



*Day of Pentecost*  
**Confirmation Sunday**

“Alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, fill  
the hearts of the faithful, and kindle  
in them the fire of Your love.”

MAY 24, 2026 † 8:30AM & 11AM

## SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are so glad that you are here! This is God's House and He put the wiggle in children, so please feel completely at home.

**Sit towards the front:** That's where children can easily see the procession, note the colors and watch the pastor and leaders.

**Help your child look and listen:** Tell them key words that will be used often. Point out crosses, banners and other reminders of Jesus and His Good News.

**Participate joyfully!** Sing, fold your hands for prayer, stand and kneel. Bring them to the Communion rail for a blessing. Your child will model your actions. He or she watches everything that you do.

**Involve your child:** Encourage them to say and pray their parts: "*Amen. Lord have mercy. I believe... Our Father...*" Ascension at Prayer allows you to learn songs and prayers ahead of time so that children recognize them as their own.

**If You and Your Child Must Leave:** There is a nursery for emergencies, but please come back. What we do here promises to engage your children little-by-little and shape them powerfully and forever.

**Rainbow Activity Bags are available at the Usher Table for children five and under.**

If you need help, just ask! We are here to serve Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)

## WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

If you are a visitor, we are delighted to have you join us in worshiping God and hearing His Word! Please take a moment after the service to introduce yourself to our pastor. You are cordially invited to join in our congregation's fellowship and study of God's Word between services and all week long.



## ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

Our greatest desire is to share in the blessing of the Lord's Supper with you! Since this meal unites us spiritually by faith in the Word of God, we ask that you come having prepared your heart. Please read the following questions. If your answer to each is "Yes" then joyfully receive the Lord's gift in His Sacrament.

- Do you come to the Lord's Table for assurance of forgiveness, healing from doubt and shame, and to receive God's gift of a holy life and reconciliation through Jesus?**
- Have you been baptized and instructed in the sacrament so that you come to confess the holy, catholic and apostolic faith along with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod?**
- Do you believe Jesus' words, that the bread and the wine are, in fact, His own body and blood, given and shed for you?**

We invite all those who are not prepared to commune to join our study of God's Word and to speak to our pastor for direction. In the meantime, we invite you to receive a blessing at God's altar this morning. Please fold your hands over your heart during the distribution of the sacrament and join in our prayers for God restore us through repentance, to unity and holiness in Christ alone.

**The "white" individual cups at the center of each tray are alcohol-free.  
For gluten-free communion, please ask the pastor prior to the service.**

# Today, the Holy Church celebrates with great joy the Feast of **Pentecost**.



The Old Testament feast of Pentecost celebrated God's gift of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. It came fifty days after the feast of Passover, which celebrated the deliverance of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Just as Passover was fulfilled at Easter with a New Testament made in Christ's death and resurrection, so Pentecost is fulfilled by the gift of the "new law"—the Holy Spirit by which Jesus promised to be with us and to fulfill God's love in us.

How we need the Holy Spirit! We cannot by our own reason or strength believe in Christ or ever come to Him. Faith to follow Jesus is the work and gift of the Holy Spirit. But the Holy Spirit moves from person to person through the witness of Jesus Christ and the Good News of God's Word. He catches like fire, just as He did that Sunday morning in Jerusalem as He proclaimed God's mighty works through Jesus' first disciples. When Peter preached, he did not invite people to wait around for a miracle like the one they had just experienced. Rather, he pointed them to where they (and every generation) may receive the Holy Spirit no less powerfully: "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls."

(Acts 2:38-39)

*Gathered Together...*

## PRELUDE

**Sheep May Safely Graze**

*J.S. Bach*

*As the prelude begins, please prepare for worship by composing yourself for prayer.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# ENTRANCE HYMN

*Psalm 57:9; 100:4-5*

*Stand, turn and face the cross in procession.*

## 650 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's



realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing  
ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing  
min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,



O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,  
Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,  
Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,



ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,  
ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we  
ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -



life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.  
praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.  
mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

## INVOCATION

*1 Kings 8:27-30; Matthew 18:20; 28:18-20*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel or sit forward. Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- 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. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

*Stand.*

### INTROIT

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



*Pastor sings antiphon. All sing verses and Gloria.*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful,\*  
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle- | luia.

