# **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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# THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 28, 2023

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Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages,

as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:3-4

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

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# Welcome to worship! While indoors, please continue to mask and social distance.

**PRELUDE:** Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herr Gott, BuxWV 199 Dietrich Buxtehude (Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord)

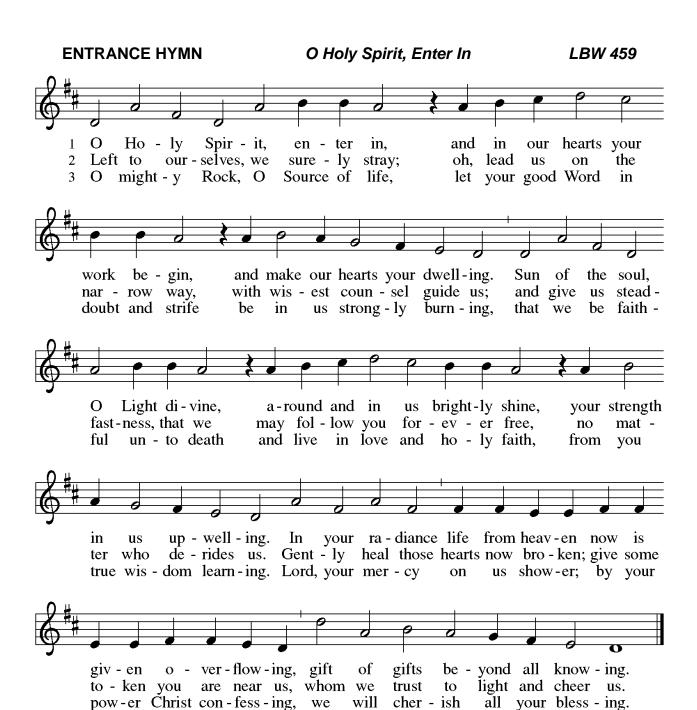
Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herr Gott Johann Ludwig Krebs

Sarah Davol, Oboe

# Please stand to face the baptismal font.

- P Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord fills the world,
- C Let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God. Alleluia!
- P With tongues of fire, the Spirit kindles the apostles' zeal.
- C They declare in new tongues the wonderful works of God.
- P Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C And blessed be his kingdom now and forever.
- P Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit!
- C Fill the hearts of your faithful people with your love. Alleluia!



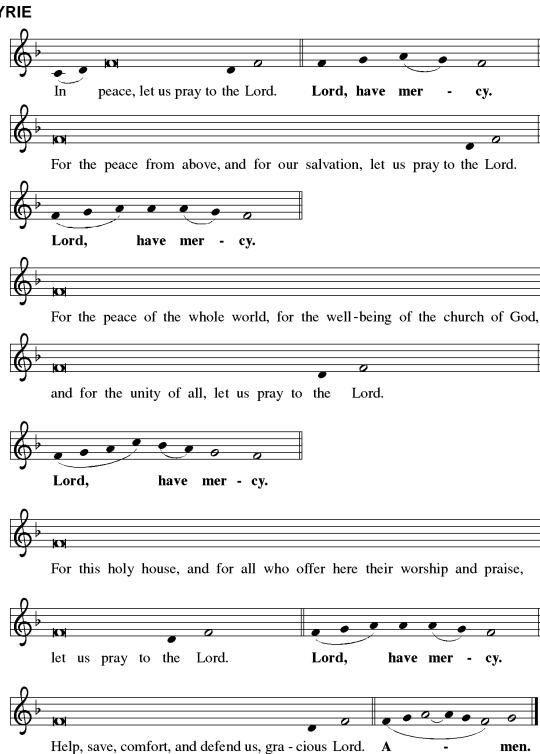


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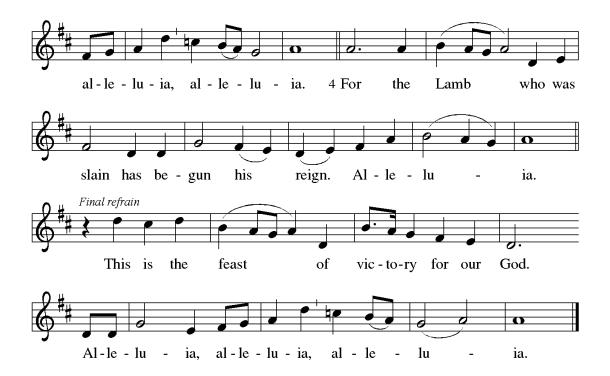
# THE GREETING

- Ρ 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.

