

# ✝ DAY OF PENTECOST ✝

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## About Our Worship Service

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to take away our sins. We gather for the Divine Service not merely for the sake of ritual or tradition. Nor do we come to worship primarily to give something back to God. Rather, we meet together to hear and receive what God has done for us. In Word and Sacrament, our gracious Lord gives those who believe in him forgiveness of sins, unity with him in new life, and the promise of eternal salvation in heaven! Through this same gospel he motivates and equips us to follow his holy will for our lives. We hope that you are comforted with the message of Jesus Christ's love for you as you worship today. Please join us again soon!

## Visitors

Thank you for joining us for worship! Please read the following notes about our congregation. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please speak with the pastor.

### Our Practice of Closed Communion

If you have not communed with us before, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices."

### Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the downstairs fellowship hall. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located at the front of the church, through the doors to the left of the chancel.

### Guest Book

If you feel comfortable doing so, please sign our guest book located in the narthex so we can have a record of your visit.

### Parent's Room

Parents with crying children are welcome to use the parent's room, located off the narthex.

### Chair Lifts

Chair lifts are located off the northwest entrance for those who need to go to the fellowship hall on the lower level but have difficulty with stairs.

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*Easter*

## ***Because He Lives***

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not fairytale or fable. It is a historic fact that a real man named Jesus of Nazareth rose from the dead, outside of Jerusalem, around 2,000 years ago. However, we do ourselves a disservice if we simply recall the historic details of that first Easter Sunday without thinking about their significance. So, what does Jesus' resurrection from the dead mean for us Christians? It will be our privilege and pleasure to use the fifty days of Easter to ponder the many blessings God gives to us through Jesus *because he lives*.

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## ***Christ Sends Us His Spirit***

Jesus ascended into heaven. That does not mean the gospel has ceased to spread around the world. For Jesus promised to send another advocate to represent God to the world: the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the constant companion of believers in these Last Days. We conclude this worship series with this glorious thought: because he lives, Christ sends us his Spirit.

That raises some questions. Where? How? If God now reveals himself by his Spirit, where is the Holy Spirit found? How does he come to us? God has not left the answer to those questions in doubt. When Jesus promised to send the Spirit, he indicated that the Spirit's work would be connected to words, specifically to God's Word. As a result, we need never wonder where we can find the Spirit or how he comes to us. Where the Word is proclaimed, there you will find the Holy Spirit's presence and blessing.

# The Service

## Setting One

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***Welcome to God's house in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!***

*Please enter the sanctuary quietly so you and others can prepare your hearts for God's worship service.*

*A personal prayer for before worship is printed on the first page of the blue hymnal.*

*The hymns are located in the middle to back portion of the blue hymnal.*

*There will be no pre-service announcements.*

*Our worship begins with the tolling of the bells, followed by the opening hymn.*

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## The Preparation

### Tolling of the Bells

### Opening Hymn

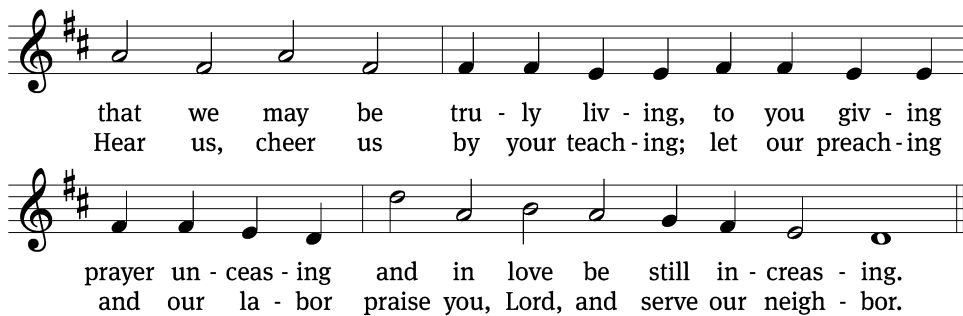
590 "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in and in our hearts  
2 Give to your Word im - pres - sive pow'r that in our hearts

your work be - gin, your dwell - ing place now make us.  
from this good hour as fire it may be glow - ing,

Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, a - round and in  
that in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty we faith - ful wit -

us bright - ly shine, to joy and glad - ness wake us  
ness - es may be, your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.



that we may be tru - ly liv - ing, to you giv - ing  
Hear us, cheer us by your teach - ing; let our preach - ing  
prayer un - ceas - ing and in love be still in - creas - ing.  
and our la - bor praise you, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.