O LORD, how manifold are your  
works! In wisdom have you | made  
them all;\*  
the earth is full of your | creatures.

These all | look to you,\*  
to give them their food in due |  
season.

When you give it to them, they gath-  
| er it up;\*  
when you open your hand, they are  
filled with | good things.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful,\*  
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle- | luia.

When you send forth your Spirit,  
they are cre- | ated,\*  
and you renew the face | of the  
ground.

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.

# KYRIE

Mark 10:47

## Refrain

"Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison" means "Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy."

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son,  
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Lord Jesus, You came to gather the nations into the peace of God's Kingdom. **Refrain**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. **Refrain**

You will come in glory with salvation for Your people. **Refrain**

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LUKE 2:14; JOHN 1:29

## Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.  
1. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fath-er, we  
wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry. *Refrain*  
2. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fath-er, 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 Fath-er: re-ceive our prayer. *Refrain*

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 Fath-er. A-men. *Refrain*

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with your spirit.**
- 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.**

*Sit.*



But we cannot be content with a purely natural point of view. For everything now bears the mark of the almost inconceivable exultation of humanity, through the incarnation of God and through the Baptism which implants in man a new principle of life: participation in the life of Christ and the Holy Trinity.

**Dietrich von Hildebrand,**  
*Liturgy & Personality, ch. 2*

# ...Around the Word...

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

NUMBERS 11:24-30

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Numbers, the eleventh chapter.

Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them.

They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



The more I considered Christianity, the more I found that while it had established a rule and order, the chief aim of that order was to give room for good things to run wild.

G.K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*, p.91

## Spirit of Gentleness

### EPISTLE

ACTS 2:1-21

**A** The Epistle is from Acts, the second chapter.

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them,

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Stand.**

"Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

"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;  
even on my male servants and  
female servants

in those days I will pour out my  
Spirit, and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show wonders in the  
heavens above

and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of  
smoke;

the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord  
comes, the great and magnificent  
day.

And it shall come to pass that  
everyone who calls upon the name  
of the Lord shall be saved."

## GOSPEL VERSE

John 6:68

*The assembly sings the refrain twice.*



## HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 7:37-39

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

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

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. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he

said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit. The children may be invited forward for a children's message.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### 496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine



SERMON (8:30AM)

CONFESSIONS OF FAITH (11:00AM)

*Nicolas Delozier*

*William Iwanski*

## SUPPLICATION OF THE FAITHFUL

*Ephesians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 11:26*

- P** Heavenly Father, strengthen us, your unworthy servants, for Your service with the power of Your Holy Spirit.
- C** Now let us, the faithful, proclaim the death of the Lord, confess His resurrection, and await His coming with joy. Amen.

## NICENE CREED

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

*Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy. 6:4  
Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3  
Genesis 1:1; John 1:1  
Colossians 1:16*

- 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.

*Romans 10:9  
John 3:16; Matthew 16:16  
John 1:2  
John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1  
Colossians 2:9  
John 1:2  
John 10:30  
Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3  
1 Timothy 2:4p Romans 3:23  
John 4:41; Luke 15:20  
Luke 1:34-35  
John 1:14  
Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18  
John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53  
1 Cor. 15:4  
Acts 1:9  
Acts 7:55  
Matthew 26:64  
Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12  
2 Peter 1:11*

- 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 Christian 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.

