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Confirmation

Sunday

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The Day of Pentecost / Rite of Confirmation



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Divine Service — Setting One

Prelude "Sacred Harp Medley" Pam Buckley, flute
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Confession and Absolution

Please stand and face the processional cross as it is brought forward.

Processional Hymn 864 Shepherd of Tender Youth



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -
3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -
4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,
5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -
du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You
pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
and our pride, Our staff and song; Je - sus, O
prais - es high And joy - ful sing: In - fants and



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing
did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;
Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word
all the thron, Who to the Church be - long,



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.
You so might save our race And give us life.
Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.
Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.
U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

*Text: attr. Clement of Alexandria, c. 170–c. 220; tr. Henry M. Dexter, 1821–90, alt.
Tune: Felice de Giardini, 1716–96
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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

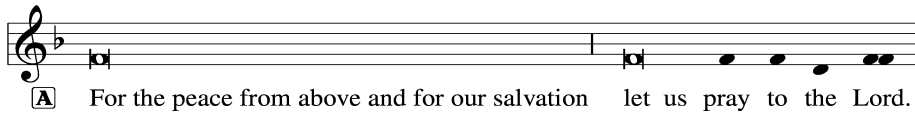
Introit *Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text*



- P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful,*
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle- | luia.
- C** **O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you | made them all;* the earth is full of your | creatures.**
- P** These all | look to you,* to give them their food in due | season.
- C** **When you give it to them, they gath- | er it up;*
when you open your hand, they are filled with | good things.**
- P** When you send forth your Spirit, they are cre- | ated,*
and you renew the face | of the ground.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
- P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful,*
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle- | luia.



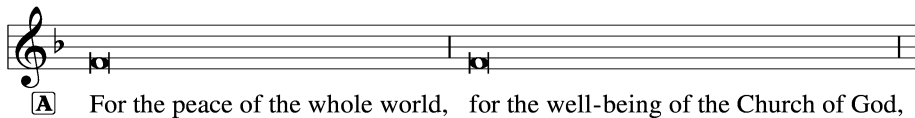
A In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



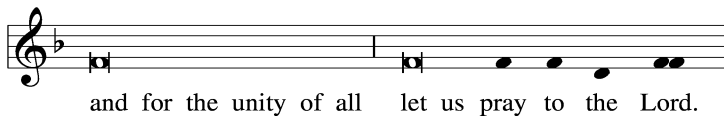
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



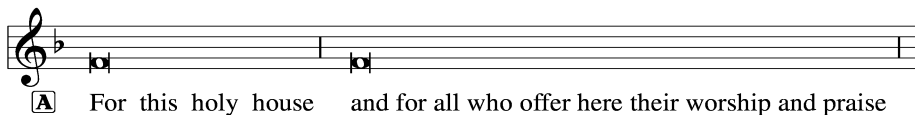
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



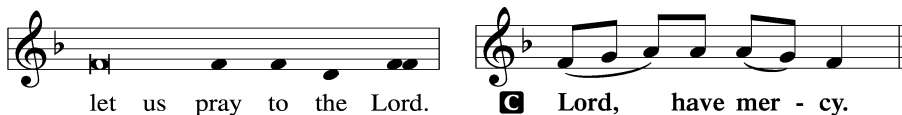
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



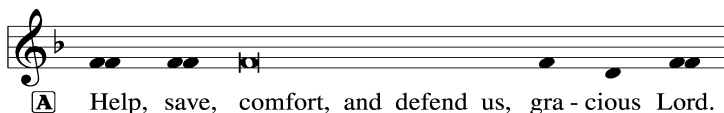
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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Sit

Old Testament Reading *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

The Valley of Dry Bones

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Acts 2:1–21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel *John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15* The Work of the Holy Spirit

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. . . .

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

Hymn 497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



now out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;

Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the
 And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry
 Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your

bright-ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;
 er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be
 pow'r pre - pare each heart, And to our weak-ness strength im - part

From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your
 That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our
 That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and

praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 death to You, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (st. 1): German, 15th cent.; (sts. 2-3): Martin Luther, 1483-1546
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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Confirmation

The pastor addresses the catechumens.

