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THE DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 19, 2024

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Mission Statement: Welcoming Everyone to Walk the Way of GRACE:
Grow with Jesus • Rejoice in God • Answer with Hope • Care for the Neighbor
• Embrace Community

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WELCOME TO GRACE:

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the LORD.'"

- Psalm 122:1

Worshiping with us the first time? Please fill out a guest card in the pew racks and tell us about yourself. If you have any questions, please ask an usher or any friendly face you see!

Copies of the week's eNews announcements are located in the Narthex.

We welcome children in worship services.

Age-appropriate activity bags are located in the Narthex.

PRELUDE: *"My Lips Will Praise You" – arr. Paris*

..... WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C Amen.

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. *(1 John 1:8)*

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. *(John 20:19-23)*

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *LSB 507 "Holy, Holy, Holy"*



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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WE WELCOME OUR LORD

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE:



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



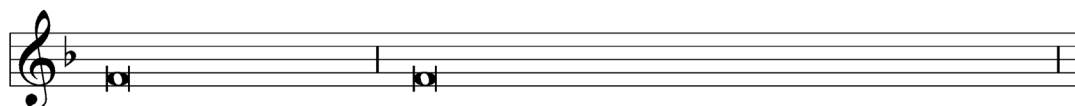
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



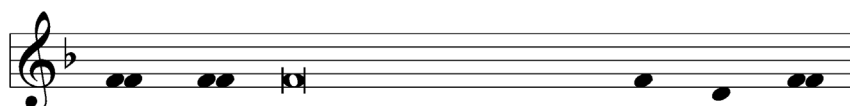
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST:



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 FOR THE DAY:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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.

OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Ezekiel 37:1–14 (*Pew Bible, pg. 724*)

The Old Testament Lesson is from the 37th Chapter of Ezekiel.

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones.

²And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry.

³And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."

⁴Then He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them.

⁹Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."

¹⁰So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.'

¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel.

¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.

¹⁴And I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139 – “Filling Me with Joy” Gather Comprehensive 135



Verses

1. O God, you search me and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I stand.
You understand my thoughts from afar.
With all my ways you are familiar.
2. God, you have formed my inmost being.
You knit me in my mother's womb.
I give you thanks for you have made me.
How wondrous, wondrous are your works.
3. You knew my soul completely.
Nor was my frame unknown to you
when I was formed in the depths,
when I was fashioned in secret.

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THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Acts 2:1–21 (*Pew Bible, pg. 909*)

The New Testament Lesson is from the 2nd Chapter of Acts.

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.

²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.

⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.

⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”

⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?

⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia

and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But 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.

¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“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; ¹⁸even on My male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out My Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE:



HOLY GOSPEL:

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15 (*Pew Bible, pg. 893*)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth and sixteenth Chapters.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus said:] “When the Helper comes, Whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, Who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me.

²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. . . .

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

⁵But now I am going to Him Who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’

⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.

⁸And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness

and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come.

¹⁴He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.

¹⁵All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: **Rev. Dr. David Brooks**

HYMN OF THE DAY: **WOV 680 "O Spirit of Life"**

1 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
 2 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
 3 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
 4 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,

in ev - 'ry need you bring us aid,
 in - crease our faith in our dear Lord;
 make us to love your sa - cred Word;
 en - light - en us by that same Word;

pro - ceed - ing forth from God's great throne,
 un - less your grace the power should give,
 the ho - ly flame of love im - part,
 teach us to know God's ra - diant love,

from God, the Fa - ther and the Son;
 none can be - lieve in Christ and live;
 that char - i - ty may warm each heart;
 lead us to Christ who reigns a - bove;

O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.
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 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (8:30 AM – See Insert)

Olivia Grace Johnson

RITE OF CONFIRMATION: (11:00 AM – See Insert)

Confirmand: Molly Julietta Brooks

NICENE CREED:

C 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

..... **WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. . .
Lord in Your mercy,
- C** **Hear 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.**

[†]*meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of the Christian doctrine*

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

OFFERTORY: ***"Abide with Me"*** – Darley (8:30); ***"How Beautiful"*** (11 AM – Choir)

OFFERTORY:

C Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

..... **OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE:

P The Lord be with you.



