

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 19, 2024 8:30 am

FOR THOSE DESIRING HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.)

THINK ABOUT THIS

The Day of Pentecost is more connected to Easter than to the Sundays after Pentecost. It is the fiftieth day of Easter, marking the new dawn under the guidance of the Spirit. The Lord works through the preached Gospel and our life together as the baptized around His Table to deliver what He has promised. Thus the ministry of the Spirit is not some ethereal reality experienced in our feelings but the concrete reality of the Word spoken into our ears to bring forth faith and the body and blood of Jesus received by faith in Holy Communion. This is the way the Spirit continues to work in us and for us and we continue to receive His ministry by faith and to celebrate this with great joy.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "All Who Are Thirsty"

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse)

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

All who are thirsty,

All who are weak,

Come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow

Be washed away

In the waves of His mercy.

As deep cries out to deep

Holy Spirit, come....

Come, Lord Jesus, come...

WELCOME

INVOCATION *(Please stand)*

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

Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

John 7:37-39

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

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

Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SONG "Give Us Clean Hands" (based on Ps 24:4-6)

(twice)

**We bow our hearts, we bend our knees;
Oh Spirit, come make us humble.
We turn our eyes from evil things;
Oh Lord, we cast down our idols.
Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts;
Let us not lift our souls to another.
Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another.
O God, let us be a generation that seeks,
That seeks Your face, O God of Jacob.
O God, let us be a generation that seeks,
That seeks Your face, O God of Jacob.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Restore us, O Lord, God of our salvation, that we who were held captive in sin and marked for death may show forth the fullness of Christ's light and life, and, led by the Spirit, be brought to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS *(Please be seated)*

Ezekiel 37:1–14

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; prophecy, 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.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Acts 2:1–21

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.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15 *(Please stand)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven**

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SONG "Come, Let us Worship" *(Please be seated)*

Come, let us worship the Lord together,
Let us sing His praise forevermore.
When the family of God comes together,
We love to sing His praise forevermore.

Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, hosanna to the King!
Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, hosanna to the King!

OBJECT LESSON

SONG "This I Believe" based on the Apostles Creed
(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, 2nd Chorus, Chorus)

**Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Savior**

Chorus

**I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus**

**Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high Chorus**

**Bridge: I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord (repeat)**

2nd Chorus

**I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe, in the name of Jesus Chorus**

MESSAGE “Spiritual Restoration” (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

OFFERING

(Please fill out the fellowship pad beside you in the pew)

PRAYERS *(Please stand)*

LORD’S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

HOLY COMMUNION

(Visitors, please read the statement at the beginning of this service folder)

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

**Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
have mercy on us.**

**Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
have mercy on us.**

**Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
give us Your peace.**

RECEIVING THE LORD’S SUPPER *(Please be seated)*

SONG “Communion” (Third Day)

(Chorus, Verse, 1st ending, Chorus, Verse, 2nd ending, Chorus)

Chorus:

**This is the body, this is the blood,
Broken and poured out for all of us.**

**In this communion we share in His love.
This is the body, this is the blood.**

**I will remember ev'rything, Lord,
That You've done for me;
I won't take for granted
The sacrifice that set me free.**

1st Ending

**I hunger and thirst for Your love;
Come fill me today. Chorus:**

2nd Ending

**We hunger and thirst for Your love
And Your righteousness.
We long for Your presence here, Lord.
Be with us again. Chorus:**

SONG "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

(Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus)

**Come, now is the time to worship,
Come, now is the time to give your heart,
Come, just as you are to worship,
Come, just as you are before your God, Come.**

**One day every tongue will confess You are God,
One day every knee will bow,
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly serve You now.**

PRAYER OF THANKS *(Please stand)*

O Lord, we give You thanks and praise that You have restored us as Your own children and brought us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. By Your Holy Spirit continue in us that which You have begun and use us by Your grace to serve Your purpose in life and to rest in Your grace in death, when we shall behold Your unveiled glory and see You face to face; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

BLESSING

SONG "You Can Go" *(Please be seated)*

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus)

**There is a river running deep in your soul,
It's the power of God can't you feel it flow.
You've got a glory that can light up the dark,
You've got a kingdom of God in your heart.**

Chorus:

**You can go now, you can go.
You've got the treasure that the world needs to know.
You can go now, you can go.
You've got the power of God, let it flow.**

**You've got a promise from your Father above
And there is nothing on earth that can stop His love.
You are the light He wants to set on a hill,
You are the one who can walk in His will. (Chorus)**

Bridge

**With the prize before, and the cross behind,
In the power of God, and the name that binds,
You can walk in faith, you can always know,
When the Lord puts love in your heart it will grow. (Chorus)**

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