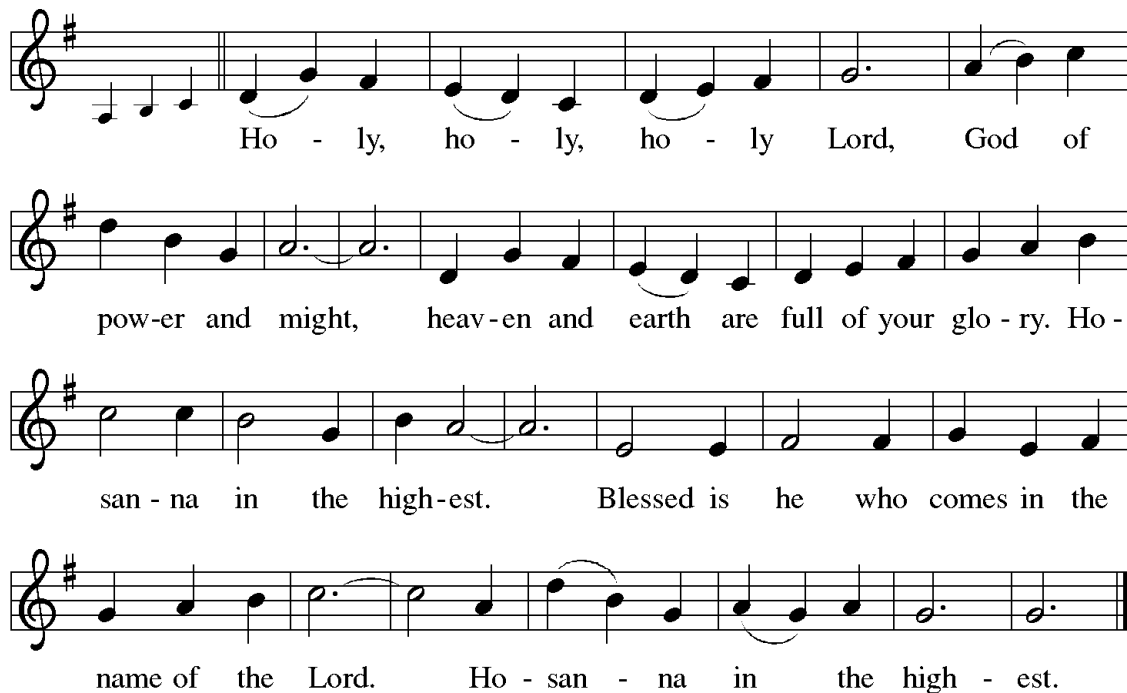
### The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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 in 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:



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. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P 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:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P 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.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P 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.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

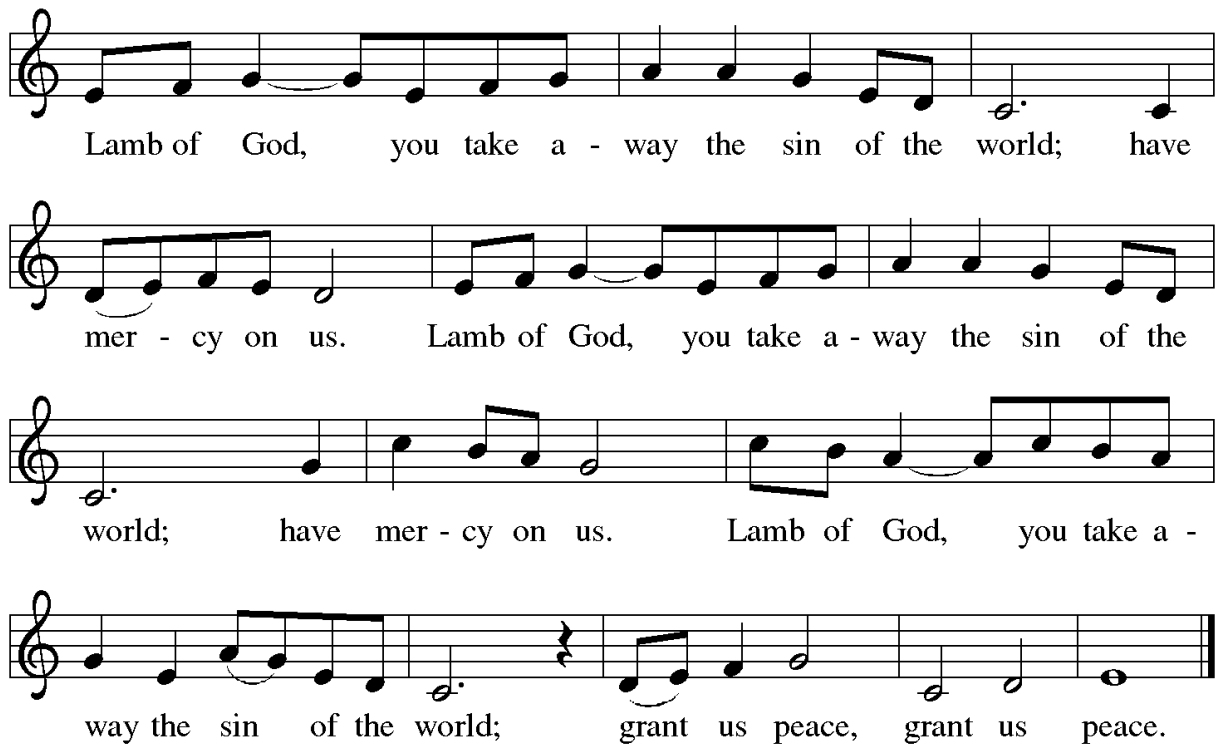
## The Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