*John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38  
Genesis 1:2; 1 John 3:6  
John 15:26  
Lk 2:14  
Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21  
1 Pt 2:5; Eph. 2:19ff  
Eph. 4:5; Acts 2:38  
1 Cor. 15:35-49; 1 Thess. 4:13-18  
Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42  
Psalm 106:48*

**Us men means all people.  
Christian: the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole  
Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.**

# Rite of Confirmation

+ Nicolas Miguel Delozier +

*Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long. Psalm 25:5*

+ William Charles Iwanski +

*For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness  
2 Samuel 22:29*

+ Ryan S. Robinson +

*You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you,  
"Your face, LORD, do I seek." Psalm 27:8*

+ Morgan Robinson +

*by transfer*

## **The pastor addresses the catechumens.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

**P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**R** *Yes, I renounce him.*

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

- P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

**Sponsors of each candidate are invited to stand. The candidates are asked to kneel. The pastor places his hands on their heads, declares God's Word, and anoints their forehead with the sign of the cross.**

- P** *Nicolas / William / Ryan*, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.
- R** *Amen.*

**All stand.**



The Father makes beautiful, by means of the Spirit, what he creates by means of the Son.

**Irenaeus of Lyons**, Irenaeus: An Introduction, p. 63<sup>†</sup>

**P** Let us pray.  
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous teachings, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood, learning from this Sacrament to find joy and comfort in Jesus alone, that they might ever love You and their neighbor and bear the cross with patience and joy. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Peace ☩ be with you.

**C** Amen.

... *And Blessed*

**All those wishing to commune should examine themselves, as in the following prayer:**

**Lord Jesus Christ, You call to Yourself all those who labor and are heavy burdened, to refresh them and to give rest to their souls. Dear Lord, I pray, let me also experience Your love at the heavenly feast, which You have prepared for Your children on earth. Rescue me here from impenitence and unbelief, so that I do not receive the Sacrament to my damnation. Remove the spotted garment of my flesh and my own righteousness and adorn me with the garment earned by Your blood. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and hereafter make me to sit at Your heavenly table, where You give me to eat of the eternal manna and to drink of the river of Your pleasures. Hear me for Your own sake. Amen.**



I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

**Isaiah 61:10**

## OFFERING & VOLUNTARY

### The Lord Bless You and Keep You

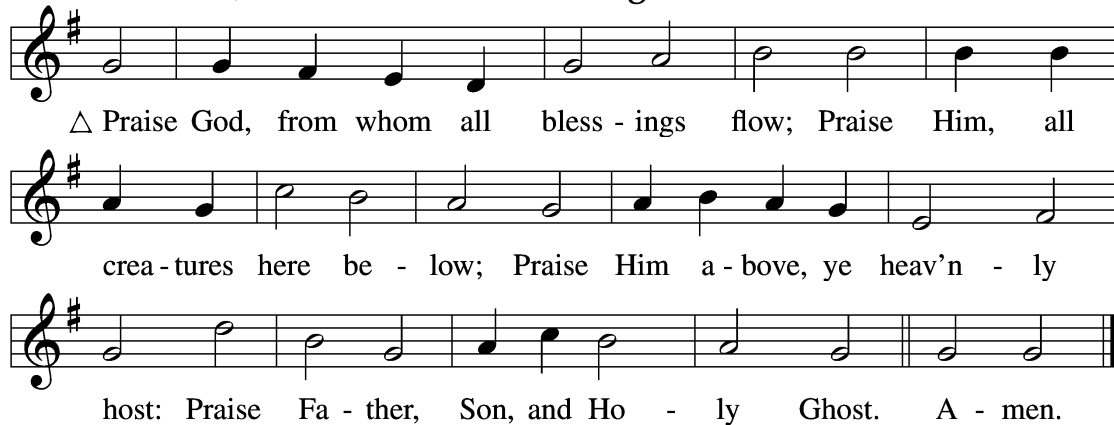
*Liebergen*

**Please place your tithes and offerings in the plates as the ushers pass by.  
Take a moment to sign and pass along the red books found at the end of each pew.**

## OFFERTORY

*All stand as the congregation's offerings are brought forward to the altar.*

### 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

- L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all the baptized, that the baptismal water of life may bring forth its full fruit in all we say, think and do, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For faithful pastors and church workers devoted to the service of God, who delivered His Word through Moses and the prophets and fulfilled it in Christ, who died for our sins and was raised for our justification, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all parents, that God would continue to pour out His Spirit upon them to raise and catechize their children faithfully by His Word, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For a long memory to recall those who gave the full measure of devotion to our country's peace and security and served faithfully until death in the protection of our freedom and in the defense of our land, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**



Spiritual life begins when things seem absolutely "hopeless"—that is when one learns to turn to God and not to our feeble efforts and ideas.

