

Pentecost

May 24, 2015

*“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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them”
– Acts chapter 2*

On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. The Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.



Visitors!

All Christians who see the bread and wine as God's gift of spiritual nourishment, the body and blood of Jesus, are welcomed to receive Holy Communion as we are nurtured into loving, accepting community.

- *You may drink from the common cup or take one of the individual glasses.*
- *You may take grape juice or wine. Select a glass already filled if you want juice.*
- *If you prefer a gluten free wafer, let Pastor know.*
- *If you have difficulty leaving your pew let the usher know you would like communion brought to you.*
- *Children who have not received Communion instruction may come forward for a blessing.*



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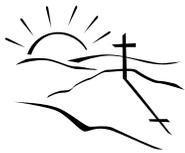


The flowers on the altar are given by Mrs. Nancy Taylor for the glory of God and in loving memory of her brother, Donald Hemstead and by Pat Williams & Linda Armstrong for the glory of God and in loving memory of their mother, Lydia Armstrong.

Calendar

May Tues 26 Bible Study 11:30

God's Green Earth



Day Camp Ages 4-10

June 29 - July 3

9am - 3pm \$150 for week

Scholarships available

Counselors needed 12 and up

Youth Gathering

High School trip to Detroit 7/15-7/19

Register Now

Money raised so far - \$1,120

Goal : \$4,000

Lutheran Summer Conference at Silver Bay
Relax and renew at Beautiful Lake George
July 11-17 www.lutherans-silverbay.org

Monday is Pastor's day off. He is in the office Tuesday-Sunday.
Call for an appointment
917 803-3974

We are collecting newspapers
For ground cover under
new mulch

Prayer List

Please complete a form for people to be listed on the weekly prayers. In June we will update the list with those who have requests. Call the office if there are no forms in the narthex.

Today's Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister – Pastor Jim O'Hanlon

Ushers – Tom Giorgi & Werner Tietjen

Altar Guild - Elaine Makowski & Patty Gawle

Lectors – Ruth-Anne Cosgrove & Lorna O'Hanlon

Counters: Laura & Ron, Don W., Lowell J.

Communion Assists-Laura & Ron C-S

Fellowship – Anita Charleswell

Greeter- Pat Williams

Organist - Claudia McQueeney

Choir Director - Chip Gawle

Acolyte/Crucifer - Liam O'Hanlon

GATHERING - *The Holy Spirit calls us together to be one people of God.*

Prelude *(Please turn off Cell Phones)*

Bell toll and silent prayer, Welcome and announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

We stand or kneel as able

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the life beyond all death, the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting
home. **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 is kept for reflection.

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.**

Almighty God, in 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.**

Song: "Come, All You People" ELW #819 (*page 14*)

Greeting

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



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu-ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The Prayer of the Day

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

You may be seated

THE WORD – *God speaks to us in the scripture reading and proclamation and we respond in a statement of faith, prayer and song.*

A reading from the book of Numbers,
the eleventh chapter.

The Spirit of God rested upon seventy elders in Israel who had been chosen to share the burden of leadership with Moses. When some became jealous that two others also had the spirit and could prophesy, Moses said that he hoped that all of God's people would be prophets.

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then 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 when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶Two 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. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp

Holy wisdom, holy Word.
All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104 (*read responsively*)

²⁴How manifold are your ¹ works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full ¹ of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
with its swarms too man- ¹ y to number,
living things both ¹ small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships ¹ to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the ¹ sport
of it.

²⁷**All of them ¹ look to you
to give them their food ¹ in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they ¹ gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled ¹ with
good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, ¹ they are
terrified;**

**when you take away their breath, they die
and return ¹ to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they ¹ are
created;

and so you renew the face ¹ of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD en- ¹ dure
forever;**

**O LORD, rejoice in ¹ all your
works.** ³²You look at the earth ¹ and it trembles;
you touch the mountains ¹ and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long ¹ as I live;
I will praise my God while I ¹ have my
being.**

³⁴May these words of ¹ mine please God.
I will rejoice ¹ in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, ¹ O my soul.
Hal- ¹ lelujah!**

A reading from the Book of Acts, the second chapter.

