

# The Divine Service

The Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023



## AS WE GATHER

*Pentecost proves for God's people that Jesus remains at work in our midst. As we read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2, we see that the ascension departure of Jesus some ten days beforehand is not the end of His work in this world. Far from it! Jesus continues His saving work through the Spirit, whom He poured out upon the lives of His earliest followers. This same Spirit of Jesus enables us to carry His message into all the world. We are the messengers who spread the Good News of Him who was crucified for us, who rose again, who reigns on high, and who will one day return to this world in His full, heavenly glory. We listen to His message today as the Spirit brings it into our midst and are assured that as we are brought to faith in Christ, we receive the fullness of who we've been called to be.*

## Prelude

## Invocation

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father, and of the (†) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

**People:** **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

**Pastor:** If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**Pastor:** Most merciful God,

**People:** **have mercy on us. We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

**Pastor:** With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in (†) Jesus Christ.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

# Processional Hymn

## "Hail Thee, Festival Day"

LSB 489, verse 1 & 3

*Refrain*  
All



*Pentecost* Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;



Day when the Ho - ly Ghost Shone in the world with His grace. grace.

All



*Pentecost* 1 Bright and in like - ness of fire, On those who a -  
3 God the Al - might - y, the Lord, The rul - er of



wait His ap - pear - ing, He whom the  
earth and the heav - ens, Guard us from



Lord had fore - told Sud - den - ly, swift - ly de - scends:  
harm with - out; Cleanse us from e - vil with - in:

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## Greeting

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

People: **And also with you.**

## Kyrie

*Cantor: In peace, in peace...*

**Refrain**

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,

*to Verses*



Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*Cantor: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the ... Refrain*

*Cantor: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the ... Refrain*

*Assistant:*



Help, save and de - fend us, O

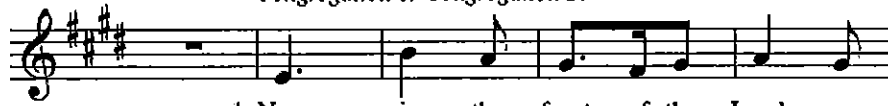
*Congregation:*



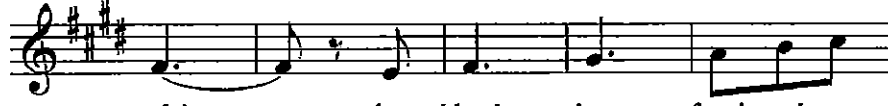
God. A - men.

## Hymn of Praise: "Now the Feast"

**Verse 1** *Congregation or Congregation 1:*



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once



slain, whose blood has freed and u -

nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of

to Refrain

God.

**Verse 2**

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and

might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

to Refrain

for ev - er.

**Verse 3**

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to

make us peo - ple of God; to make

to Refrain

all things new.

## Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: 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 to us the same Spirit so that we may joyfully receive the message of Christ, who has come for us all; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Today's Scripture Readings

### The Old Testament

*Numbers 11:24-30*

<sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." <sup>29</sup>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!" <sup>30</sup>And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; <sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; <sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. <sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Processional (Stand as you are able.)

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

## Holy Gospel

*John 7:37-39*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

<sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" <sup>39</sup>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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day "Beautiful Savior"**

*LSB 537, verses 1,2,4*



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

**Sermon**

**"Come Holy Spirit"**

**Pastor Scott Henze**

**Apostles' Creed**

**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, "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful..." Congregation responds, "and kindle in them the fire of Your love."*

**Offering**



## Offertory Prayer

Pastor: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Receive now these gifts you have first given us and fill us with good things at your table, that we might joyfully and generously share all you have given us, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord.  
Amen.

***A word about Holy Communion:*** We are about to receive the Lord's Supper. Before you receive, you might consider the following questions: Do you believe you are a sinner? Do you believe Jesus Christ died for you and shed his blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins? Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper he gives you his true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and strengthens your faith in him and your love for others? If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please come! Those who have not yet received instruction may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest to indicate they are not receiving the elements.

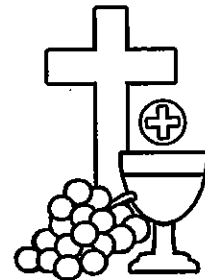
## Service of the Sacrament

### 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

### 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

### The Peace of the Lord

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

People: **And also with you.**

*(The congregation and minister may greet each other with the peace of the Lord).*

### Agnus Dei

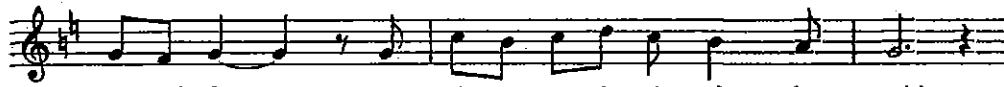
*(Congregation may be seated following the Agnus Dei)*



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
2. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymns during Distribution:

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

LSB 770



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?  
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

## **"I Am the Bread of Life"**

I am the bread of life  
You who come to me shall not hunger  
and who believes in me shall not thirst  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons

(Refrain)

And I will raise you up  
And I will raise you up  
And I will raise you up on the last day

The bread that I will give  
Is my flesh for the life of the world  
And if you eat of this bread  
You shall live forever  
You shall live forever (Refrain)

Unless you eat of the flesh  
of the Son of Man and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you (Refrain)

I am the resurrection, I am the life,  
If you believe in me, even though you die,  
you shall live forever. (Refrain)

Yes, Lord I believe that you are  
the Christ, the Son of God,  
who has come in to the world. (Refrain)

## **Closing of the Table**

## Post Communion Canticle

*Congregation:*



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your  
love, re - ment - b'ring your cov - e - nant of  
life with us 3. Praise to you, O  
God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for  
ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

## Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Announcements

## Benediction

## Recessional Hymn

### "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.

**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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