

**A Prayer  
Upon Enter-  
ing Church**  
Lord, let thy  
Spirit, thy  
word's deep  
wealth un-  
sealing,  
lighten mine  
eyes with  
truth's cele-  
stial fire; in  
life, in death,  
the narrow  
path reveal-  
ing unto the  
Promised  
Land of our  
desire.  
Amen  
~ Vladimir  
Briem,  
1900 A.D.



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## **The Day of Pentecost**

*Spiritus Domini* + May 24, 2026 + 9:00 A.M.

**Welcome to the Lord's Day.** Today we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit, by whom the Lord keeps His beloved Church with Jesus Christ in the one, true faith. He equips all members of the Church with various gifts for confessing and proclaiming His holy Word within their respective callings, and on that ancient Day of Pentecost, especially equipped the apostles for their universal mission. Our Lord is a gift-giving Lord, withholding nothing that His Church needs to fulfill His mission: the redemption of mankind.

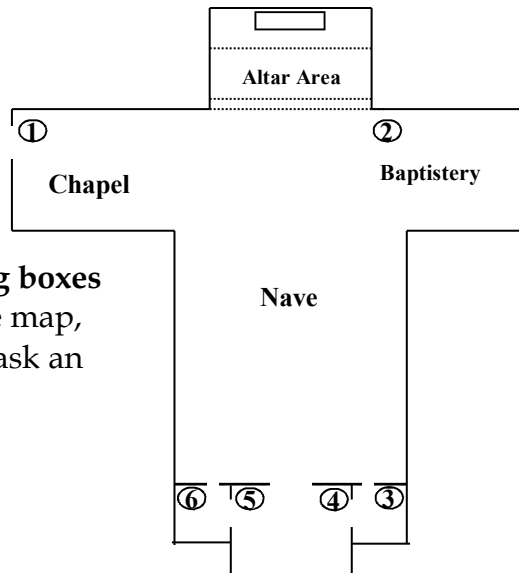


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## PRELUDE

"Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" ...J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

*Please stand and turn toward the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"O Holy Spirit Enter In" ... LSB #913

## GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

*You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things and by your will they existed and were created. You have made heaven and earth and every wonderful thing under heaven, and you are Lord of all. ~Revelation 4:11; Esther 3:10*

*Jesus places us in the sight of the Father by departing into heaven as the firstfruits of humanity . . . There, as man, He is truly the high priest of our souls, our comforter and the sacrifice for our sins. And as God and Lord by His nature, Jesus sits on His own Father's throne, and this glory is reflected even on us.*  
 ~ Cyril of Alexandria, about 412 A.D.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

**C** A - men.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

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

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

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

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

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

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

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

*Please be seated.*

## OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 11:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup>And

*This prayer calls us to attention and reminds us that we have come to hear the Word of God....It is enough to call us away from our anxious concern for daily bread. With care and beauty, it helps us refocus on what God has to say to us in our worship. ~Eugene Lehrke, 1999 A.D.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, who ever One are with the Father and the Son.*

*It is the hour: our souls possess with your full flood of holiness.*

*Let flesh, and heart, and lips and mind, sound forth our witness to all mankind . . .*

as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup>And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup>And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup>So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup>Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY** *Psalm 143*

L: Hear my prayer, O LORD;  
give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\*  
In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

**C: Enter not into judgment with your | servant,\*  
for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.**

L: For the enemy has pursued my soul;  
he has crushed my life | to the ground;\*  
he has made me sit in darkness like | those long dead.

**C: Therefore my spirit faints with- | in me;\*  
my heart within me | is appalled.**

L: I remember the days of old;  
 I meditate on all that | you have done;\*  
 I ponder the work | of your hands.

**C: I stretch out my | hands to you;\***  
**my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.**

L: Answer me quickly, O LORD!  
 My | spirit fails!\*

Hide not your face from me,  
 lest I be like those who go down | to the pit.