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, surrounded by signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages in their midst, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

Luke writes,

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled

with new wine."

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, 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.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

All: 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.**

[Καὶ δώσω τέρατα ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ ἄνω, καὶ σημεῖα ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς κάτω, αἷμα καὶ πῦρ καὶ ἀτμίδα καπνοῦ· ὁ ἥλιος μεταστραφήσεται εἰς σκότος, καὶ ἡ σελήνη εἰς αἷμα, πρὶν ἢ ἔλθειν τὴν ἡμέραν κυρίου τὴν μεγάλην καὶ ἐπιφανῆ.]

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

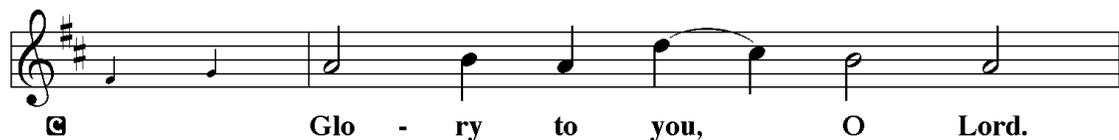
Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

We stand as able

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

The Good News according to John, starting at the 15th chapter.



When speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and described the difference the Spirit would make in their lives and in the world.

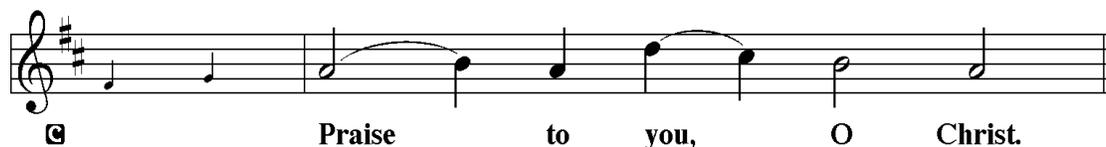
²⁶When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{4b} "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; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless 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. ⁸And when he

comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²I 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, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All 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.



We are seated.

Choir Anthem

The Good News for Today.

Followed by silence for reflection

Please stand as able

Hymn of the Day: "Spirit of Gentleness" ELW #396 (page 15)

Since the earliest centuries of the Church we have proclaimed our belief in a God who is paradoxically both Three and One. Let us confess our faith together in the words of 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.**

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." *The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.*

Prayers of the People

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For the church as it receives your Holy Spirit and shares its hope in Christ. For advocates of truth and forgiveness and for perseverance in prayer. Holy Trinity, gracious God,
send your Spirit to lead us.

For the nations as they seek guidance. Reveal your truth, so that we govern in peace and advocate for justice. Bless our service men and women, especially those serving in combat. Bless those who have lost loved ones and civilians who get caught in the cross fire. Make us ever mindful of those who have sacrificed and help us to continue to support our veterans. Holy Trinity, gracious God,
send your Spirit to lead us.

For those who suffer as they long for healing. For those who are lonely or forgotten, for those who are ill. We remember before you Connor Armstrong, Marik Armstrong, Donna Beadle, Michael Davies, Barbara Doran, George Dunphy, Phil Fitzpatrick, Emit Gallager, Mary Kasiewicz, Dylan Kunkel, Carlene Long, Kathy Lopes, Deidre Lowe, Ann and George Lutzel, Louise Mazzacca, Michael McMeans, Ira Nebrasky, Paul Pottinger, Kathy Revak, Ann Severance, Charles Severance Sr, the Spann family, Olivia Thompson, Virginia Thorenz, Missy Trenck, Nancy Wade, Patricia Wagnerson, Jan Walteson, Maureen Ward, ...
(add names aloud or silently).
Holy Trinity, gracious God,
send your Spirit to lead us.

We pray for the Lutheran churches of Metro New York Synod, our Bishop Robert, his family and staff, our Synod Council and leaders as they gather May 29-30 for our Annual Assembly. We pray for the delegates representing nearly 200 area congregations as well as other ministries and schools as they vote on a budget, resolutions and elect delegates for next year's national assembly. We pray for all the voting members especially Chris Wolff, Elaine Makowski and Pastor Jim.
Holy Trinity, gracious God,

send your Spirit to lead us.

