

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**MAY 28, 2023**  
**DAY OF PENTECOST**  
**MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE**

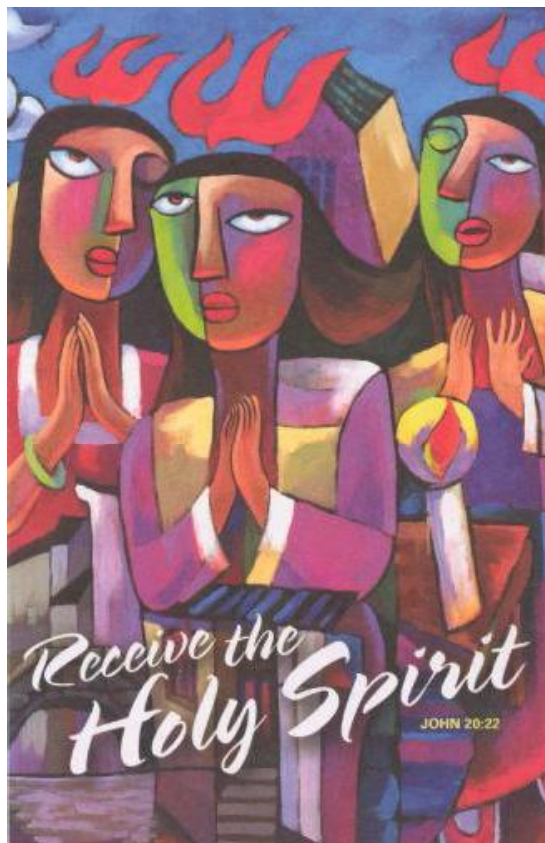
**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)*

**PRELUDE AND PREPARATION**

*During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, find the Scripture readings in your Bible or the pew Bible, and pray.*

*You may pray: **Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Prepare us to receive His body and blood, that abiding in Him, and He in us, we may be filled with the power of His endless life. AMEN.***



**CHILDREN**

*We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*

**INTRODUCTION**

*Today's festival derives its name from the Jewish festival of Pentecost, observed 50 days after Passover. On the 50th day of Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites. In the reading from Acts, images of wind and fire describe the Spirit poured out on disciples of all nations. In John's gospel the risen Christ breathes the Spirit on His followers on Easter evening. In the one Spirit we are baptized into one body, and at the Lord's table the Spirit unites us for witness in the world.*

**WELCOME AND MEDITATION**

**GATHERING HYMN** *(Please rise.) "Come, Holy Spirit"*  
*(Maj # 289 - favorite - William & Gloria Gaither)*



L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*(Please kneel.) (Water may be poured into the font.)*

P: Blessed are You, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

L: Through the waters of the Flood You carried those in the Ark to safety. You led Your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness You nourished them with water from the rock, and You brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

P: By the baptism of His death and resurrection, Your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

L: Pour out Your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim us as Your children, no longer slave or free, no longer male or female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: AMEN.**

P: We have unshakable certainty that we are forgiven, and nothing separates us from the love of the Father which we have in His Son because of this reality: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**GREETING** *(Please rise.)*

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

**C: And also with you.**

### **WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME**

*With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*"Let all the peoples praise him."(Romans 15:6,11)*

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *"This Is the Feast" (ELW p140)*

*Refrain*

☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

☐ *Refrain*

☐ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

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

☐ *Refrain*

☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

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

☐ *Refrain*

☐ For the Lamb who was

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

*Final refrain*

☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.     **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together:   **C: Father God, 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.**

## PRAISE SONG “Sweet Spirit” (Maj # 291 - favorite - Doris Akers)

There's a sweet, sweet Spir-it in this place, and I know that it's the  
Spir - it of the Lord; there are sweet ex - pres-sions on each  
face, and I know they feel the pres-ence of the Lord.

*Refrain*  
Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en-ly Dove,  
stay right here with us, fill - ing us with your love;  
and for these bless-ings we lift our hearts in praise; with-out a  
doubt we'll know that we have been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

**There are blessings you cannot receive  
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;  
You're the one to profit when you say,  
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (refrain)**

**If you say He saved you from your sin,  
Now you're weak, you're bound and cannot enter in,  
You can make it right if you will yield,  
You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel. (refrain)**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

*For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)*

*(Please sit.)*

**CHILDREN'S CHAT** (8:30) Ruthann Kistler

**FIRST READING** ....Numbers 11:24-30..... Pew Bible p. 225

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** ....Acts 2:1-21.....Pg. 1692

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**THIRD READING** ...1 Corinthians 12:3b-13.....Pg. 1785

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Please rise.)*

*"We Come to You for Healing, Lord" (ELW # 617 verse 1)*

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
bod - y, mind and soul, and pray that by your  
Spir - it's touch our lives may be made whole.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: MARTYRDOM C M, Hugh Wilson, 1766-1824

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 7th Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL** ....John 7:37-39.....Pg. 1660

P: The Gospel of the Lord.      **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

**SERMON** *"Say 'Yes' to the Spirit"*

# WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.  
(Romans 15:13)

## **HYMN OF THE DAY** (Please rise.)

*“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”*

(ELW # 400 - Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr; Tune: John Hughes)

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -  
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

## SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Part II. The Creed*:

L: What is The Third Article of the Creed: On Becoming Holy?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

L: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that I cannot believe in my Lord Jesus Christ or come to Him by my own intelligence or power. But the Holy Spirit called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, made me holy and preserved me in the true faith, just as He calls, gathers together, enlightens and makes holy the whole Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus in the one, true faith. In this Church, He generously forgives each day every sin committed by me and by every believer. On the last day, the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead from the grave and will give eternal life to me and to all who believe in Christ. This is most certainly true!**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

*(Optional response: L: Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.)*

## OFFERING

*We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!*

## WE RECEIVE THE COVENANT MEAL

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(ELW p 129) (Please rise.)*

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (half), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (half), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics are: "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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; Who rose beyond the bounds of death, and on this day, as He had promised, poured out Your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: (*WOV p 22*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

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

## PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. In great love You sent to us Jesus, Your Son, Who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, Who preached good news to the poor, and Who, on the cross, opened His arms to all.

