

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

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Pentecost Sunday

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Pastor

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Organist/Choirmaster



WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE: *Shine on Me* Chamber Choir

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C Amen.

P 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.

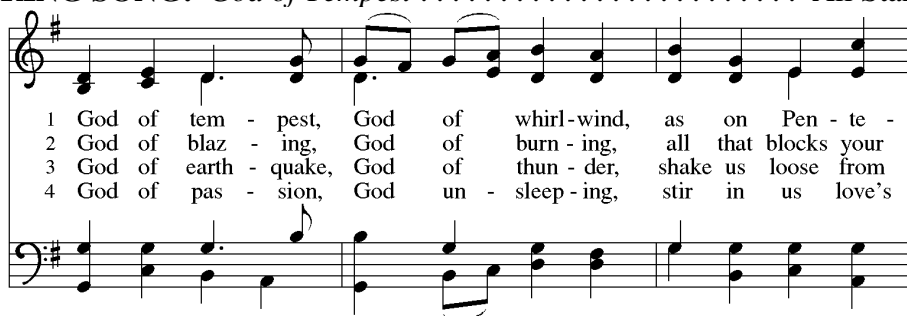
P We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

All life is sustained by you, our Source. We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

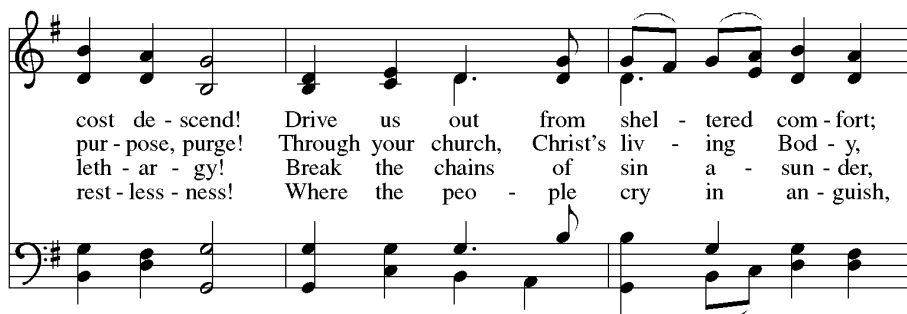
Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *God of Tempest* All Stand & Sing



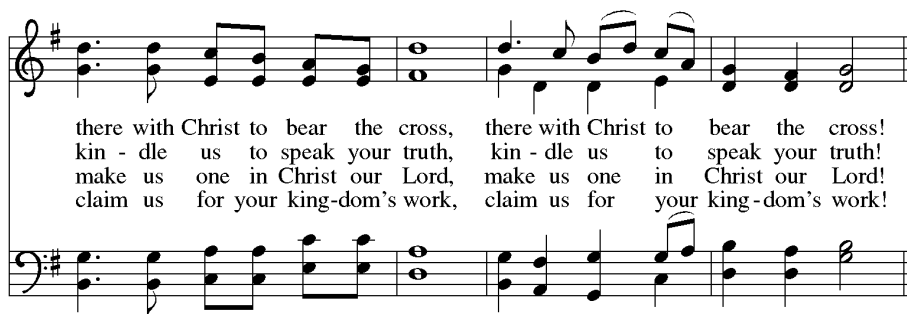
1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



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!

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 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932
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GREETING

P Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

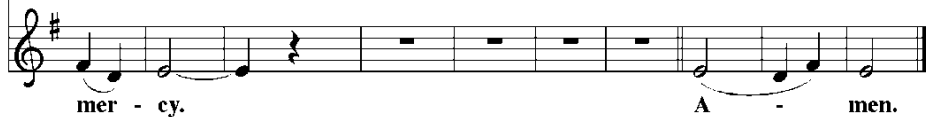
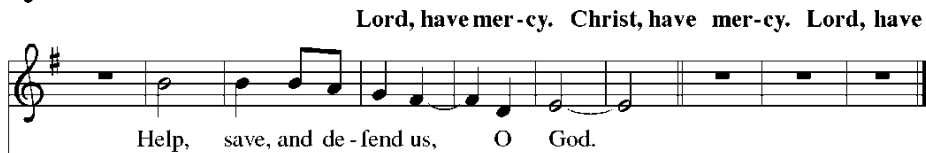
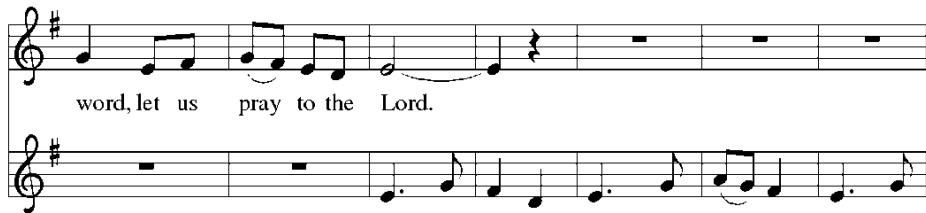
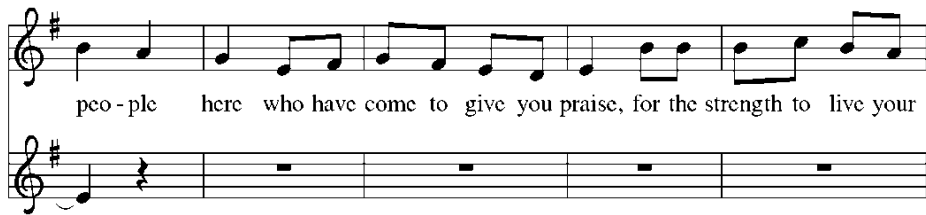
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

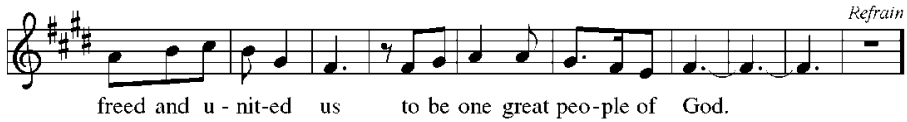
For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

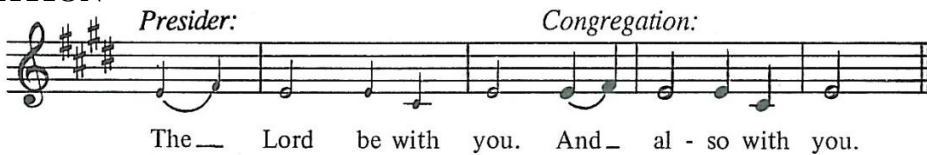


CANTICLE OF PRAISE





SALUTATION



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Congregation is seated and are invited to sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children ages 4 to 8 years-old are invited to go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together **immediately after the Children's sermon**. *Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day.* Children **birth through 3 years-old** are invited to join others their age **in the nursery**.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

A reading from the second chapter of Acts.

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.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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.
- ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:14-17

A reading from the eighth chapter of Romans.

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive new names in our adoption: brother, sister, child of God.

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

A The word of the Lord.

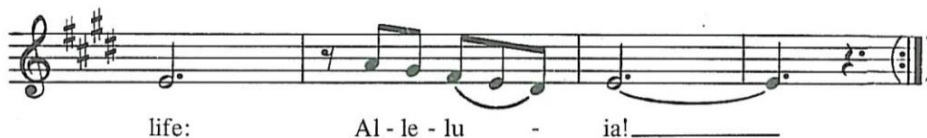
C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we

go? — You have the words of e - ter - nal



GOSPEL

John 14:8-17; 25-27

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

⁸Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Congregation is seated.

Silence is kept for reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* All Stand & Sing



- 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead-ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
- 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
- 3 Guide our think-ing and our speak-ing done in your ho - ly name.