- P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R** *Yes, I do.*
- P** Do you renounce the devil?
- R** *Yes, I renounce him.*
- P** Do you renounce all his works?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- R** *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- R** *Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- R** *Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*
- P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- R** *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

Noah William Clausing, Katie Suann Hurst, Hayden Taylor Klimowicz,
Sophia Kathleen Kukelhan, Timothy Robert Nygaard, & Michael Kayden Sopko

P [Name], the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

R *Amen.*

The pastor may read a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation. After all the catechumens have received the blessing, the following collect is prayed.

Stand

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Peace † be with you.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P ...Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P ...through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Offering "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" Andreas Armsdorf (1670-1699)
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Stand

Offertory

LSB 159

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy*

LSB 161

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

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

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

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- C** **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.

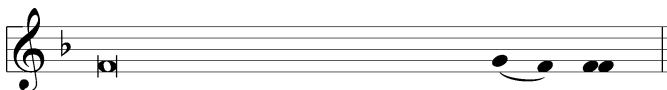
The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *The Peace of the Lord*

LSB 163



- P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



- C** A - men.

☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Communion Piece "Beautiful Savior"

Pam Buckley, Flute

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Hymn 689 Let Me Be Thine Forever

1 Let me be Thine for-ev-er, My faith-ful God and Lord;
2 Lord Je-sus, my sal-va-tion, My light, my life di-vine,
3 And Thou, O Ho-ly Spir-it, My com-fort-er and guide,
Let me for-sake Thee nev-er Nor wan-der from Thy Word.
My on-ly con-so-la-tion, O make me whol-ly Thine!
Grant that in Je-sus' mer-it I al-ways may con-fide,
Lord, do not let me wa-ver, But give me stead-fast-ness,
For Thou hast dear-ly bought me With blood and bit-ter pain.
Him to the end con-fess-ing Whom I have known by faith.



And for such grace for - ev - er Thy ho - ly name I'll bless.
Let me, since Thou hast sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.
Give me Thy con - stant bless - ing And grant a Chris - tian death.

*Text: tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.; (st. 1): Nicolaus Selnecker, 1532–92; (sts. 2–3): Gesang-Büchlein, 1688, Rudolstadt Tune: Musika Teutsch, 1532, Nürnberg
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Hymn 496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;
2 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.
In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.
Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.
Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

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Hymn 501 Come Down, O Love Divine



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,
2 O 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 His 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 His dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, c. 1350–1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–90

Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Hymn 503 O Day Full of Grace



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, His 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 be
earth ar - riv - ing; Then came to the world that light sub - lime,
cross was hang - ing; And then He a - rose and moved the stone
life re - veal - ing, That we might no more from Him be lost,
us pre - par - ing, We'll gath - er in song, our hearts a - glow,



Re - plete in His joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
Great joy for us all re - triev - ing; For Je - sus all
That we, un - to Him be - long - ing, Might join with an -
All dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the
All joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, And walk in the



now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
 mor - tals did em - brace, All dark - ness and shame 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 His heal - ing.
 light of God's own place, With an - gels His name a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian, c. 1450; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921-2001

Tune: Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774-1842

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Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

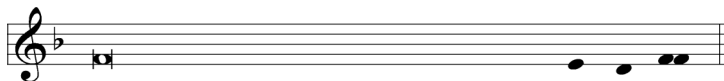
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Recessional Hymn 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.
heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.
Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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Postlude "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Pam Buckley, flute
setting by Brian Henkelmann, ©2008 CPH



Good morning!
In the name of the God of creation,
Jesus our Savior and the Holy Spirit who guides our ways,
Welcome to worship.

9:00 a.m. worship services with Holy Communion
on the 1st and 3rd Sundays

9:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study

SERVING IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

Preacher: Rev. Brian J. Nygaard
Crucifer: Parker Teibel
Reader: Larry Polster
Organist: Suzanne Hale
Special Music: TMLC Choir



Altar Flowers: The beautiful flowers adorning the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Shawn & Anne Deedrick as they remember the wonderful memories of Jack Hawkins who passed away last May.