**C: Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,**  
**for in | you I trust.\***  
**Make me know the way I should go,**  
**for to you I lift | up my soul.**

L: Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!\*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

**C: Teach me to do your will,**  
**for you | are my God!\***  
**Let your good Spirit lead me**  
**on | level ground!**

L: For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!\*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

**C: And in your steadfast love you will cut off my | enemies,\***  
**and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul,**  
**for I am your | servant.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son,\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen**

*. . . and love  
 light up our  
 mortal frame,  
 till others  
 catch the liv-  
 ing flame.*

*Grant this, O  
 Father, ever  
 One with  
 Christ, your  
 sole begotten  
 Son,*

*and Holy Spir-  
 it we adore,  
 reigning and  
 blest forever-  
 more. Amen*

*~ Ambrose,  
 Liturgy of  
 the Hours,  
 380 A.D.*

*The Spirit serves not Himself but Christ, to whose redemptive work He testifies. The Spirit is Christ's Spirit and not a self-serving force. He accomplishes His real work by creating faith in Christ, gathering into the church the faithful, and granting them a place in His resurrection. The highest honor given to the Spirit is for Christians to trust Christ.*  
~ David Scaer,  
1981 A.D.

## **SECOND READING** Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and 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, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on 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 on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.  
<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the  
name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and turn toward the Holy Scriptures as they are carried into  
the midst of the congregation.*

## VERSE

"Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid" (*Stanzas 1 & 2*) ... LSB #500

## GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. <sup>30</sup>I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; <sup>31</sup>but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

*So then the  
Son speaks,  
the Holy  
Spirit teaches.  
When the Son  
speaks, we  
take in the  
words; when  
the Holy  
Spirit teaches,  
we under-  
stand those  
words.  
~Augustine,  
354-430  
A.D.*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## VERSE

"Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid" (*Stanzas 3 & 4*)

... LSB #500

## NICENE CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

C: **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory  
to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together**

is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

... LSB #497

### **SERMON**

“From Babel to Babble to the Body of Christ”

*Please kneel.*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all creation according to its needs.

P: . . . O Holy Spirit,

C: **receive our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

### **OFFERTORY**

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

... LSB #650

*Please stand.*

*Lord God, the Holy Ghost, in this appointed hour, as on the day of Pentecost, descend with all your power. We meet with one accord in this appointed place, and wait the promise of our Lord, the Spirit of all grace.  
~James Montgomery, 1771-1854 A.D.*

*There are not two kinds of Christian doctrine, not two kinds of Christian truth, one dogmatic the other moral, but only one holy truth, revealed by the Spirit, who is equally the Spirit of truth and the Holy Spirit, and deposited in Scripture, which, according to its whole contents, both human and Divine, is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*

~Ernest

*Sartorius,  
18th C.A.D.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Merciful Lord,

C: **we do not come to your table trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. Grant us so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us. Amen**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☐ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising you and saying:

## SANCTUS ("Holy")



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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**

### ACCLAMATION

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*"For the Son of God became the Son of Man," writes St. Irenaeus, "to the end that man too might become the son of God." In Christ, as God-Man, the meaning of human existence is not only revealed, but accomplished. In Christ human nature is perfected, it is renewed, rebuilt, created anew. Human destiny reaches its goal.  
~George Florovsky, 20th Century A.D.*

## AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")

**G** 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.

*Please be seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION

*The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.*

*Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His Body and Blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.*

*The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

- "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" ... LSB #618  
"Come Down, O Love Divine" ... LSB #501  
"Rise, Shine, You People" ... LSB #825

*Please stand after all have received the sacrament.*

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; 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.



*Please turn toward the cross as it is carried out of the sanctuary.*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

- "O Day Full of Grace" ... LSB #503

## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE

- "Trumpet Duet" ... Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

+ **Soli Deo Gloria** +  
*To God alone be glory*

## A Prayer As You Go

Come, Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life. Keep me united with Jesus Christ in the one true faith, with all His holy Church on earth, and on the last day, raise up me and all believers in Christ to life eternal.

Amen

~ based on  
the  
Small  
Catechism

## Serving at Worship

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