It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain



Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922
Music: NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA, Wilson Niwagila; arr. Egil Hovland, b. 1924
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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 INTERCESSION

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Come, Holy Spirit. Enliven the church to speak your words of forgiveness and salvation in every language and tongue. Pour out your Spirit on witnesses of every age, gender, and nationality. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Come, Holy Spirit. Send cooling breezes where people and creatures are suffering oppressive heat. Save the land from drought and wildfires. Bless the work of those who make it possible to harness the power of the sun and the wind. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Come, Holy Spirit. Dispel human arrogance and establish leaders who are humble of heart. Speak peace into all the world. Overcome prejudice and fear. Move us to support international aid organizations and those who provide aid to immigrants and refugees. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Come, Holy Spirit. You hear us when we cry to you. Bring clarity and hope to those living with dementia, anxiety, depression, or addiction. Accompany those who feel weak and worn (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Come, Holy Spirit. Reveal your love through families of all shapes and sizes. Bring joy to co-parents, single parents, and those without children. Bless extended families, foster families, adoptive families, and families of friends. Bring closure and healing to broken relationships. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Come, Holy Spirit. You make us children of God and joint heirs with Christ. We praise you for all the saints who called on your name and who now know the fullness of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Church Choir

Choir: When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
When fades my earthly bliss, my comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Congregation

Be this, while life is mine, _____ my
can - ti - cle di - vine: May Je - sus Christ be
praised! Be this our joy - ful song through
all the ag - es long; May
Je - sus Christ be praised!

From: *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (CGA1519).
Text: 19th cent. German hymn, trans. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878; alt.
Music: *LAUDES DOMINI*, by Joseph Barnaby, 1838-1896. Arranged by Mark Patterson.
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OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* All Stand & Sing



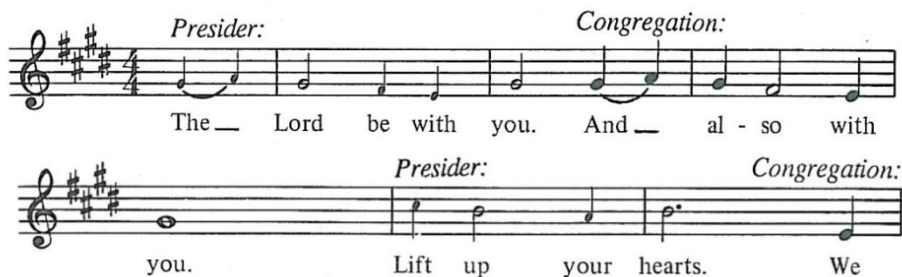
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with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

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with
 you. *Presider:* Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We

Presider:

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation:

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

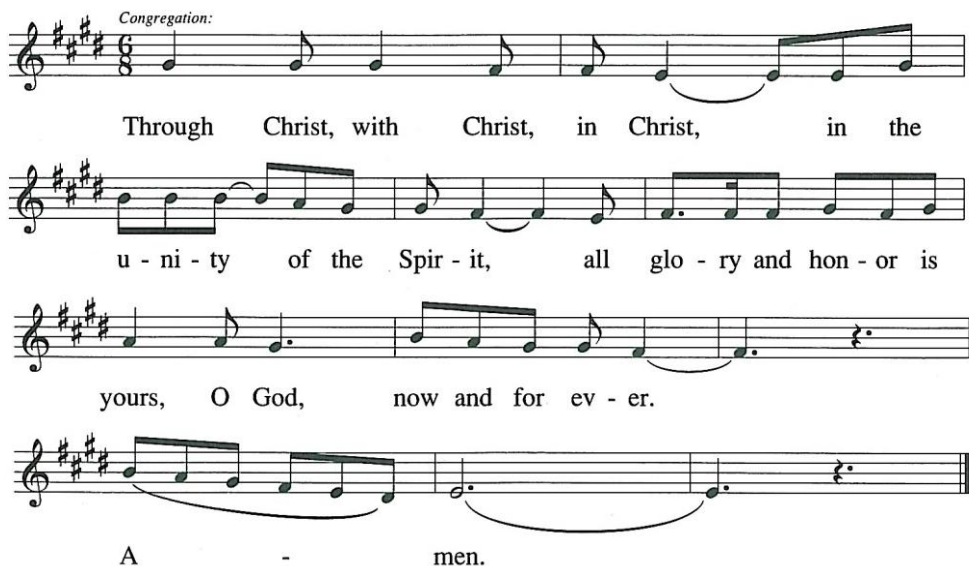
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P ... and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.