*Please stand for the last stanza and direct your attention to the processional cross as it is brought to the chancel*



3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your dear Word,  
in doubt and strife, in us be strong - ly burn - ing  
that we be faith - ful un - to death and live in love  
and ho - ly faith, from you true wis - dom learn - ing.  
Your grace and peace on us show - er; by your pow - er  
Christ con - fess - ing, let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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## Invocation

(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

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

## Confession

(1 John 1:8-9; Luke 18:13)

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

**Holy God, gracious Father,  
I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.  
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## Absolution

(Matthew 16:19; John 20:21-23)

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Pentecost Dialogue

(Jesus said) “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven;  
**if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.**” (*John 20:22b,23*)

No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

**Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** (*John 3:5b,6*)

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus  
**the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.** (*Romans 8:1,2*)

Now the Lord is the Spirit,

**and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.** (*2 Corinthians 3:17*)

Come, Holy Spirit!

**Fill the hearts of your faithful people,**

**and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!** (*Antiphon for Pentecost*)

## Hymn of Praise

935 *w* 1, 4 “All Glory Be to God on High”

1 All glo - ry be to God on high and thanks for all his  
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light and source of con - so -  
fa - vor; no harm can touch or ter - ri - fy a child of  
la - tion, pro - tect us from the dev - il's might thro' Je - sus,  
God for - ev - er. God shows his good and gra - cious will and  
our sal - va - tion, who by his death up - on a tree has  
grants his peace, the world to fill; all strife at last has end - ed.  
res - cued us from mis - er - y: to this we hold for - ev - er.

# The Word

## Salutation

(Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

(Matthew 7:7-11; Philippians 4:6)

Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## First Reading

Genesis 11:1-9

*At Babel, sin led to God confusing people's language. Grace would lead the Holy Spirit to share the gospel in many languages on Pentecost.*

**11** The whole earth had one language and a single vocabulary. As people traveled in the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they settled there. <sup>3</sup> They said to one another, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used mud brick instead of stone for building material, and they used tar for mortar. <sup>4</sup> They said, "Come, let's build a city for ourselves and a tower whose top reaches to the sky, and let's make a name for ourselves, so that we will not be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

<sup>5</sup> The LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the people were building. <sup>6</sup> The LORD said, "If this is the first thing they are doing as one people, who all have one language, then nothing that they intend to do will be too difficult for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let's go down there and confuse their language, so that they cannot understand one another's speech."

<sup>8</sup> So the LORD scattered them from there over the face of the whole earth, and they stopped building the city. <sup>9</sup> It was named Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.



The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 104 A “LORD, Send Out Your Spirit”

*The Church sings Psalm 104 in services that emphasize the work of the Holy Spirit. It focuses especially on the work of creation.*

### Refrain



### Tone



**Congregation:** (Refrain)

**Cantor:** How many are your / works, LORD!  
In wisdom you / made them all.  
All creatures / look to you  
to give them their food at the / proper time.  
When you give it to them, they gather / it up;  
when you open your hand, they are satisfied / with good things.

**Congregation:** (Refrain)

**Cantor:** May the glory of the LORD endure for- / ever;  
may the LORD rejoice / in his works—  
he makes winds his / messengers,  
flames of fire his / servants.  
I will sing to the LORD / all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.

**Congregation:**     **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.**

**Congregation:**     **(Refrain)**

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## **Second Reading**

**Acts 2:1-21**

*On Pentecost the disciples proclaimed the gospel. Through their words the Holy Spirit unleashed his saving power.*

<sup>2</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>4</sup> They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. <sup>5</sup> They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

<sup>6</sup> Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>7</sup> When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. <sup>8</sup> They were completely baffled and said to each other, “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>9</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? <sup>10</sup> Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>11</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; <sup>12</sup> Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” <sup>13</sup> They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>14</sup> But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

<sup>15</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. <sup>16</sup> These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>17</sup> On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>18</sup> This is what God says will happen in the last days:  
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.  
Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your old men will dream dreams.

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced*

## Gospel Acclamation

## Antiphon for Pentecost



*Refrain*



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

***Congregation: (Refrain)***

*Cantor:* Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people,  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

***Congregation: (Refrain)***

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*The pastor processes to the nave floor for the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word*

## Gospel

John 14:23-27

*Through his Word Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit and gives us peace.*

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will hold on to my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup> The one who does not love me does not hold on to my words. The word that you are hearing is not mine, but it is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> “I have told you these things while staying with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you.