In thanksgiving for all who are expecting especially Dick Case's daughters Catherine and Eileen and their husbands, James and Scott. Bless all those celebrating birthdays this week especially, Carole DeNigris, Callie Chen-Schultz, Jack Wynne, George Lutzel and Christina Mutz-Carello.
Holy Trinity, gracious God,
send your Spirit to lead us.

Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Peace.

THE MEAL - *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ and nourishes our life as one people.*

The Offering *You may be seated. A collection is taken for the ministry of St. Paul's and the larger church.*

The Offertory

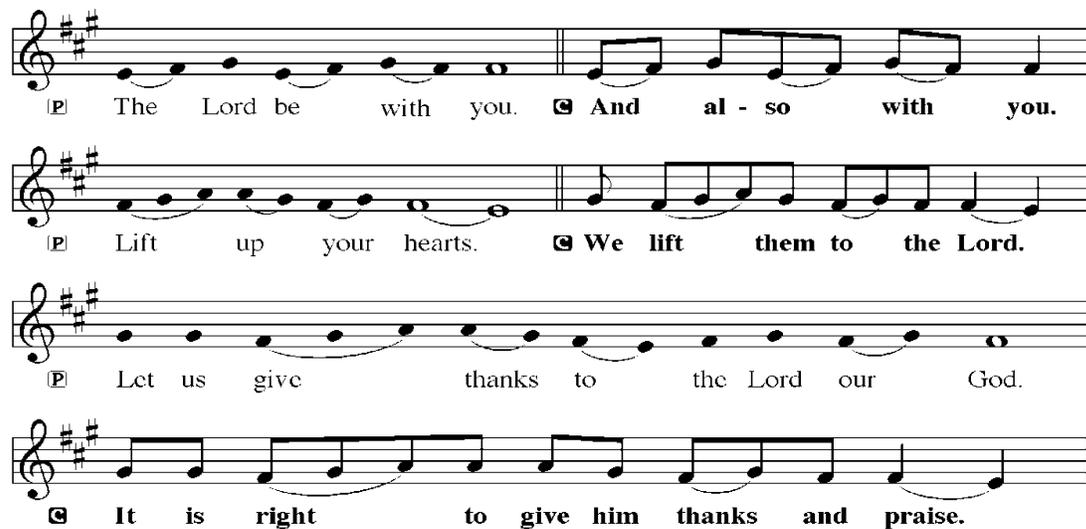
Please stand as able.

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God our provider,

All: you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



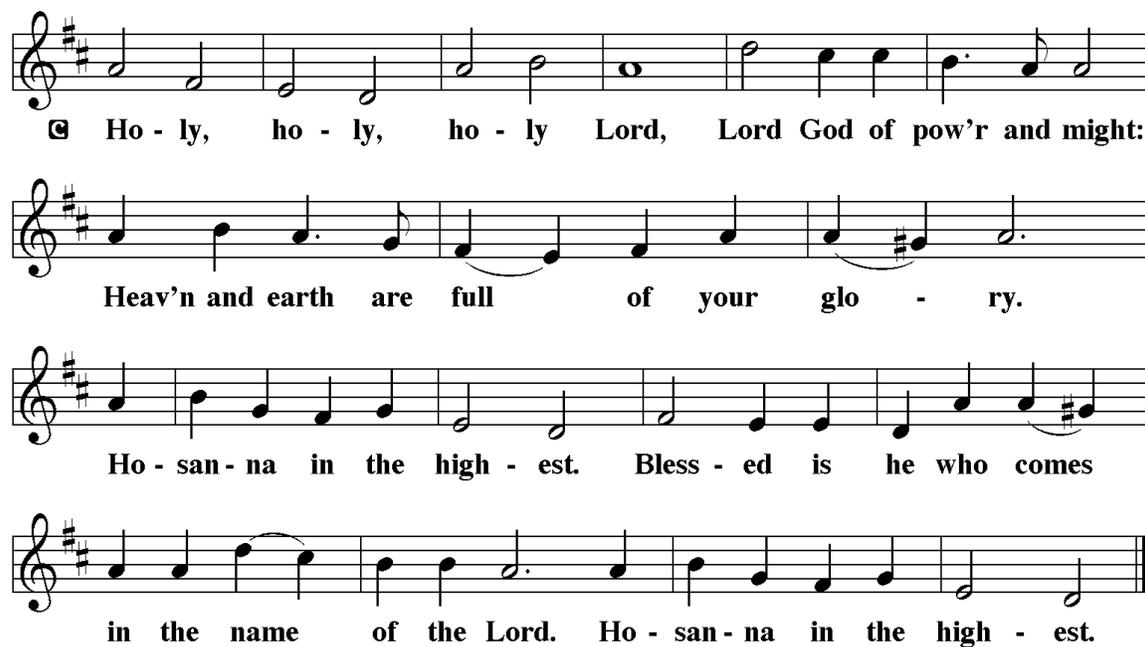
① The Lord be with you. ② And al - so with you.