Fr. Seraphim Rose, Letter, March 1975<sup>†</sup>

**P** For all who face sickness, surgery and pain, that they may not be afraid, and that they might be healed according to the abundance of God's steadfast love. We pray especially for...

*our members*

**Tammy** Blessing  
**Hanna** Bennes  
**John** Henry  
**Jasmine** Timm  
**James** Dake  
**Peri** Hertzog  
**Tony** Byrum  
**Cissi** Burtner  
**Elaine** Elston

*those at home:*

**Janet** Miller  
**Lauri** MacDonald  
**Lila** Thompson  
**Doris** Falconieri  
**Jackie** Elam  
**Tom** Hagen  
**Karen** Priebe  
**Roy & Sharon** Gugel  
**Mary** Keefauver  
**Helen** Gounis  
**Louise** Nordman

*those dear to us:*

**King** Family  
**Brian** Marshall  
**Elijah** Kalagius  
**Lydia** Slater  
**Pat** Kane  
**Al** Nicholas  
**Hermione** Moul  
**Cassandra** Shropshire  
**The McKenney**  
Family & Friends

and rejoice with...

*our family birthdays:*

**Soren** Knutson  
**Connor** Fulton  
**Meg** Greeley  
**Al** Ramsey  
**Brady** Knutson  
**Drianna** Phillips  
**CJ** Humphrey  
**Sarah** Wilkalis

*praise & thanksgiving:*

**Janice** Edwards

*our greater churches:*

**Circuit 15 Forum** Leaders  
**Pastor** Chris Stout  
**Mark** Kiser  
**Allison** Pence

let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For those who commune at the Lord's altar this day, that they may receive our Lord Jesus' gifts in sincere repentance, and through firm faith be raised up from death to life through His forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Almighty Father, with Your Son, Jesus Christ, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts through Your Word to rule and govern us according to Your will. Comfort us in every temptation and misfortune and defend us against every error, that we may continue steadfast in the faith, increase in love and good works, and — trusting firmly in Your grace — obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

*Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us share His peace with one another.

*Greet one another in the Lord's name saying, "Peace be with you!"*

## PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

**P** The Lord be with you.



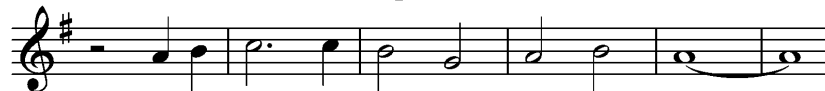
**C:** And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



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



heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. 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.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In these last days, You have poured out Your Holy Spirit on your Church that Your sons and daughters might proclaim the wonders of Your salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your gathered people that, faithfully eating and drinking the body and blood of Your Son, we may go forth to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matt 26:26f; Mk 14:22f; Lk 22:19f; 1 Cor 11:23f*

**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  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do 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 testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

John 1:29; Revelation 5:6, 12

1. 2. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the  
world: have mer - cy on us.

3. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the  
world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### 501 Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love divine;  
Seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Thine own ardor  
glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near;  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Thy holy flame  
bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,  
Till worldly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat  
consuming;  
And let Thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my  
path illuming.

3 Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be  
And lowliness become mine inner  
clothing—  
True lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings  
weeps with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the pow'r of  
human telling;  
No soul can guess His grace  
Till it become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His  
dwelling.

### 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me  
Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me  
From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor  
I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior,  
And lead the way.

2 Lord, when the tempest rages,  
I need not fear,  
For You, the Rock of Ages,  
Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding,  
I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding,  
In peace I go.