THROUGH CHRIST

Congregation:



Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.
A - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table.
Alleluia! Come to the feast.

C Thanks be to God.

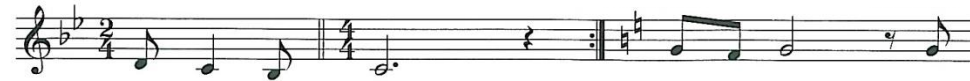
COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 * you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and



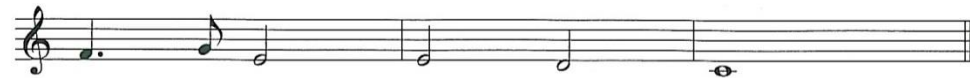
world:
 fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 peace:
 love:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.



COMMUNION

A cordial invitation is extended to all baptized persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: *Crusaders' Hymn* Fred Swann
Come Down, O Love Divine. All Sing

1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890
 Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
 Outside USA: Music from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

C Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.
 Amen.

BLESSING

P The blessing of the living God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *O Day Full of Grace* All Stand & Sing

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five verses of lyrics, and the second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

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, the Spir - it new
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for

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 in death be
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -

be a - bun - dant in 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, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will

now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair 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 true heal - ing.
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.
Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842
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SENDING

A You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* Langlois

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all our visitors on this **Pentecost Sunday**. We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP. Jesus said, “let the children come to me!” Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. A nursery for children (**infants through 3 years old**) is in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance.



KIDS’ WORSHIP CENTER: Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

PRAYER REQUESTS: A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. **If you wish a name to be added to our prayer board, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in the form on line at www.holyc.org.**

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Brian & Janet Achor in honor of Mary Ann Troutman and in memory of Elmer Troutman and Ron & Shirley Achor.

Those who have placed flowers on the altar may use the containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church.

Julia Gunter, Worship & Music

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, June 2, 2019:

Attendance: 115

<u>Budget Report</u>	<u>June 2, 2019</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Offering	\$ 6,242.00	\$112,689.46
Expenses	\$ 5,774.35	\$128,773.86
Offering less Expenses	\$ 467.65	(\$ 16,084.40)
Expected (Budgeted) Expenses		\$126,760.65
Offering less Budgeted Expenses		(\$ 14,071.19)

Sanctuary Roof and HVAC Status as Of: 6/2/19

Goal: \$225,000
 Received to Date: 151,330
 Additional Amounts Promised: 35,000
 Remaining Needed: \$ 38,670

ASSISTING MINISTERS:**LECTOR:** Billy Joye**ACOLYTE:** Volunteer**CRUCIFER:** Catherine Carr**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 2)

Brad Milton, Co-Captain

Brandy Milton, Co-Captain

Donna Bean

Beverly Robinson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Volunteers**EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:** Volunteers**PERCUSSION:** Diann Halvorson**GREETER:** Volunteer**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:**

Volunteer

NURSERY: (10:30-11:45 am)

Arden De Nicholas

TELLERS: Fran Holland
Trudy Whitener**FLUTE:** Julia Gunter**COMMUNION ORGANIST:**

Suzanne Fairbairn

USHERS: Volunteers

BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK: June 9-15

June 10 Greg Garrison

June 11 Tonya Zander

June 12 Martha Hogge

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:**Today, Sunday, June 9:**9:30 am Africa Mission Trip Presentation
In Fellowship Hall
Adult Sunday School

10:10 am Church Choir prep

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion
Pentecost Lunch after**Tuesday, June 11:**