<sup>27</sup> “Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

# Hymn of the Day

585 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your grac - es  
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, and cause the Word of  
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the will your



be out-poured on each be - liev - er's mind and heart;  
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right  
work to do and in your ser - vice to a - bide;



your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright-ness  
and call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror  
let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -



of your light you gath - er and in faith u - nite  
keep us free; let none but Christ our mas - ter be  
pare each heart, and to our weak - ness strength im - part



your Church from ev - 'ry land and tongue: this to your  
that we in liv - ing faith a - bide, in him, our  
that brave - ly here we may con - tend, through life and



praise, O Lord our God, be sung. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## **Easter Acclamation**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Sermon**

Acts 2:1-21

*“The Spirit Testifies about Jesus”*

## **Nicene Creed    Credo**

*(Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:10-11)*

*Please stand*

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

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

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

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

*Please be seated*

## **Offering Collection**

*(Proverbs 3:9-10; Matthew 6:19-34; Romans 12:1; 2 Corinthians 9:7-11; Galatians 6:6-10)*

### Offerings

*God, who blesses us with all we have, gives us the privilege of thanking him in many ways. One way is by offering a portion of our income to financially support the ministry of our congregation and synod.*

*If you are a guest, please do not feel like you must give an offering.*

*We are happy to share with you the free, good news of Jesus' gracious love for you!*

*If you would like to give an offering, you can place it in the collection plate when it is passed to you.*

*If you wish to give your offering via [PayPal](#), you can scan the QR code on the last page of this bulletin.*

*Thank you for your financial support of our congregation!*

### Friendship Registers

*You are invited to write your name in the Friendship Register - the maroon book at the end of each pew.*

*Please write down your name and the names of those with you, check any appropriate box, and provide your contact information if you want the pastor to speak with you.*

## **Prayer of the Church**

**Day of Pentecost**

*The congregation's responses are from Martin Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed.*

Let us pray.

Praise to you, Holy Spirit! We worship you as the Lord and adore you as the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to give life to all created things and as you enlightened and equipped the disciples on the Day of Pentecost by the baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word you made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord. We confess:

**I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing  
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.**

Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth and source of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful nature. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, and train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus.

**In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.**

Holy Spirit, you comfort and counsel us in every need. In dark and difficult days strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, and encourage our fearful hearts. Support us with the promise that in your final creative act you will raise up our bodies so that together with all believers we may see and enjoy the glorious return of Jesus Christ.

**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. Amen.**

*Special prayers and intercessions*

*The Christian Church has traditionally marked June 11 as a day to remember God's work through St. Barnabas, Apostle. We will recognize this minor church year festival in our prayers today.*

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts  
**And kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.**

*Please stand*



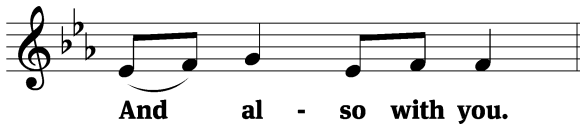
# The Sacrament

*Visitors, before approaching the altar, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices"*

## Prefaces

*(2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 107:1)*

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



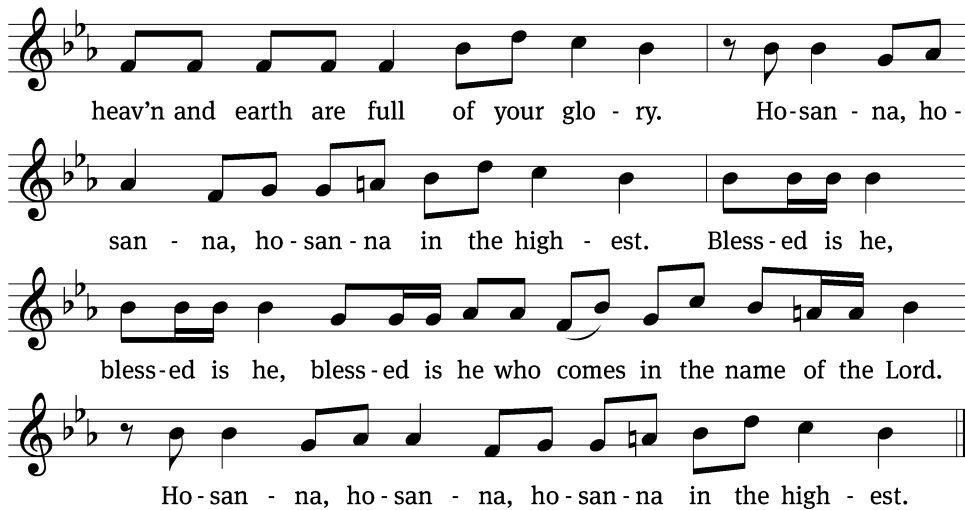
It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy Sanctus