3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen  
And night has come,  
I know that You will strengthen  
My steps toward home.  
Then nothing can impede me,  
O blessèd Friend;  
So take my hand and lead me  
Unto the end.

## 700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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| 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,<br>Joy of heav'n, to earth come<br>down!<br>Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,<br>All Thy faithful mercies crown.<br>Jesus, Thou art all compassion,<br>Pure, unbounded love Thou<br>art;<br>Visit us with Thy salvation,<br>Enter ev'ry trembling heart. | 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;<br>Let us all Thy life receive;<br>Suddenly return, and never,<br>Nevermore Thy temples leave.<br>Thee we would be always<br>blessing,<br>Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,<br>Pray and praise Thee without<br>ceasing,<br>Glory in Thy perfect love.           |
| 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving<br>Spirit<br>Into ev'ry troubled breast;<br>Let us all in Thee inherit;<br>Let us find Thy promised rest.<br>Take away the love of sinning;<br>Alpha and Omega be;<br>End of faith, as its beginning,<br>Set our hearts at liberty.                       | 4 Finish then Thy new creation,<br>Pure and spotless let us be;<br>Let us see Thy great salvation<br>Perfectly restored in Thee,<br>Changed from glory into glory,<br>Till in heav'n we take our place,<br>Till we cast our crowns before<br>Thee,<br>Lost in wonder, love, and<br>praise! |

*After communing it is right to quietly give thanks, as in the following prayer:*

*Merciful Redeemer, You have raised me up to partake at Your table with those who witnessed Your death upon the cross and beheld Your glorious resurrection. Let Your body and Your blood, which You have given to me in the bread and the cup, preserve me from all fear, for You have breathed on me Your peace and the forgiveness of all my sins. Let these gifts work in me true faith that overcomes unbelief and doubt, and the fullness of wisdom that conquers temptation and evil desires according to Your Word, for love unfeigned and for the observing of Your commandments.*

*Show me to be where Your Holy Spirit comes to dwell, and where sin is ever cast out so that, together with these beloved brothers and sisters, I may dwell in Your Kingdom and in holiness, always remembering Your grace and living no longer for myself, but for You, my Lord. So may I share the bread of life with my neighbors and be ever glad, even to depart this life, confident in Your promised rest and the delight of beholding Your beauty forever, to Whom is all power and glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Stand.

## DISMISSAL

*Isaiah 41:10; Romans 5:9-10; Hebrews 9:14; 10:19*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION LITANY

*Psalm 107:1*

**L** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** for His mercy endures forever.

**L** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**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.

## DEPARTING HYMN

### 503 O Day Full of Grace



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, His 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 be  
earth ar - riv - ing; Then came to the world that light sub - lime,  
cross was hang - ing; And then He a - rose and moved the stone  
life re - veal - ing, That we might no more from Him be lost,  
us pre - par - ing, We'll gath - er in song, our hearts a - glow,



Re - plete in His joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
Great joy for us all re - triev - ing; For Je - sus all  
That we, un - to Him be - long - ing, Might join with an -  
All dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the  
All joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, And walk in the



now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
mor - tals did em - brace, All dark - ness and shame 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 His heal - ing.  
light of God's own place, With an - gels His name a - dor - ing.

## POSTLUDE

### Lord of Glory, Who Hast Brought Us

*Paul Manz*

*The altar flowers are given today in celebration of our Confirmands.*

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Pastor:** Rev. Steven Newberg

**Organist:** Eric Hauck

**Worship Assistants:** Paula Henry/Romain Bell

**Communion Assistants:** Paul Domeier, John Henry/Kate Mervine

**Crucifers:** Quinn Schultz/

**Acolytes:** Vincent Fernandez/

**Altar Guild:** Kim Cates, Kate Duncan, Shawna Knutson, Marlys Sielsky, Barbara Suddreth, Emily Tweel

**Readers:** Heather Eckert/Jan White

**Greeters:** Jane Friemark/Pam Carico

**Ushers:** Nate Brinkley, David Ellison, Tim Friemark, Ed Sielsky/Vince Cook, Dan Nelson

**Sound & Video:** Wayne Balling/Darren Seigler

**Musicians:** Chancel Choir

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#### ASCENSION SOUP KITCHEN

**Served lunch to 128 guests this Tuesday.**

The soup kitchen furnishes a hot, well-balanced and fresh lunch every Tuesday from 11am-12:00pm. Everyone is welcome! No ID or referral needed. Currently service is to-go for pick-up in the parking lot.