6:30 pm Social Ministry meeting

7:00 pm Nar-Anon

As part of our process to shape our congregation's purpose and guiding principles, beginning in mid-June and going through the summer our *Planting Hope* team members will be meeting with folks to build relationships and get to know more about you and your hopes for Holy Comforter. We would love for you to be a part of this! **We will have sign ups after worship today or you're welcome to email the church office to volunteer to be a part of this.**



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen
Cynthia Buchanan
Brenda Dabrowski
Becke Featherstone
Sarah Tench Helms

Kay Holden
Zac Hullander
Sue Lahr
Ben Moose
Sherry Perry

Marguerite Shive
Denise Taylor
Beverly Reynolds
Jerri & Mike Wesson

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Sue Barbee
Amy Beale Blythe
Doug Brewer
Ron de la Vega
Nancy Dickson
Qemal Fazlin
(Halide's husband)
Carol Fox
Earl Gardner
Larry "Poss" Garrett

Bill Hinkle
Meredith Hovis
Adam Kincaid
Steve Leonard
Jennifer Lineberger
Ronnie Lunsford
Ruth Lyerly
Cookie Lynn
Jane Marino
Clarence McLain

Zak Merzouki
Anne Murdy
Linda Nichols
Sara Nichols
Tommy Smith
Brody Thornburg
Dennis Yates
Doris Wade

OUR SERVICEMEN

Beau Carroll

Tom Kasmer

Leo Kasmer

Colton Parker



Please remember these people in your prayers.
**If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list,
please inform the church office.**

The sign-up prayer forms are in the narthex and online at www.holyc.org.



Lawn Mower Safety

Getting sliced by a lawn mower blade and being hit by rocks or other “flying” objects are the two most common lawn mower-related injuries. Mower blades rotate at nearly 200 miles per hour and seemingly harmless sticks and stones can become dangerous projectiles when hurled at this speed! Here are some tips to keep you safe while mowing:

1. Before you start – clear the lawn of sticks, stones, toys, garden hoses, etc.
2. Don't use electric mowers on wet grass!
3. Wear heavy-duty shoes – **not flip flops!** – and long pants to protect your feet and legs.
4. Wear safety goggles to protect your eyes.
5. Wear ear protectors to protect your hearing.
6. Push the mower, never pull it!
7. Mow across a slope, not up or down, so the mower doesn't slide or fall on top of you.
8. Look several feet ahead when mowing.
9. Turn off the engine if you have to check the blade, clean/adjust the mower, or if you need to leave the mower **for anything!**
10. Never fuel a lawn mower when the engine is hot. Spilled fuel or fumes can result in an explosion or fire.
11. Never allow children to operate a power mower and keep small children far away from a mower that's in use – **especially do not allow your children to sit on your lap** while you mow if you have a riding mower!

In a recent US Product Consumer Safety Commission study, it was reported that there are approximately 85,000 lawn mower-related emergency room visits a year. Don't let yourself or a family member be one of those statistics!


Have you signed up to *Walk With God*? If you have, be sure you've picked up a packet. If you haven't, please join us in this journey!

We start TODAY keeping track of our miles...next Sunday be sure to drop your log into the log holder designated for that use OR email the parish nurse with your miles at parishnurse0407@gmail.com.

Let's see how far we can go!!



Agape Day Camp
 July 15-19  9:00am - 3:00pm
 For rising 1st graders through Middle School
 Registration forms in the church office.



In Search of Volunteers
Vacation Bible School
 July 28-31
 Dinner at 5:45 pm; Program 6:15-8:00 pm
 Pre-K through Grade 5

BCO June Items Needed

		
Canned Pasta	Pop Tarts	Oatmeal



Holy Doodles



NOTE: To ensure inclusion in the bulletin all information is due to Dianne in the office by **12 Noon on Wednesdays**.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service
Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

Micah Kearney, Pastor email: MKearney@holyc.org
Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster
Beka Forst, Director of Youth & Family Ministries
Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager
Teresa Keller, Parish Nurse