



MAY 19, 2024 • 8:30 AM  
THE DAY OF PENTECOST

**Welcome!** We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened by His Word to be His witnesses.

**Families**, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; there is a cry room near the back of the sanctuary and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the elevator (to the left as you exit the sanctuary). **Guests**, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the Guest side of the Welcome Card found in the pews/ chair backs and place it in the offering plates.

**As We Gather** 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 His people around Word, Confession, Sacrament, and Mission. Thus the ministry of the Spirit (and therefore soul care) is not some ethereal reality but the concrete reality of the Word spoken into our ears to bring forth faith, forgiveness, and freedom from our enemies. 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.

## WELCOME

*Please Stand*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

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

## OPENING HYMN

496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;  
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.  
In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.  
Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.  
Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

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## OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 32:1-6

**P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**C** Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

## OPENING SENTENCES

- P For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- C I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*[ A time of silence for personal confession and meditation.]*

- P Most merciful God,
- C 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. 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.
- C Amen.**

## EXCHANGE OF PEACE

### HYMN OF PRAISE

490 *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*

1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -  
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus  
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall

pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,  
sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell

From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er  
Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I  
Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will

scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.

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## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF 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.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ WORD +

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Ezekiel 37:1–14*

*(The valley of the dry bones hears the Word of the Lord.)*

37 The 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. <sup>2</sup> And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> And 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." <sup>7</sup> So 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. <sup>8</sup> And 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. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy 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." <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. <sup>11</sup> Then 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 indeed cut off.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore 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. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> And 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.**

### CHOIR ANTHEM

*As the Deer*

### SECOND READING

*Acts 2:1–21*

*(The Spirit descended upon the disciples as Jesus had promised.)*

2 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 people 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

## SECOND READING *(cont.)*

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.'

*L This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## VERSE

*Liturgical Text*

*P Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,*

**C and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15*

*("When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth.")*

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

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> "But 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. <sup>27</sup> And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. <sup>4</sup> But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, 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. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. <sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When 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. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All 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.**

*Be Seated – Children are dismissed for Children's Church (CC).*

## MESSAGE HYMN

*650 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

- 1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night;  
Holy Spirit, ever raising Those of earth to thrones on high;  
Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.
- 2 Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ:  
You we praise with endless worship For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.
- 3 Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry;  
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul  
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.

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*Taking the cross of grace and peace to form a community of uncommon servants.*

## MESSAGE

*Please Stand*

### THIRD ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED AND MEANING

**C** 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.

P What does this mean?

**C** I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength 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. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. 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.

**OFFERING** *(Thanks for your ongoing stewardship and support of God's mission here! Children return from CC.)*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Prayer response after each petition...)*

P Let us pray to the Lord,

**C** Lord have mercy.

### LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

+ SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22*

P The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

*[Colossians 3:1]*

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*[Psalm 136]*

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and places give thanks to You, holy Lord, through Jesus Christ, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy and sings:

### HYMN

*832 Jesus Shall Reign*

5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -  
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with  
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26–28; Mk. 14:22–24; Lk. 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 11:23–25

## PAX DOMINI

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
 C **And also with you.**

*Be Seated*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *(see pew hymnals)*

913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In  
700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Please Stand*

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING


## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

- 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.**

## CLOSING HYMN

906 O Day of Rest and Gladness



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;  
 △ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,  
 O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;  
 His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.  
 At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.  
 This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,  
 We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,  
 We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;  
 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.  
 From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.  
 The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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## DISMISSAL

*Into the world forgiven, renewed, enlivened by the Spirit...*

### A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen (virtual and in-person) today...

Pastor .....	Rev. Jason Hoerth	Reader .....	Robin Greene
Children's Message .....	Chris Graves, DCE	Organist .....	Carol Trumbo
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