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, 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, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory.

**C: AMEN. Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Pour out Your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all Your people in the body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **C: AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*sung*) (*please be seated after "Amen"*)

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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. You may kneel at the altar rail or to maintain greater physical distance stand a foot back from the altar rail. Gluten-free rice wafers (blue-green) are available. Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.*

## LAMB OF GOD (*WOV p39*)



# COMMUNION HYMNS *(sung while others are receiving.)*

## 1. "Spirit of the Living God" *(Maj # 294 - favorite - Daniel Iverson)*

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a fresh on me,  
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a fresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a fresh on me.

## 2. "Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine"

*(Maj # 299 - Text: Adoniram Judson; Tune: H. Percy Smith)*

Adoniram Judson

MARYTON  
H. Percy Smith

1 Come, Ho-ly Spir - it, Dove di - vine, On these bap - tis - mal wa - ters shine,  
2 We love Thy name, we love Thy laws, And joy - ful - ly em - brace Thy cause;  
3 We sink be - neath the wa - ter's face, And thank Thee for Thy sav - ing grace;  
4 And as we rise with Thee to live, O let the Ho - ly Spir - it give  
1 And teach our hearts, in high - est strain, To praise the Lamb for sin - ners slain.  
2 We love Thy cross, the shame, the pain, O Lamb of God for sin - ners slain.  
3 We die to sin and seek a grave With Thee, be - neath the yield - ing wave.  
4 The seal - ing unc - tion from a - bove, The joy of life, the fire of love. A - men.

## WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

*Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)*

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *(Please rise.)*

L: Let us pray together: **C: We give You thanks, O God, that You make Your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us all with Your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

*(Please follow the Pastor and Liturgist to the front yard.)*

### **SENDING HYMN** “*We All Are One in Mission*” (ELW # 576)



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called to ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955 Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune, 19th cent.

## LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

P: Jesus said, “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” (*John 15:13*) We remember this day all those men and women who have served our country in the Armed Forces, serving often in harm’s way, and at great personal risk and sacrifice. Many have experienced the horrors and evils of war in unmentionable ways that have left them deeply affected in their inner person. The price to them and to their family and friends has been high. We remember them this day in gratitude and thanksgiving for their unselfish sacrifice for the greater good of humanity.

**C: Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for all who have sacrificed on our behalf. With them, we also remember with gratitude all our departed friends and relatives who also served, especially ...**

*(pause for names to be spoken silently or aloud).*

L: Their deeds of faith, love and mercy live on in us. Their valor and courage, their vision and sacrifice are our heritage. May we bring no dishonor upon their names or the work they have entrusted to us.

**C: Daily defend all who are currently serving in harm’s way. Strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them the courage they need; and grant them a sense of Your abiding Presence wherever they may be.**

P: We pray especially for... (*those Serving in Armed Forces*)

L: We remember also with thanksgiving those who have risked their lives to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations. Open the hearts of the people and rulers of nations to receive the Prince of Peace, Who alone can turn this world from hatred and violence.

**C: We pray for the day when peace and love will reign and evil will be permanently defeated. Pour out Your Spirit upon this world, O Lord, that wars may cease, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

## MEMORIAL BLESSING

P: In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. Remember with honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, who have laid down their lives for their friends in service of God and country. Live in such a way that their sacrifice will not have been in vain. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **C: AMEN.**

## MEMORIAL HYMN “America the Beautiful”

(Maj # 612 - favorite- Text: Katherine L Bates; Tune: Samuel A. Ward)



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress  
3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:  
a thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat a - cross the wil - der - ness:  
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:  
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.  
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

L: As we leave to serve the risen Lord in the power of His Spirit,  
let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we  
have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS**

*Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments.  
Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place.  
You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

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## **SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK**

GREETERS: 8:30-Adam Barlow / 10:45-Irene Graham

SOUND SYSTEM: 8:30-Chris Chmela/10:45-Jim Steiner

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker

CRUCIFER: 8:30-Seth Miller / 10:45-***VOLUNTEER NEEDED***

SONG LEADER: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski

LITURGIST: 8:30-Seth Miller / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

CHILDREN'S CHAT: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler

LECTOR: 8:30-Alyce Stein / 10:45-Jim Femister

USHERS: 8:30-Jan Stryker 10:45-Irene Graham

COMMUNION: 8:30-Patty Stein, Seth Miller, Josh Miller /  
10:45-Lyn Stryker

ALTAR GUILD: Sharon Branigan/Irene Graham

COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker

GRASS CUTTERS: Gary Mosser, Mike Miller, Nick Wechsler

PHONETREE: Jonathan Mosebach

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Mike Zyskowski

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### **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM  
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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