# **KYRIE**







# PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

# P Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

# Please be seated.



# FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

A A reading from Acts, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But 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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

A The word of God. The Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

# PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

- <sup>24</sup>**H**ow manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- <sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.
- <sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.
- <sup>27</sup>All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.
- <sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- <sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
- 30You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.
- <sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.
- 33I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.
- <sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.
- <sup>35b</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!



#### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

A A reading from 1 Corinthians, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

 ${}^{3b}\mathcal{N}$ o one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

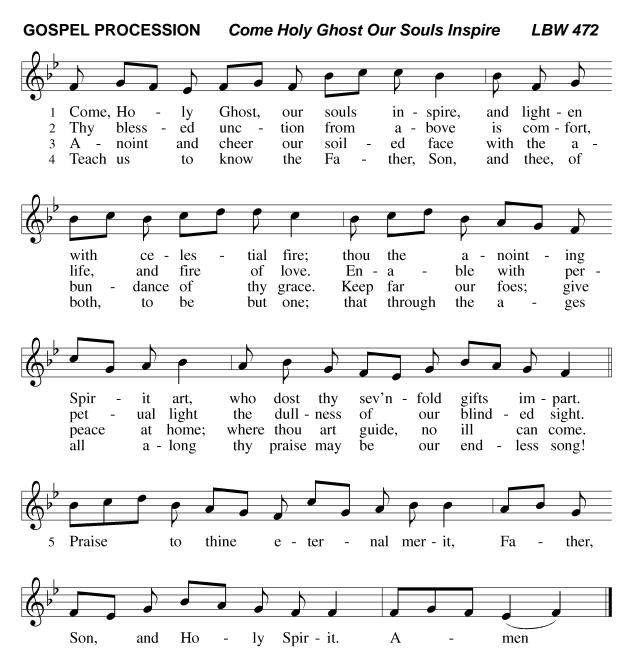
<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

A The word of God. The Word of life.

P Thanks be to God.



# Please stand.



Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856; tr. John Cosin, 1594-1672 Music: VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS, Sarum plainsong, mode VIII

# THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit

- P The Holy Gospel According to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

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

- P. The Gospel of the Lord.
- C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON Pastor Niederer

Silence for Meditation



#### Please stand.



Text: German hymn, 15th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts. 2–3; tr. composite Music: KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT, *Enchiridion*, Erfurt, 1524



A. Let us confess our faith with Christians throughout the world by using the Nicene Creed.

#### **NICENE CREED**

C 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



# PRAYER FOR HEALING & RENEWAL

P We give you thanks, O God, source of life and health, for in Jesus you became flesh and came to know the depth of human suffering. You sent the disciples to heal those who were sick.

We ask that you bless us now as we remember our baptism that we may be healed, strengthened, and renewed by the power of your Holy Spirit.

#### C Amen.

P The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. As we mark our foreheads with the sign of the cross, we proclaim the good news that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ, offering ourselves, whatever our sickness of spirit, mind, or body may be, to receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, may you be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of God's Spirit.

#### C Amen.

# Remembering your baptism, make the sign of the cross on your forehead as Pastor says:

P Remember your baptism and receive the sign of forgiveness and healing in Christ Jesus by making the sign of the cross on your forehead.

#### C Amen.

# P. Let us pray.

God of mercy, source of all healing, we give you thanks for your gifts of strength and life, and especially for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, the health and salvation of the world.

Help us by your Holy Spirit to feel your healing power in our lives and experience your eternal love through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen.





Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune Text © 1983 Gracia Grindal, admin. Selah Publishing Co., Inc., agent.

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#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Zulema Suarez

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

#### A brief silence.

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

God of Community, we pray for our partners in ministry here in *Teaneck, in the Meadowlands Cluster, the Northern Mission District, Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, the New Jersey Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the wider Christian community, our friends from the Light & Peace Mission in Haiti, and people of faith everywhere. as they live out their callings to serve, Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.* 

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

Healing God, you hear us when we cry to you. Bring healing and hope to those living with dementia, anxiety, depression, or addiction. Accompany those who feel weak and worn. Heal the sick, comfort those who mourn, especially those we name before you now, either in silence or aloud (*pause*). Give comfort and strength to Christians under persecution.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

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

#### C Amen.

# PEACE Please stay at your seat as you share a sign of peace.

- P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C. And also with you.

Please be seated.

**OFFERING** 

Please place your offering in the plate located on the table at the back of the sanctuary before or after Worship.

# MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Oboe Concerto in B Flat, Op. 9, No. 2

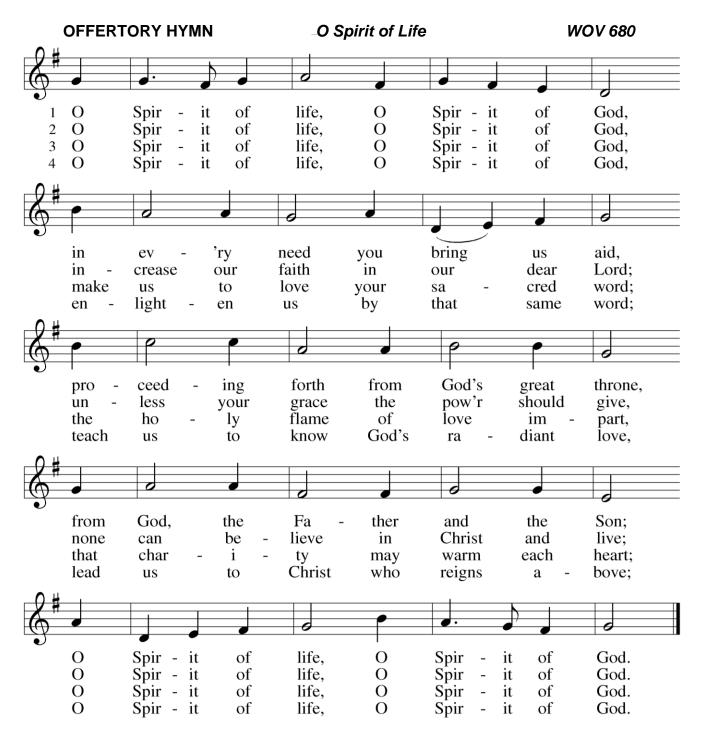
Adagio

Tomaso Albinoni

Sarah Davol, Oboe



# Please stand.



Text: Johann Niedling, 1602–1668; tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948 Music: O HEILIGER GEIST, *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623

# **OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

A Generous God,

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

C Amen.

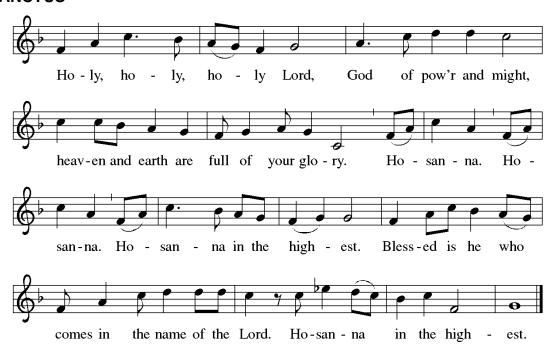
#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### THE PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### **SANCTUS**



#### Please kneel or be seated.

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness

to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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 for the 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

# C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

# C Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

# C Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

# **LORD'S PRAYER**

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:
- C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

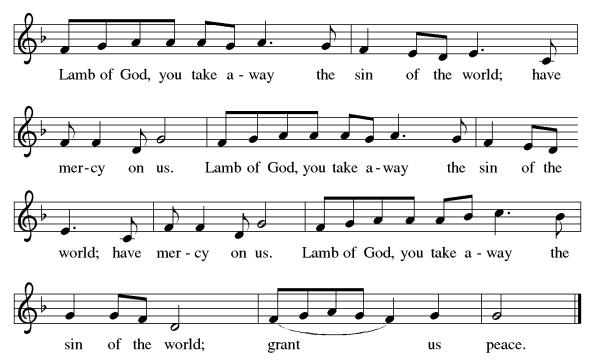
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

Now and forever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you. Come to the table where all are welcome.

# **AGNUS DEI**





#### **CONTINUOUS COMMUNION**

Please come forward for Communion following the Cantor/Choir, beginning with those in the back pews, from alternating sides, leaving adequate space between you and the person in front of you.

Continue to mask until after you have received the wafer & cup and have stepped away from the communion tray.

A tray with individual cups is located in front of each pew section.

The center contains purple grape juice.

White wine is in the remainder of the tray.

After use, please deposit cup in receptacle at the end of pew section.

Baptized Christians who recognize the presence of Christ in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life, are welcome to receive communion. If you have not yet been baptized or have never before received Holy Communion, you may come forward to receive a blessing. Fold your arms across your chest to let the Pastor know you wish to receive a blessing.

