# HOLY COMMUNION MAY 19, 2024 DAY OF PENTECOST

## 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.

#### Introduction

On Pentecost, the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and recreated. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and recreating not just individuals but a whole people. 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. We pray that God



would send forth the flame of the Holy Spirit to fill the church with an abundance of gifts needed to carry out her baptismal mission. We pray that the Holy Spirit would lend fire to our words and strength to our witness. We ask that God would send us forth to proclaim with boldness the wondrous work of raising Christ, Who is our life and our hope.

### WELCOME AND MEDITATION

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



### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- ( = All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.)
- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Who gives us a new birth into a living hope, Who raises us with Christ from death, Who fills us with the Holy Spirit.

  C: AMEN.

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.)

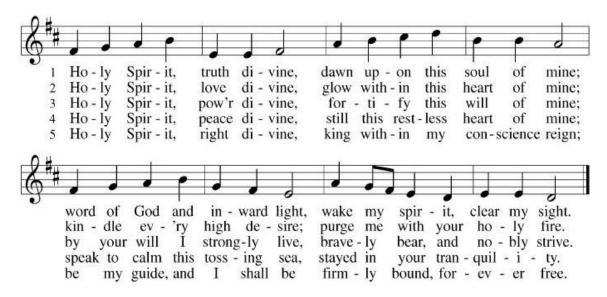
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

## 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** "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" (ELW # 398 - Text: Samuel Longfellow; Tune: Orlando Gibbons)



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

L: Let us pray together: C: 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.

### **RESPONSIVE READING** ....Psalm 104:24-35

(Congregation reads **indented**.)

How many are Your works, O LORD!

In wisdom You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.

There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number--

living things both large and small.

There the ships go to and fro,

and the leviathan, which You formed to frolic there.

These all look to You

to give them their food at the proper time.

When You give it to them, they gather it up;

when You open Your hand,

they are satisfied with good things.

When you hide Your face, they are terrified;

when You take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.

When You send Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

may the LORD rejoice in His works--

He Who looks at the earth, and it trembles,

Who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

May my meditation be pleasing to Him,

as I rejoice in the LORD.

But may sinners vanish from the earth

and the wicked be no more.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Praise the LORD.

## PRAISE SONG (Please sit.)

"Where The Spirit of the Lord Is" (Maj # 302 - Stephen R. Adams)



### 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)

**FIRST READING** ....Ezekiel 37:1-14......Pg. 1345

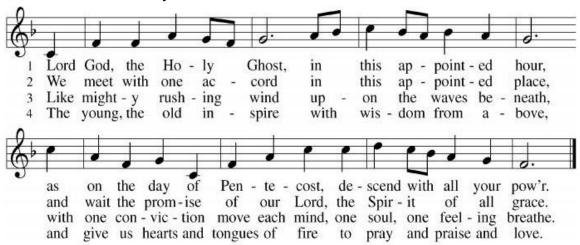
P: Word of God, Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

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

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please rise.)

"Lord God, the Holy Ghost" verses 1-2 (LBW # 162 - tune ST THOMAS)



Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854 Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

**GOSPEL** ...John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15......Pg. 1681

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** verses 3-4

(Young children go to Children's Church)

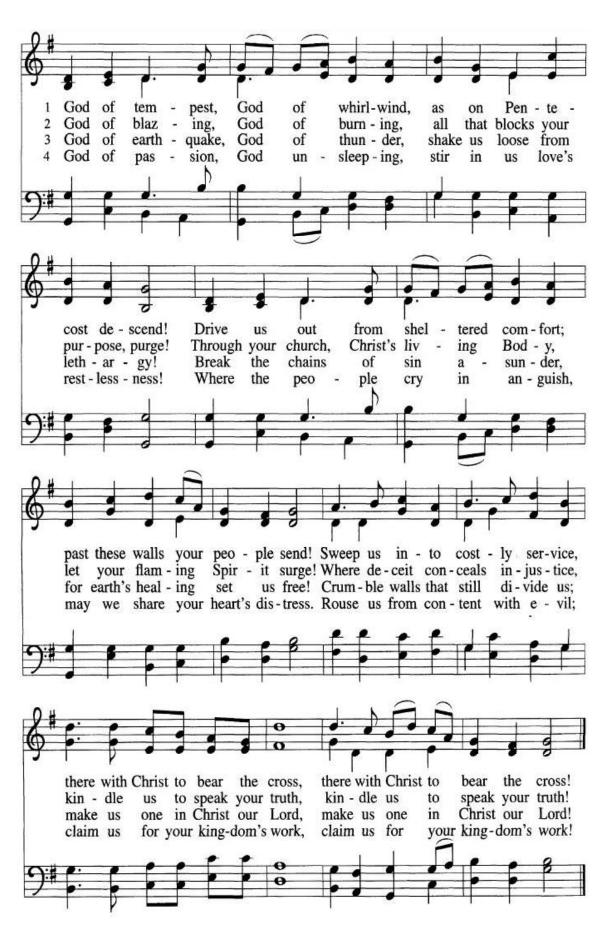
**SERMON** (Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.) "Transformed and Empowered by the Holy Spirit"