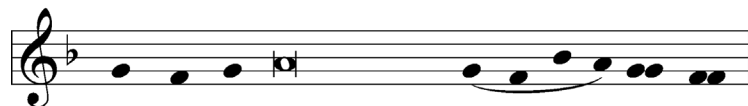
C And al - so with you.



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.

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,... 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:



C 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

- P** Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Through Abraham You promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, Your chosen people. Through the prophets You renewed Your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, You sent Your Son, Who in words and deeds proclaimed Your kingdom and was obedient to Your will, even to giving His life.

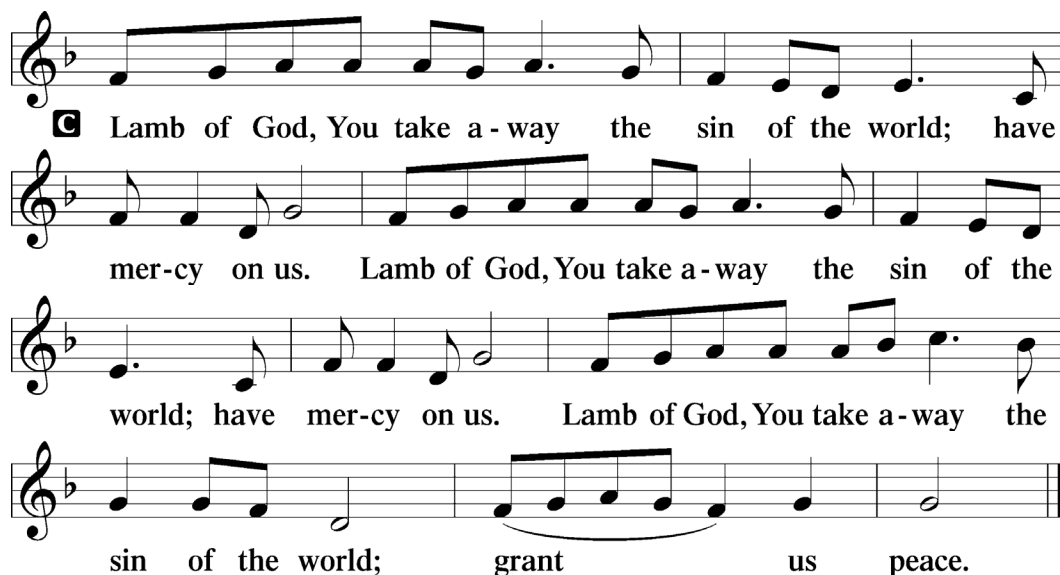
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

- P** In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread...
- P** For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- P** Therefore gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of His resurrection, we await His coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** Send now, we pray, Your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of Your glory and receive our inheritance with all Your saints in light.
- C** **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P** Join our prayers with those of Your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest until He comes as victorious Lord of all.

LORD'S PRAYER:

- 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.**

AGNUS DEI:



HOLY COMMUNION:

Receiving Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ gives us His own true Body and Blood via the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16). We trust His promise that this Supper is for the forgiveness of our sins, the increase of our faith, and the strengthening of our life as the Church. Baptized Christians who share our confession, repent of their sins, and seek the Lord's blessing are welcome to receive. *First time guests are kindly asked to speak to our pastor or an usher before receiving communion.* Those not communing are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

[For silent prayer before communing]

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[For silent prayer after receiving the Sacrament]

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: **LBW 287 "O Perfect Love"**



1 O per - fect Love, all hu - man thought tran - scend - ing,
2 O per - fect Life, be now their full as - sur - ance
3 Grant them the joy which bright - ens earth - ly sor - row;
Low - ly we kneel in prayer be - fore your throne,
Of ten - der char - i - ty and stead - fast faith,
Grant them the peace which calms all earth - ly strife,
That theirs may be the love which knows no end - ing,
Of pa - tient hope and qui - et, brave en - dur - ance,
And to life's day the glo - rious un - known mor - row
Whom you for - ev - er - more u - nite in one,
With child - like trust that fears no pain or death,
That dawns up - on e - ter - nal love and life.

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LBW 488 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"



1 Breathe on me, breath of God; Fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, breath of God; So shall I nev - er die,
That I may love all that you love And do what you would do,
Un - til with you I will one will To do and to en - dure,
But live with you the per - fect life Of your e - ter - ni - ty.