## Invitation to Communion

**P** So come to this table, you who have faith and you who would like to have faith; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

## Lamb of God



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.

## Holy Communion

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen,  
keep and unite us, now and for ever.

C Amen.

### Prayer after Communion

A Life-giving God,  
you have fed us with your word,  
and our hearts burn within us.  
Through this meal you have opened us to your presence.  
Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

## The Sending

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 627: *O Day Full of Grace* (Sing along with the ALCM Virtual Choir.)



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new  
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be  
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the  
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.  
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.  
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

## **Blessing**

- P May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead  
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,  
and turn your mourning into dancing.  
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

- A Christ is risen, just as he said.  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
- C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## *Graduate Recognition*

### **Introduction and Scripture Reading**

- P Members and friends of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, will you promise to keep this graduate and his family in your thoughts and prayers as they go forth into the future?
- C **We will.**
- P Will you, as fellow believers in Jesus Christ, promise to help this young man as need and opportunity arise?
- C **We will.**

### **Benediction**

*If you wish to stick around, the Zoom meeting will continue for a virtual “Coffee Hour”.*

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## **Pints with a Pastor in June**

**Here are fellowship opportunities for adults and kids. If you'd like to participate, send Pastor Randy an email (his addresses are listed above) and he will send you a Zoom invite.**

- **Pint with a Pastor** will take place on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:56 P.M. for adults.
- **Pint-Sized with a Pastor** will meet on Wednesdays, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:26 P.M. for elementary school agers.



**Pentecost Greeting and Benediction**  
**May 2020**  
**Bishop Bill Gafkjen, Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA**

Greetings in the name of Jesus, dear people of God!

Thank you for being so patient and so faithful during this difficult time as we have been worshiping at a distance from one another and dealing with the complexity of emotions and experiences in this coronavirus wilderness. Thank you for continuing to faithfully proclaim the Gospel, to care for one another, and to reach out to love and serve the neighbor. I am grateful for the ways in which you have walked through this wilderness together and with so many others across this Indiana-Kentucky Synod territory.

It occurs to me that on that first Pentecost Day that we celebrate today, those disciples on whom the Spirit fell had no idea what was in store for them in the days and weeks and months ahead. They had no idea what their life together would look like. They had no idea what their mission, their Gospel mission, would look like from that day forward. And yet they did know that it was the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus that fell on them. And they welcomed the wind and the flame, the power and the love of the Spirit's presence in this new and amazing way.

So, too, today, we have welcomed and continued to welcome that same Spirit as we gather in whatever ways we're gathering in Jesus' name, even if it's at a distance. We have welcomed the Spirit that has fallen on us, the Spirit of power and love. And while we also don't know what the future will look like, we don't know what the days, months, and years ahead will be like as the people of God, the church. But, just like those early disciples, we will ride the wind of the Spirit's power and follow the flame of the Spirit's love into God's unfolding future. And we do so confident that the Spirit will give us what we need to be energetic and faithful stewards of the good news of Jesus crucified and risen for the life of the world. The power, the wind of the Spirit will carry us, and the flame of the Spirit's love will fuel us.

Our life as church will look different from the way things look today or looked six months ago. But we do know this: it will be beautiful and good, because Jesus will be there, and we'll be there together in the name of Jesus. I'm grateful to be walking this way with you and I pray that the Spirit that descends on you this day will sustain you and lead you as individuals and families, and as communities of faith together in the day, weeks, and months ahead.

And now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.