



St. John's Lutheran Church  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
May 28, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

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## **Welcome & Announcements**

*(An usher rings the church bells 5 minutes before church service starts)*

## **Prelude**

*(Acolyte -When music starts light candles)*

## **Confession and Forgiveness (*Please Stand*)**

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.**

**Gathering Hymn “O Day Full of Grace” ELW #627 v. 1, 3, 4**


- 1 O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon, bring light from our God that we may be abundant in joy this season. God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.
  
- 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the cross was hanging; and then he arose and moved the stone, that we, unto him belonging, might join with angelic hosts to raise our voices in endless singing.
  
- 4 God came to us then at Pentecost, the Spirit new life revealing, that we might no more in death be lost, its pow'r over us dispelling. This flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all true healing.

**Apostolic 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.**

**Kyrie ELW pg. 184 v. 1, 3, 4 (Assembly sings the refrain)**


*Refrain*




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.




1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O God, **on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Reading: The Holy Spirit Comes – Acts 2:1-21** (*Assembly participation*)

From The Message Version – with rain stick wind sounds. (*Please Sit*)

**Margaret:** Let us tell the story of the Holy Spirit coming upon all people, according to the book of Acts the second chapter.

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

**Assembly:** **There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were blown away. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"**

**Pastor Christine:** Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;  
Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,  
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,  
Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;  
Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;  
Even Cretans and Arabs!

**Assembly:** **"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"**

**Margaret:** Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"

**Pastor Christine:** Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

**Margaret:** That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some

of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

**Assembly:**

**"In the Last Days," God says,  
"I will pour out my Spirit  
on every kind of people:  
Your sons will prophesy,  
also your daughters;  
Your young men will see visions,  
your old men dream dreams.  
When the time comes,  
I'll pour out my Spirit  
On those who serve me, men and women both,  
and they'll prophesy.  
I'll set wonders in the sky above  
and signs on the earth below,  
Blood and fire and billowing smoke,  
the sun turning black and the moon blood-red,  
Before the Day of the Lord arrives,  
the Day tremendous and marvelous;  
And whoever calls out for help  
to me, God, will be saved."**

Word of God Word of life. **Thank be to God.**

**Children's Time**

**Gospel Acclamation** ELW pg.142 (*Please stand*)

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

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

**Gospel: John 20:19-23**

The Gospel according to John the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

**Sermon** *"A Mighty Wind"* Pastor Christine Emerson *(Please Sit)*

Hymn of the Day "As the Wind Song" ACS#943 v.1-2 (Please stand)



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the  
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -



breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,  
gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the voice with - in the  
as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .



storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has  
mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing pow'r to the world,  
true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -  
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

## **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

## **Prayers of the Church**

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Petition: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**



*(Ushers collect offering. Begin at the back of the sanctuary on the inside aisle and collect as you move to the front and continue around to the outside aisle returning with the offering to the Gathering Area. One usher collects offering from balcony.)*

**Offering** – In Honor of Memorial Day “Pie Jesu” by Andrew Lloyd Webber, Lauren Lierman & Pastor Christine duet (*Please Sit*)

Merciful Jesus, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest. O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.

*(Acolyte will collect the offering from the ushers to place on the altar during Offertory)*

**Offertory** “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” ELW#674 v.1-2 (*Please stand*)

1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

*Refrain*

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2 Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

**Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray. Generous God, **in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Words of Institution

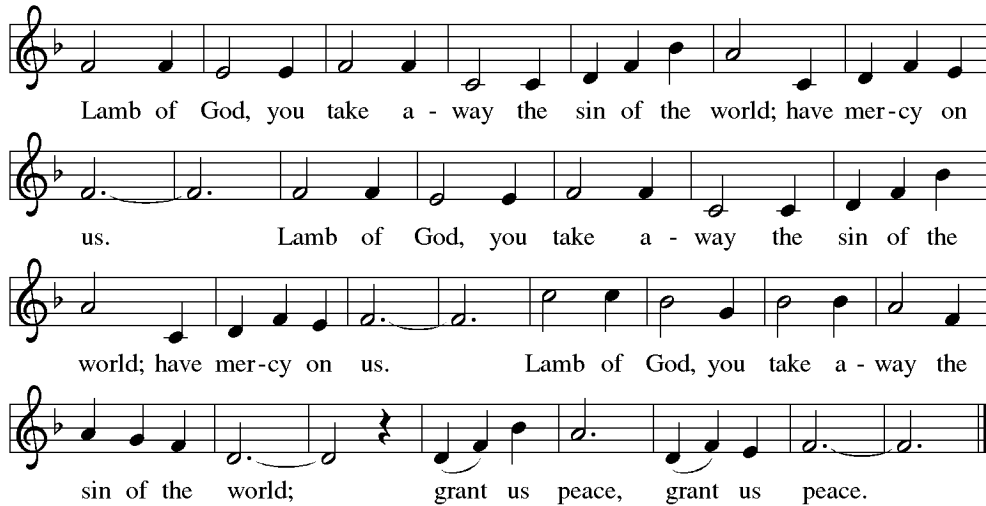
### Lord's Prayer

**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**

### Invitation to Table *(Please Sit)*

*(Acolyte- comes forward for communion. The 2 ushers will go to the front of the Sanctuary and begin releasing worshippers to receive a wafer and wine.)*

### Lamb of God ELW#195



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### Communion Hymn "Spirit of Gentleness" ELW#396 v.1-4

#### *Refrain*

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the  
sea.

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up  
the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to  
each thing: "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

#### *Refrain*

- 2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, and you goaded  
your people with a law and a land; and when they were blinded with  
idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

#### *Refrain*

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still; and down in the city you called once again, when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

*Refrain*

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise.

*Refrain*

**Post Communion Blessing** (*Please stand*)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray. Gracious God, **in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Blessing**

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" ELW#582 v. 1-3**

*(Acolyte – Extinguish candles)*

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.

## **Sending**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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**Altar Flowers:** In honor of the 2023 Graduates by Dean Steines & Ann Gordon.

### **Serving at worship today:**

Pastor – Christine Emerson

Worship Assistant – Cora Klawiter

Acolytes – Sam Bain, Kailey Meininger

Ushers – Kurt Kjelstad, Ruth Ann Kjelestad

Communion Servers – Cloris Seng, Cheryl Mattison,

Lector – Margaret Kinderman

Camera System – Scott Olsen

Power Point- Brett Isaacson

Musicians- Linda Ranney, organ/piano, Lauren Lierman & Pastor Christine, solosit