*(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)*





## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*(John 1:3; Romans 8:32)*

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

*(Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)*

**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.**

**Words of Institution**    *Verba*    (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

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, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

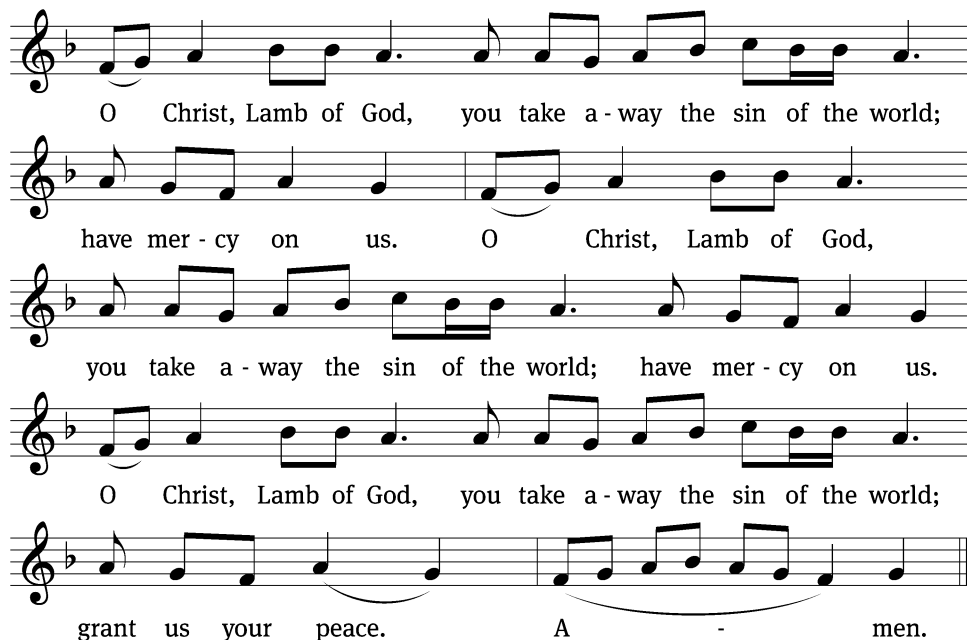
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**Peace of the Lord**    *Pax Domini*    (John 14:27; 20:19; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God**    *Agnus Dei*    (John 1:29; Isaiah 53:4-7; 1 Peter 1:18-19)

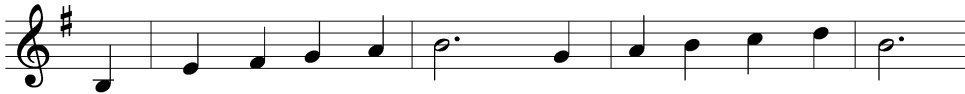


O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

*Please be seated*

## Distribution Hymn

479 "God's Holy Spirit Came"



1 God's Ho - ly Spir - it came with rush - ing wind and fire,  
2 God sent the Spir - it forth ful - fill - ing proph - ets' word,  
3 God's Spir - it filled each one as Je - sus had fore - told.  
4 God's Church a - live to - day con - tin - ues to pro - claim



Christ's pres - ence here to com - fort, bless and to in - spire.  
to those who fol - lowed Je - sus and who called him Lord.  
In man - y tongues they spoke God's Word, re - newed and bold.  
sal - va - tion by the Spir - it's pow'r in Je - sus' name.



The Spir - it thus be - gan God's ho - ly work on earth  
And as dis - ci - ples met near tem - ple courts for prayer  
"Re - pent and be bap - tized," preached Pe - ter in that hour,  
Let all be - liev - ers now their tongues and lives em - ploy.



at Pen - te - cost, a gift that gave the Church its birth.  
the Spir - it blew and rest - ed on those gath - ered there.  
and thou - sands came be - liev - ing by the Spir - it's pow'r.  
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, our high - est joy!

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# Distribution Hymn

477 "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 to claim his throne  
 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.