Today's Door Collection is for Rev. Bryan Payne who is serving in Shinyanga Tanzania. Please note, if you are writing a check, please make it payable to Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We will mail those checks with our check.

Witness Statement Jesus told His disciples that when the Holy Spirit comes, He will testify about Jesus. He also said that they would be strengthened to testify about Him as well. What a privilege they had and we also have, with the Spirit's help, to testify about our loving and forgiving Jesus.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2024

We extend words of *Congratulations*, as well as WELCOME, to

Noah William Clausing, Katie Suann Hurst, Hayden Taylor Klimowicz,
Sophia Kathleen Kukulhan, Timothy Robert Nygaard,
& Michael Kayden Sopko

Who were received into communicant membership today. They have completed their confirmation study, confirmed their faith to the congregation and made their promises of faithfulness to God.

May God richly bless them and may they strive through God's Word and Sacraments to keep their faith strong and active throughout their life.



The Confirmation reception will be after service in the basement. Thrivent will be serving cake with coffee, tea, and lemonade
Please join us!



WELCOME BACK COLLEGE STUDENTS! WE'VE MISSED YOU!

Congregational Survey

The TMLC leadership wants to hear from you as part of a Congregational Survey. Please click the link below or scan the QR code to be taken to the survey. <https://forms.gle/E31E28Bmy9kimNov9>. Please complete the survey by May 19th.



SISTERS IN CHRIST ACTIVITIES

☀ We are going out to eat! Join us on **May 20th** at 6:30 PM at Asparagus in Merrillville. Please sign up if you can attend. See Celeste for more information.

Book Club We will be meeting on **May 21st** at noon in the conference room to discuss "The Leisure Seeker " by Michael Zadoorian. Bring a lunch.



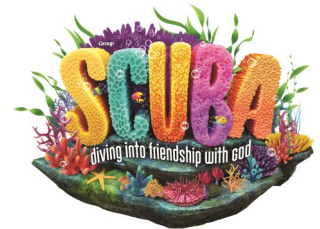
June Newsletter & Calendar Dates

Please turn in articles and calendar information by **Wednesday, May 22nd** to tmlamore@att.net. Thank you! Christine Amore

Are you GRADUATING this year ?

We would like to know! Please send us your Graduation Information (High School, Military, College, or Career certification) and future plans to tmlamore@att.net for acknowledgement **on June 2nd**. Thank you!

Save the Date for **VBS—June 24-28**
See Dave Milan for questions
SCUBA — Diving into friendship with God



Are We There Yet?

We are planning a group outing to see the comedian, Jeff Allen at The Blue Gate Theatre (PAC) Performing Arts Center on August 7 at 7:30 PM. Please sign up if interested.

Interested in helping with an Outreach Event for Food Bank of Northwest Indiana

Contact Dr. Brian E. Thompson, 219-616-1655, betdvm@comcast.net

THIS WEEK at TMLC

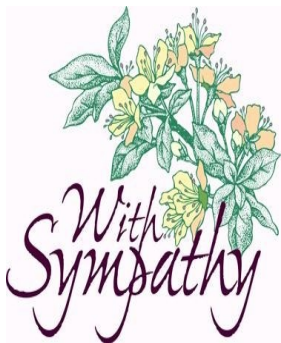
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion
MONDAY	Noon	Sylvia Mikulka's Memorial Service (Geisen-Pruzin)
	6:30 PM	SIC Dinner at Asparagus FLC Event
TUESDAY	Noon	Book Club in Conference Room
WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM	June Newsletter & Calendar Deadline
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	Bible Study
FRIDAY/SATURDAY		FLC Event

NEW BANNER

Today's new banner conveys several basic truths of our personal faith. The white dove stands for the Holy Spirit, as we celebrate **PENTECOST** and the works of the Holy Spirit. The three gold rings stand for the **TRINITY**, three persons in one God...the Father who out of love sent His Son, Jesus, to pay for the punishment of our sins...Jesus who willingly on the cross took upon himself the curse and punishment of our sins...the Holy Spirit who bring saving faith into our hearts and every day lives. The red banner background boldly conveys the fire and power of the Holy Spirit as He works in our lives. It is that saving faith that blesses not only new **CONFIRMANDS** but each one of us, and encourages all of us to "***Stand Firm In Your Faith***".

