

SERVICE of WORSHIP
Setting 2 from Lutheran Book of Worship

THE PRELUDE: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires 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 our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection and self examination)

Most merciful God,

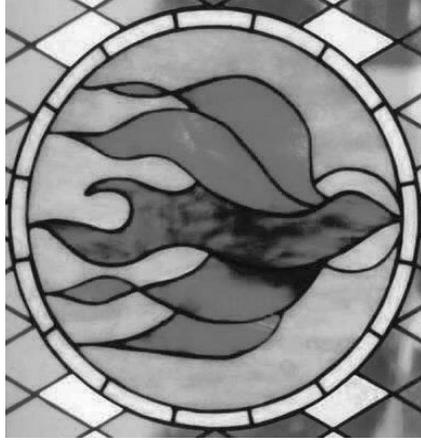
We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

May 23, 2021

Day of Pentecost



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Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness

call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing;
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 When you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

THE GREETING

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

THE KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

G A - men

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

G Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al-might - y God and

Fa - ther: We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the

Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a -

lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

THE SALUTATION



The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

NOTABELLA: *He Leadeth Me*

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7** Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." **12** All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" **13** But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. **15** Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. **16** No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams.

18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit;

and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20 The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

THE PSALM

Psalms 104:25-35, 37

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

26 **Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.**

27 There move the ships,

and there is that Leviathan,

which you have made

for the sport of it.

28 **All of them look to you**

to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand,

and they are filled with good things.

30 **You hide your face,**

and they are terrified;

you take away their breath,

and they die and return to their dust.

³¹ You send forth your Spirit,
and they are created;
and so you renew
the face of the earth.

³² **May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.**

³³ He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

³⁴ **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁵ May these words of mine please him;
I will rejoice in the LORD.

³⁷ **Bless the LORD, O my soul, Hallelujah!**

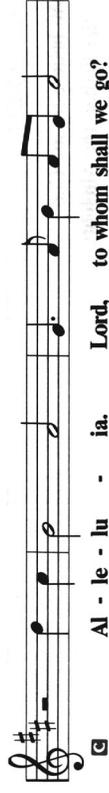
THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:22-27

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th and 16th chapters.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

²⁶ "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷ You also are to testify 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. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might-y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic-
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re-
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat-ning to de-
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who

to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And
 ject ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom
 fear us; We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They
 it; For God him - self fights by our side With

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

Has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 In bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 Goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way,

He arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 They can - not win the day. One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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

earth's ho - ri - zon, Bring light from our God that we may
 earth ar - riv - ing; Then came to the world that light sub -
 cross was hang - ing; And then he a - rose and moved the
 life re - veal - ing. That we might no more from him be

be Re - plete in his joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
 lime, Great joy for us all re - triev - ing; For Je - sus all
 stone, That we, un - to him be - long - ing, Might join with an -
 lost, 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.
 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.

5 When we on that final journey go All joy of the heavens sharing,
 That Christ is for us preparing, And walk in the light of God's own place,
 We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, With angels his name adoring.

THE NICENE CREED

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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY: "Create in Me"

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those
who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

THE BENEDICTION

HYMN: "Rise, Shine, You People!" *all verses*

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Rise, Shine, You People!

1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing; Our
3 Come, cel - e-brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing; He
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to save us. Your
Tell

hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the

us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
wom-en, who by guilt are driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: *Ein Feste Burg ist Unser Gott*