**Soli Deo Gloria!**

#### ASCENSION FOOD PANTRY

**Distributed one week of groceries to 35 families,  
83 family members on 5/15 & 5/18.**

The food pantry distributes a week's worth of healthy groceries to individuals with a Nourish Up referral, Mondays and Fridays, 11am-1:30pm. *In need of a referral?* Call the church office at 704-372-7317. Anyone in need will be eligible for up to 12 weeks of groceries per year.

**Soli Deo Gloria!**

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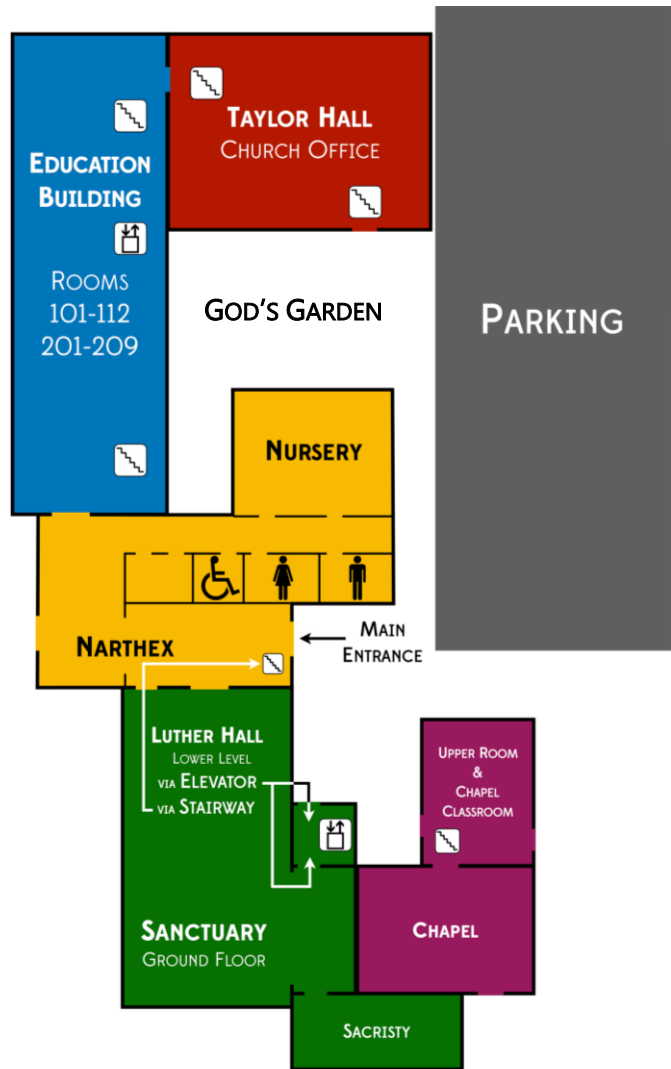
Every Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Serving to-go lunches in the parking lot.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

Find out the way we receive the Christian Faith in the Lutheran tradition each week.



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RESTROOMS are located down the hallway at the back of the narthex.



A NURSERY for children age 3 and under is located across the hallway from the restrooms. The worship service can be seen and heard from the nursery. A baby-changing table is available in the accessible restroom.



ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES are available for check-out from the sound booth in the rear of the sanctuary.

## THOSE IN CRITICAL NEED

Members needing financial or physical assistance, please contact pastor for application to the crisis fund or access to folks eager to lend a helping hand.