The banner was designed and made by Sue Isenberg

Sylvia R. Mikulka (nee Jennings), age 84, of Merrillville, IN, passed away at home on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. Sylvia is survived by her children: Faith (Bruce) Gardner, Jason (Michele) Mikulka, Heidi Shirley; grandchildren: Aleck (Fiancée Kylie), Kyle, Eric, Ryan, Lucas, Olivia, Preston, Savannah; and 9 great-grandchildren. Sylvia was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Mikulka. Sylvia was a devoted member of Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church since 1967. There she belonged to Bells & Choir and helped with Vacation Bible School. Sylvia was also a member of Sweet Adeline's Choir. She served Andrean High School from 1976-1999. Friends may visit with the family on Monday, May 20, 2024 at Geisen-Pruzin Funeral & Cremation Services, 6360 Broadway Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410 from 10:00 AM until the time of Memorial Service at 12:00 PM with Rev. Brian J. Nygaard officiating. Sylvia will be laid to rest at Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville, IN. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given in Sylvia's name to Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church's Bells & Choir.





“Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, ‘Take and eat; this is my body.’ Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.’” (Matt. 26:26-28)

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to the prayer.” (Acts 2:42) “A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.” (1 Cor. 11:28-29)

In keeping with the doctrine and practice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), we practice a Close Communion. That is, we normally offer Holy Communion only to those with whom we have Altar Fellowship. Therefore, we invite those members of other LCMS congregations and those who are in table fellowship with the LCMS to the Lord's Tables.

Members of other congregations along with those who are unconfirmed, are invited to mediate on God’s Word during this time or you may also come to the railing (with arms crossed over your chest in the shape of an X) to receive a blessing from the pastor.

If you have further questions, please speak with the pastor or freely take from our information rack, “A Simple Explanation of Fellowship in the Lord’s Supper”, and/or “A Simple Explanation of Holy Communion”.

Please Note: The center cups of the individual tray contain denatured white wine for those who wish to refrain from alcohol. Gluten Free wafers are available, please notify Pastor before communing.



Camp Lutherhaven's summer theme is Wildfire and there are so many things we do around the campfire! Sing camp songs, tell funny stories, gather in community, listen to evening devotions, and roast delicious marshmallows! Do all of these are things and so much more at Camp Lutherhaven this summer. If any of these things sound interesting to you, it isn't too late to sign up! There are programs for kids K-8, high schoolers, and families. Visit www.lutherhaven.org today or call for more information at 260.636.7101.

There are two NEW ways for TMLC to earn donations. Go online and sign up

- 1). **"iGive"** online shoppers you can choose TMLC as the non-profit of your choice to earn your credits. Your shopping turns into donations. Encourage your friends and supporters to get iGive - earn Double Donations for TMLC on all their purchases for the month of **May**. To register a free iGive membership please visit: <https://www.igive.com/TrinityMemorialLutheranChurch>
- 2). The second organization is **"Benevity"**. Your volunteer activities and corporate matching donations allow you to choose TMLC as your non-profit cause. <https://www.benevity.com/causes>

WAYS TO GIVE AT TRINITY MEMORIAL

Mail/Drop-Off: You can mail or drop-off your Offerings at Trinity Memorial.

Our address is 7950 Marshall Street, Merrillville, IN 46410.

Our Office hours are 8:30 AM—4:30 PM (Monday –Friday)

Automatic checking/savings withdrawal:

Contact Cheryl Wilson at (219) 644-9823 or church office at (219) 769-5376.

Online giving via the "Donate Here" link on the church's website, www.tmlchurch.com

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