### 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 - favorite)



## 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.)

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

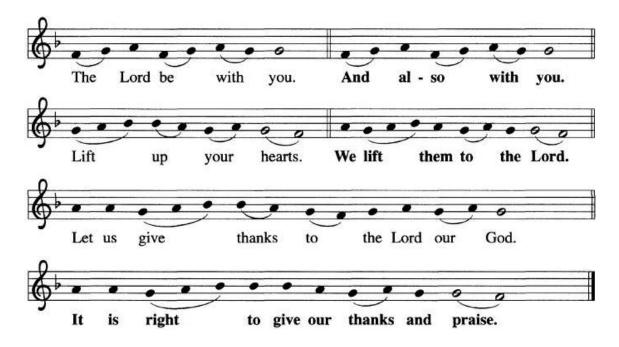
### **OFFERING**

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)



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)



### 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.

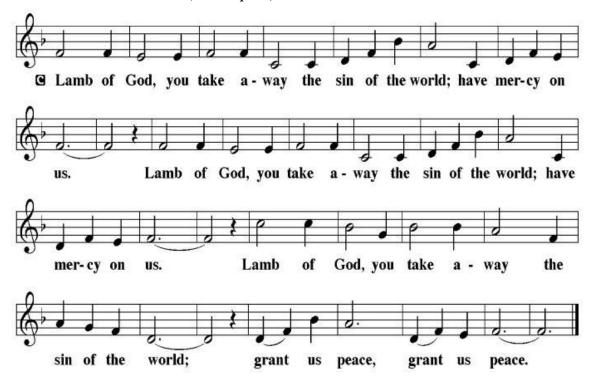
## THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung) (please be seated after "Amen")

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**

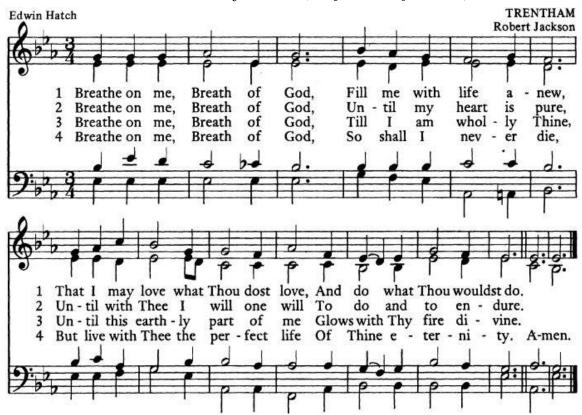
All who are baptized and trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the plate with your offering. Take a regular or rice (blue) wafer and a pre-filled glass of wine (red) or grape juice (white). Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.

## LAMB OF GOD (WOV p39)



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

1. "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (Maj # 300 - favorite)



2. "Spirit of Jesus" (Maj # 304 - Gloria & William Gaither)





(Please rise when all have returned to their seats.)

## 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.

## **BLESSING**

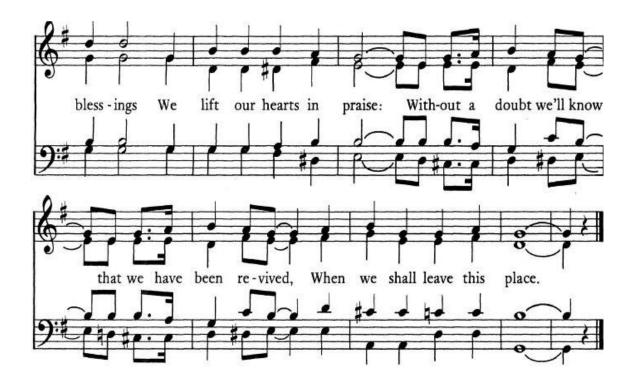
P: The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of Christ, the Lamb Who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.



# SENDING HYMN "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

(Maj # 291 - favorite - Doris Akers)





## 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.

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## MAY 19, 2024 DAY OF PENTECOST

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

COVER ART: Faith Miller

GREETER: 8:30-Sally Stein / 10:45-Irene Graham

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker

SOUND: 8:30-Josh Miller / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

CRUCIFER: 8:30-Seth Miller

SONG LEADER: 8:30-Bella Zyskowski

LITURGIST: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski / 10:45-Marianne Sands

LECTOR: 8:30-Pat Gilbert / 10:45-Marianne Sands

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler

USHER: 8:30-Jan Stryker / 10:45-Irene Graham

COMMUNION SERVERS: 8:30-Mike Zyskowki / 10:45-Marianne Sands

ALTAR GUILD: Sharon Branigan, Irene Graham

COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Styker GRASS: Sam Glassmire, Rich Stein PHONETREE: Jonathan Mosebach

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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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