## Our Holy Communion Practices

*(Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:27-29; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 John 1:3; 2 John 9-11)*

### Visitors

*Before approaching the altar to receive Holy Communion, please read the following notes:*

*The Holy Bible teaches the celebration of the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in faith and teaching. To be "in communion" means to share and hold in common. By receiving Holy Communion, we are not only sharing Christ's true body and blood, but we are also confessing that we publicly hold in common the same teachings of God's Holy Word.*

*We therefore invite to Holy Communion only those Christians who share the same teachings to which we hold, all the while recognizing the true spiritual unity and fellowship of all believers in God's Holy Christian Church (i.e. the Communion of Saints). Confirmed members of Nain and confirmed visiting members of sister congregations in the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and the ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) are welcome to commune with us.*

*If you are a member of another Lutheran synod, another Christian denomination, or of another belief, we ask that you refrain from communing with us at this time. We do this out of love and in accordance with God's words through St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29. The pastor would be happy to speak with you if you have interest in communing in the future or have any other questions or concerns about our practices. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and for respecting our beliefs.*

### Communicants

*"Christian Questions," a guide for personal preparation before receiving Holy Communion is printed on pages 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayers for before and after communing are printed on the first page of the hymnal.*

*The usher will direct you to the front of the nave, where you will commune. When the pastor distributes the bread and body of Christ, he will say, "The body of Christ, given for you." When he distributes the wine and blood of Christ, he will say, "The blood of Christ, poured out for you." Before consuming the sacramental elements, you may respond to the pastor's words by saying, "Amen" (which is Hebrew for, "Truly," or "Yes, it is so") as a way to confess your belief that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of your sins.*

### Children and Non-Communicants

*Children and other non-communicants are welcome to approach the altar to receive a blessing from the pastor. He will make the sign of the cross on the head of each and say, "The Lord bless you." Non-Communicant adults are asked to cross their arms over their chest to indicate that they do not intend to commune.*

## Distribution of Holy Communion

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 2:42)

*As he distributes the elements, the pastor says to the communicants:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

**Amen.**

The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

**Amen.**

*As he dismisses the communicants, the pastor says:*

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go ✚ in peace.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Now You Let Your Servant (CW 951) *Nunc Dimittis*

(Luke 2:29-32)

*Please stand as the canticle is introduced*

Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles  
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## Thanksgiving

(Psalm 118:1)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

## Proclamation

(1 Corinthians 11:26)

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

(Romans 15:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 5:11)

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

(Numbers 6:24-26)

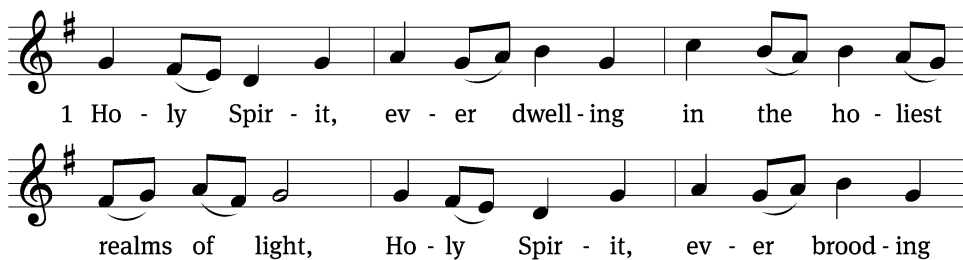
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Please remain standing for the first stanza of the closing hymn and direct your attention to the processional cross as it is brought out of the nave*

## Closing Hymn

592 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"







o'er a world of gloom and night, Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 ev - er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high, liv - ing,  
 life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.

*Please be seated*



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  
 ver - y life, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing  
 min - is - try, teach-ing, strength-'ning, and ab - solv - ing,  
 through us in a cease - less strife, Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free, Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 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 -  
 praise with end - less wor-ship for your gra - cious gifts un - priced.  
 mun - ion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.



A **personal prayer for after worship** is printed on the first page of the hymnal.

If you haven't done so already, **please write your name in the Friendship Register before you leave.**

**Thank you for joining us** as we together worshipped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!

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For more information about today's Scripture readings, the current season of the Church Year, and the words and symbols featured on the paraments, please visit the "[Worship Resources](#)" page of our website to read this Sunday's "**About the Propers**," a weekly document that explains the changeable parts of the service.

All worshipers are encouraged to take home a copy of our **weekly newsletter, the "Nain Messenger"** to stay informed about all congregational news. Printed copies are available on the countertop in the narthex.

**"The Congregation at Prayer,"** a document offering suggestions for daily devotions and Scripture readings, is also posted on the "[Worship Resources](#)" page of our church website.

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