① Lift up your hearts. ② We lift them to the Lord.

① Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

② It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary.... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



② Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Christ is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, took bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do

this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine and establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ. *All:*

Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty
of the Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is
yours, al - might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

Let us pray together the prayer our Savior taught us.

**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, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

We will form one line for communion. Please follow the Ushers directions.

The gifts of God for the people of God. *All:* **In Christ we are one body.**

The Distribution

You may be seated

To receive the host put your hand out with your palm up. The response is "Amen."

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☞ 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.

As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The response is: **Amen.***

Communion hymns: “Holy Spirit, ever Dwelling” LBW 523

The Post Communion Blessing *Please stand as able*

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

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING - *God blesses us and sends us in mission for healing the world.*

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with mercy and + grant you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: “All Who Love and Serve Your City” LBW 436 (*page 16*)

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
**all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.**

(ELW 756, st. 4)

Go in peace. Christ goes with you.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*The fellowship committee invites everyone to stay for coffee and fellowship.
If you are visiting, please sign the guest book.*

The Holy Spirit's Groaning

Few sounds capture a groan like birth pangs. It is the raw sound of life and birth as well as of pain. It is the guttural desire for the end of the waiting for what has been anticipated and desired. For any who have been present through such an event, it is difficult to ever forget. It is in equal parts beautiful, stunning, and holy, as well as raw, painful, and horrific. "Creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves . . . groan inwardly while we wait for adoption," writes Paul to the church in Rome. He describes aptly that painful wail of our souls for the redemption we know so well, the restoration of all things promised in Christ. As Lutherans we

know this all too well as the "now but not yet" proposition of our faith. We have been told of the return of the Messiah. We prepare for this coming and see how the whole of creation groans for her own restoration. We join this creation waiting for our own hearts, souls, and bodies to be restored. We know this is coming and as in pains of labor groan for this reality. While we wait, we are given a midwife, a Spirit of God to join us in our waiting for the birth of a new world and a new reality. This gift is given this day, the day of Pentecost. May the Spirit join us in our cry to God, eagerly awaiting the begotten, the Son of God, Jesus.

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Come, All You People

Uyaimose

U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
 1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

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u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.
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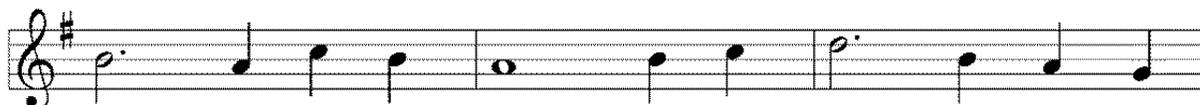
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All Who Love and Serve Your City



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
 2 In your day of loss and sor - row, in your
 3 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
 4 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
 5 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for peace and
 day of help - less strife, hon - or, peace, and love re -
 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the word of
 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near his friends who
 cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our judge, our



jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless,
 treat - ing, seek the Lord, who is your life.
 Je - sus, "Work ye yet while it is day."
 spurn him, of - f'ring peace from Cal - v'ry's hill.
 glo - ry; be its name "The Lord is there!"

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