#### Please stand.

#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:

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

#### **COMMUNION ANTHEM**

# **Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me**

Adoro te devote Processionale, Paris. 1697 Arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be.
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee.
And with words that help and heal,
Thy life would mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek
For Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee.
And with wisdom kind and clear,
Thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly,
Speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; Separate from sin, I would And cherish all things good, And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons' hell can wield,
Be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be,
Lord, thine the victory.

St. 1-3 Thomas Lynch (1818-1871, alt. St. 4 K. Lee Scott

# **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923 Text and music © 1978, 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

# **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

# A Let us pray.

Gracious God.

in you we live and move and have our being.

With your word and this meal of grace,

you have nourished our life together.

Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

#### C Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

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

#### Please be seated.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Please stand.



Text: Danish folk hymn, c. 1450; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001 Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842

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#### DISMISSAL

- A Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- A Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Oboe Concerto No. 5 in C
Allegro

Sarah Davol, Oboe

Tomaso Albinoni

#### **OUR SPECIAL THANKS TODAY**

TO

Sarah Davol, Oboist
Kaitlin Costello, Greeter
Jack Martinez, Crucifer
Janet Thalmann, Liturgist & Reader
Zulema Suarez, Prayers of Intercession
Lynn & Julie Buckingham, Altar Guild



# **Following Mass Today**

In the Memorial Room



# May Birthdays Pentecost: The Birth of the Church

Sue Papera

Wishing for you many blessings!!!
May God's face shine upon you all the days of your life!



# Via Zoom Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at Noon

Prayer: Living Faith in Daily Life
Session 4
Revelation 3:14-22
Matthew 7:21-29
1 Corinthians 13:4-7
Connection link will be emailed



#### **PRAYERS**

Carol Weber; Doris Baumann (Carol's mom); Katie Wolfe with vision issues (Carol's cousin); Donald Lazlear and his family (Zulema's friends); Katie (Zulema's niece), Surella (Katie's mom; Enrique Perez (Jack's father-in-law); Marc Yaffe (Leslyn's and Michael's son); Melanie M. (Julie's friend); The cousin and husband of Julie's coworker, Keith, who were injured in an automobile accident and for their two teenage children, who sustained minor injuries and are staying with Keith; Laurie Wahner (Lynn's sister with several health concerns); Susan Bethke (Lynn's cousin undergoing chemo and other treatment for a brain tumor); Chris Trizis with health issues. We also pray for his wife, Marlene. (Lynn's husband's long time friends); Arlene Rizzo (Sue's friend undergoing cancer treatments) and Arlene's family: 17 year old Gabby Marvin (granddaughter of Sue's friend. Gabby has been in ICU for a month following several surgeries. Recently diagnosed with a genetic degenerative disease. In need of a miracle); Chris Palmer (Sue Papera's friend who has health concerns); Caleb (Sue's friend with mental health issues); Jenny L. (Sue's friend with health issues); Jason and Paul Thalmann (Janet's nephew and brother); Beverly Philip (a friend of Janet's sister-in-law with severe dementia); Kathy O'Brien (a coworker of Janet Thalmann's sister-in-law); Bert Maltz (a friend of Janet's sister-inlaw. Several health concerns); Michele Rusciano (a friend of Janet Thalmann's sister-in-law); Mark Crovatto (Al's son); Susan Beever (Mary Ellen's friend); Dominick Capalba (Mary Ellen's 6 year old friend with brain cancer); Jessica and Casey O'Neil (Kay Roseen's daughter and son-in-law) who work for the State Department; Lorli Steffen following knee replacement surgery; Dan and John Steffen (Lorli's brothers with health concerns); Tammy (Lorli's niece who has an immune disorder); James Ilgenfritz (Erika's son); Peter Schelbli (Erika's nephew with cancer); Gerry Schlask (health concerns); Kevin (a friend of the congregation undergoing treatment for cancer); Chris Niederer (Pastor's son with immune system disorder); Cathyann (Pastor's friend from seminary with pancreatic cancer); Doris Feirer (a friend of the congregation); Dennis Keohane (Catherine's uncle); Charlie and Mary Lewis (Fred's brother and sister-in-law with health concerns); Gail Storero (Prayer Shawl Member following surgery); the people of Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan and those who are providing resources and care for refugees; front line workers, medical researchers; health experts. national and regional officials; those affected by natural disasters and wildfires.

Let Lynn or Pastor know of any changes needed on the prayer list.



# **COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK**

# Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637 Monday, May 29, 2023

Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.

# Visit of Mary to Elizabeth Wednesday, May 31, 2023

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.

# Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165 Thursday, June 1, 2023

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

# The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886 Saturday, June 3, 2023

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

# John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963 Saturday, June 3, 2023

When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

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