

**The Divine Service**  
**The Day of Pentecost**  
**May 23, 2021**



**AS WE GATHER**

*The outpouring of the Holy Spirit reaches to all who belong to Christ, granting a renewed and eternal life. In his Letter to Titus, Paul writes of the salvation of God our Savior and the renewal of the Holy Spirit that is for all God's people. Assuring us that we are God's children, the Spirit enables us to address God as our Father with all boldness and confidence—as Martin Luther affirms in his explanation of the Lord's Prayer. When we are directed by the Spirit, our daily lives are ordered in such a way that we continually walk in a heavenly direction. The Spirit shapes our lives of prayer and of worship, interceding for us—and with us—as we worship in spirit and truth.*

**Call to Worship / Check In**

**Words of Welcome/Theme of the Day**

**Invocation**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the (✠) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: **Amen.**

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

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Psalm 38:18, 22; 140:6; 145:8*

Pastor: With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
People: **for the LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor: I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.  
People: **Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!**

Pastor: I say to the LORD, You are my God;  
People: **give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!**

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires are known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: In repentance, let us now confess our sins unto our gracious God.

People: **Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, grant us Your divine absolution so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and for eternity. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our 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. To them that believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

People: **Amen.**

### Processional Hymn "O Day Full of Grace"

LSB 503, verse 1 & 4



1 O day full of grace that now we see Ap - pear - ing on  
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, His Spir - it new



earth's ho - ri - zon, Bring light from our God that we may be  
life re - veal - ing, That we might no more from Him be lost,



Re - plete in His joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
All dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the



now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
mark of sin ef - face And bring to us all His heal - ing.

## Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy Your consolations. Through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

## Old Testament

*Isaiah 49:8-16a*

Pastor: Thus says the LORD: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, <sup>9</sup> saying to the prisoners, 'Come out, to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.' They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; <sup>10</sup> they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. <sup>11</sup> And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up. <sup>12</sup> Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene. <sup>13</sup> Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted. <sup>14</sup> But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." <sup>15</sup> "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. <sup>16</sup> Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

# Hymn of Praise "Father Welcomes"

LSB 605, verses 2 & 3

*Refrain*



Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve  
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Shall be — born a - gain.  
Live in the peace of God.

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## Epistle

*Philippians 1:12-21*

Pastor:

<sup>12</sup> I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup> so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup> And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. <sup>15</sup> Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. <sup>16</sup> The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former proclaim

Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup>What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice, <sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 6:24-34*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup> "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. <sup>25</sup> "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. <sup>34</sup> "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

“Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling”

LSB 650, verses 1 & 3



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



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



O'er a world of gloom and night; 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 bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In - com -



life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.  
mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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SERMON

Being an APE for Christ

Pastor Scott Henze

APOSTLES' CREED

8:30 Only

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Petitions end, "Lord in your mercy" Congregation responds, "Hear Our Prayer"*

## GATHERING OF GIFTS

### Offertory Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: **Amen.**

*A word about Holy Communion: We welcome to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in this sacrament and believe that in this eating and drinking, we receive the forgiveness of sins and the power to amend our sinful lives. Children who have not yet been instructed may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over the chest thus indicating they will not receive the elements.*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Stand as you are able.*

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**



### PROPER PREFACE

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

People: **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

### PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**



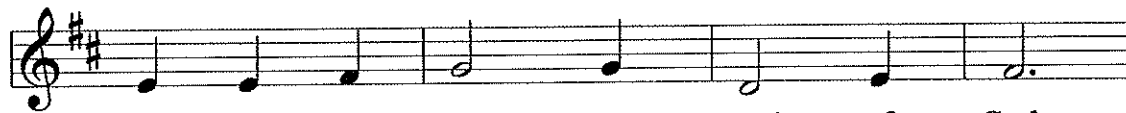
## AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

*"Majesty and Glory"*

*Adult Choir, 8:30 AM Only*

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



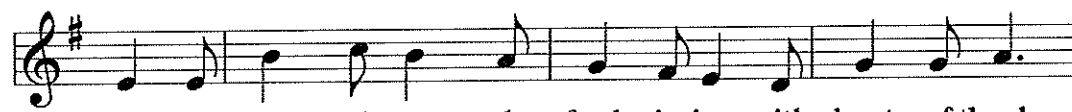
Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what



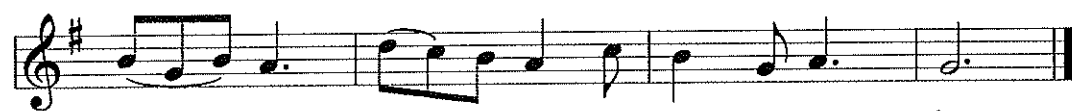
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -



joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-



es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia.

## **Rite of Confirmation**

*11:00 AM Only*

Pastor:

Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 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 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."

You have been baptized and you have been taught the faith according to our Lord's command. The fulfillment of His command we now celebrate with thankful hearts, rejoicing to confess the faith into which you were baptized and which you yourselves will now confess before the Church.

Jesus said: "Whoever confesses Me before others, I will also confess him before My Father in heaven. But he that denies Me before others, I will deny him before My Father in heaven."

Rejoice in the peace of God and joyfully give answer to what, in the name of the Lord, as a minister of His Church, I now shall ask you.

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

**Confirmands and Congregation: Yes, I do.**

Pastor: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**Confirmands and Congregation: Yes, I do.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**Confirmands and Congregation: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

**Confirmands and Congregation: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Confirmands and Congregation: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

### Confirmation of Instruction

### The Solemn Vow of the Parent

### Solemn Vow of the Congregation

Pastor:

The promises made by these young people and parents are difficult to fulfill. They need God's help and our prayers and encouragement. Since the best encouragement is a good example, let us pray together...

**All: Give us strength, O God, to set a good example for these Confirmands by using God's Word daily in our homes, worshipping regularly in church, and receiving Holy Communion frequently. Give us the power to live a more God-pleasing life, and may we, with these young men and women, grow more and more as disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Personal Commitment and Blessing of the Confirmands

### The Prayer for the Confirmands

### Announcements

### Benediction

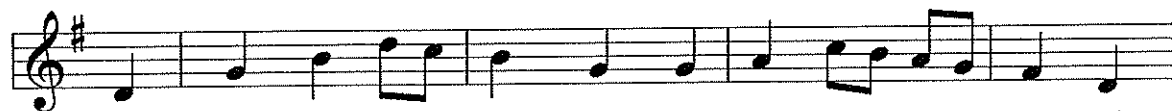
### Recessional Hymn "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" LBS 643



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed, O now be ex-tend-ed  
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,

*continued*



The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.



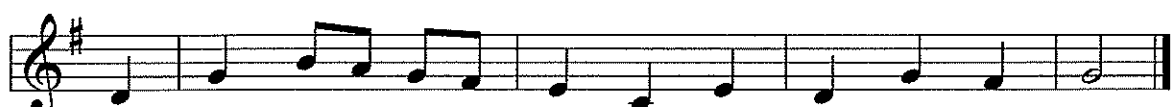
The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing



To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.  
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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## Dismissal

Pastor: Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

People: **Disciples making disciples.**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 am via Zoom

Adult Bible Study at 10:00 am in rooms 201/202