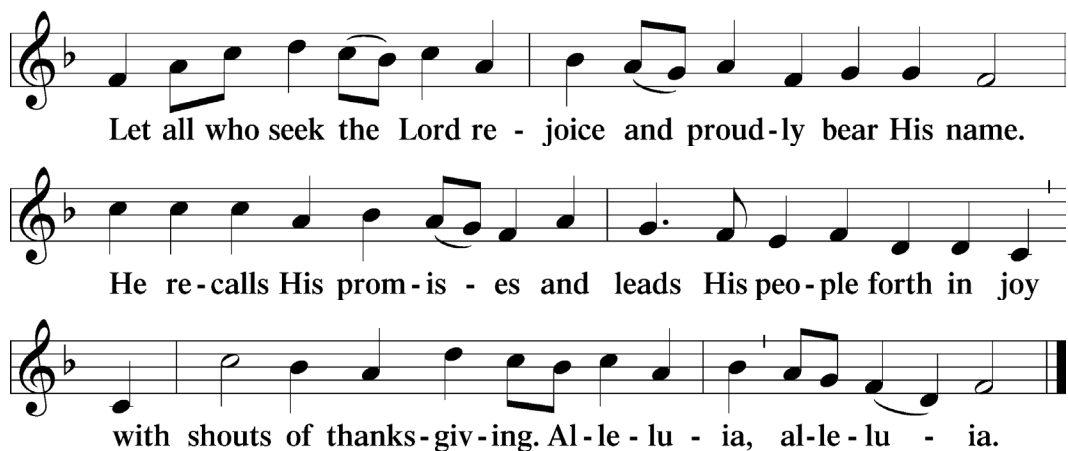
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..... **WE THANK OUR LORD**

THANK THE LORD:



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the promised feast in the Holy Supper. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout the days of our pilgrimage that, on the day of the Lord's approach, we may, with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom that has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

..... GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

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.



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CLOSING HYMN: *LBW 486 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"*



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart; Wean it from earth, through
 2 I ask no dream, no proph-et ec - sta - sies, No sud-den rend - ing
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King; All, all your own, soul,
 4 Teach me to love you as your an-gels love, One ho - ly pas - sion

all its puls - es move; Stoop to my weak - ness, strength to
 of the veil of clay, No an - gel vis - i - tant, no
 heart, and strength, and mind? I see your cross; there teach my
 fill - ing all my frame: The bap - tism of the heav'n - de -

me im - part, And make me love you as I ought to love.
 o - p'ning skies; But take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 heart to cling. Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 scend-ed dove, My heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

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DISMISSAL:

P We go in the strength and joy of God! Let us not forget the things that our eyes have seen or let them fade from our hearts as long as we live (Deut 4:9). So let us recall what the Lord has set before us.

P (*Sacrament of the Altar*) What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

P So go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

..... INSIGHT INTO TODAY'S READINGS

The Holy Spirit Brings the Dead to Life by the Righteousness of Christ

In returning to His Father by way of the cross and resurrection, Christ Jesus sends “the Helper” to His Church, that is, “the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father.” The Spirit testifies of Christ and glorifies Him by taking what is His and declaring it to the world in the preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (John 15:26; 16:7, 14). He convicts the world of sin by the word of the Law, He forgives sins and justifies sinners by the Word of the Gospel, and He bestows the faith that says “Amen” to this righteousness of God (John 16:8–11). Therefore, the Lord pours out His Spirit on the apostles, that by their preaching, the Spirit should be given to His entire Church. As the multitudes are gathered from all the nations by “this sound,” that is, by the preaching of “the mighty works of God” in Christ Jesus, so does God the Father pour out the Spirit of His Son “on all flesh” (Acts 2:6, 11, 17). The Lord God breathes upon the slain, and so shall they live; for so the Lord has spoken, and He shall do it (Ezek. 37:5–14).

..... **SERVING YOU TODAY:**

Organist: Erin Hodge

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Communion Assistants</u>
8:30 AM	Geoff Heintzelman & Tom McGill* <u>Greeter:</u> Joyce Eckart	Joyce Eckart	Geoff Heintzelman
11:00 AM	Scott Gesell & Drew Young* <u>Greeter:</u> Gary Stuhlmiller	Elmo Walston	Jenna Young
	<u>Altar Guild:</u> Donna Gesell, Setup, between Services & Clean up	<u>A/V Operator:</u> Joe Wethman	

*Acolyte

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