

THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST
Saturday/Sunday May 18-19, A.D. 2024

PRELUDE, BELLS, WELCOME

HYMN “O Holy Spirit, Enter In” LSB 913

- 1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be
Truly living,
To You giving
Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.
- 2 Give to Your Word impressive pow’r,
That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity
We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us
By Your teaching;
Let our preaching
And our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.
- 3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace
On us shower;
By Your power
Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior’s blessing.

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INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

John 7:37–39

- P On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.
C **Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”**

P Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive.

C **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

INTROIT *Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C **and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

P O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;

C **the earth is full of your creatures.**

P These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

When you give it to them, they gather it up;

C **when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

P When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,

C **and you renew the face of the ground.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C **and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 37:1–14*

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.

He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.

I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.' "

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' "

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.

I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.' " (NIV)

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING *Acts 2:1–21*

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.

When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs--we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine. "

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: " 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' (NIV)

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th & 16th chapters.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

"When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you. "Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief.

But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you. (NIV)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED *The Third Article*

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

HYMN "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid" LSB 500

1 Creator Spirit, by whose aid
The world's foundations first were laid,
Come, visit ev'ry humble mind;
Come, pour Your joys on humankind;
From sin and sorrow set us free;
May we Your living temples be.

2 O Source of uncreated light,
The bearer of God's gracious might,
Thrice-holy fount, thrice-holy fire,
Our hearts with heav'nly love inspire;
Your sacred, healing message bring
To sanctify us as we sing.

- 3 Giver of grace, descend from high;
Your sev'nfold gifts to us supply;
Help us eternal truths receive
And practice all that we believe;
Give us Yourself that we may see
The glory of the Trinity.
- 4 Immortal honor, endless fame
Attend the_almighty Father's name;
The Savior-Son be glorified,
Who for all humankind has died;
To You, O Paraclete, we raise
Unending songs of thanks and praise.

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SERMON *Households of Faith - An Extreme Makeover* Text: Acts 2

OFFERING

ADULT CHOIR - *Shepherd Me, O Gentle Lamb*

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For an abundance of the fruits of the earth and for a plentiful harvest, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick, the suffering, and the dying, [*especially . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For an increase of the Spirit and the work of witness, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For pastors, teachers, missionaries, church workers, and all who proclaim the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For unity in the congregations and for the unity of the church, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For a spirit of repentance and renewal, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for a spirit of reconciliation and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P In thanksgiving for those who have gone before and for our faithfulness unto death that we may receive the crown of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

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.**

PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Almighty God, heavenly Father, who of Your goodness brought life to all that is and in Your mercy redeemed Your lost creation through the power of Your Son's obedient suffering and life-giving death, work in us by Your Spirit that we may be restored to You and guided to the fulfillment of Your saving purpose in the world. Bring to our remembrance Your Word that we may confess the Good News of our accomplished salvation to all the world. Grant us Your grace and favor that we may approach Your altar with repentance and faith, that no sin may prove harmful to us and we may be fed and nourished to everlasting life in this blessed Communion. As our Lord has taught us and in fulfillment of His own testament, grant that this bread feed us upon His holy flesh and this cup give us His precious blood to drink.

C **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

C **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

HYMN “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” LSB 650

- 1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit,
You we praise and magnify.
- 2 Holy Spirit, ever living
As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship
For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.
- 3 Holy Spirit, ever working
Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,
Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending,
You we worship and extol.

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HYMN “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord” LSB 497

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,
With all Your graces now outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart;
Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Your light
In holy faith Your Church unite;
From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue
This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:
Alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Come, holy Light, guide divine,
 Now cause the Word of life to shine.
 Teach us to know our God aright
 And call Him Father with delight.
 From ev'ry error keep us free;
 Let none but Christ our master be
 That we in living faith abide,
 In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Come, holy Fire, comfort true,
 Grant us the will Your work to do
 And in Your service to abide;
 Let trials turn us not aside.
 Lord, by Your pow'r prepare each heart,
 And to our weakness strength impart
 That bravely here we may contend,
 Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

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HYMN “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” LSB 637

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
 And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
 Offered was He for greatest and for least,
 Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 To all believers life eternal yields;
 With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
 Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
 And take the pledges of salvation here.
 O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray.
 O Lord, we give You thanks and praise that You have restored us as Your own children and brought us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. By Your Holy Spirit continue in us that which You have begun and use us by Your grace to serve Your purpose in life and to rest in Your grace in death, when we shall behold Your unveiled glory and see You face to face; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
C Amen.

HYMN “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” LSB 643

- 1 Sent forth by God’s blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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