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THE DAY OF PENTECOST - CONFIRMATION

Order of Worship – 10:15 AM

+ Service of Holy Communion +

AS WE GATHER – *In the Nicene Creed we confess, "And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life." This Third Person of the Trinity whom we celebrate today "proceeds from the Father and the Son." With the Father and the Son He is both worshiped and glorified. This is God who has spoken by His prophets as today through Ezekiel He declares, "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" (Ezekiel 37:13–14).*

This He has done in the hearts of everyone who has heard His saving Word, from Adam and Eve to you. To emphasize the universality of God's desire, today we recall that post-resurrection Day of Pentecost, when no barriers of language could hinder God's work.

Jesus tells us that this Spirit He sends is from the Father. The Spirit comes to witness about Jesus and His work of salvation for all. That witness consists of both the truth about sin and about the Savior, Law and Gospel, to bring us to repentance and enliven our faith repeatedly, day by day as we live in His presence and the grace of God.

PRESERVICE MUSIC "Come, Holy Ghost, God & Lord" by Jeffrey Blersch

WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

[♫Means please stand; ♪Means please be seated]

♪PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till
all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

(continued)



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 3 All new - born soi - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
 As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5. Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
6. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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INVOCATION

P *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **C** Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P *Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P *I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P *O Almighty God, merciful Father,*

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P *Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **C** Amen.

GLORIA PATRI



C **Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;**

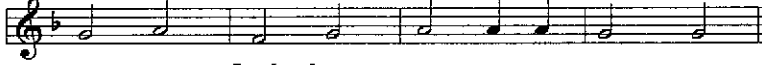


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

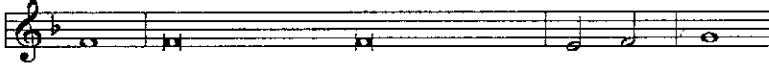


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

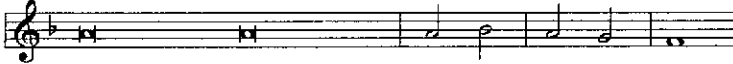
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



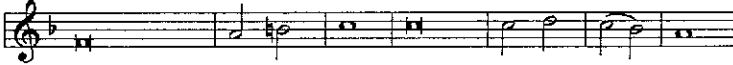
C: **F** Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



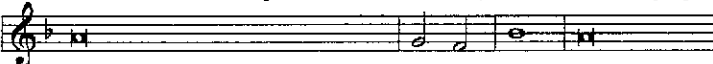
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



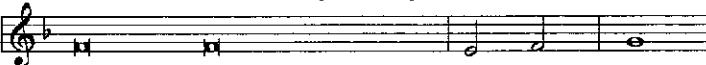
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



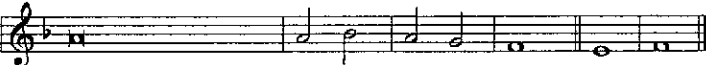
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*



R *And with thy spir - it.*

P *Let us pray.*

All: 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. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C *Thanks be to God.*

HANDBELL SELECTION

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C *Thanks be to God.*

ALLELUIA



R *Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.*

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters.*



R *Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.*

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



R *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

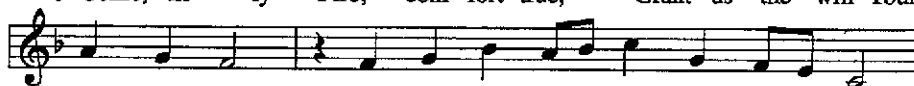
[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY

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;



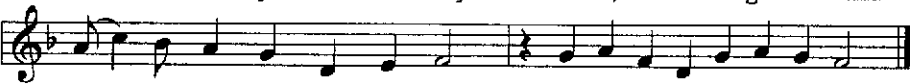
Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the
 And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry
 Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your



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!

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SERMON "THE VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIFE" John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

- I. Many people assume being victorious in Christ means conquering our own sins or personal demons.
- II. Pentecost shows us that the victorious Christian life means receiving the gifts of Christ through the Holy Spirit.

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 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 worshipped 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 of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING / CHORAL SELECTION

“Holy Spirit”

OFFERTORY

Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines.

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, on this day we praise You for sending the light of Your salvation to the whole world by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit. Cause the light of Your saving Word to shine in our hearts and throughout the world that we with many may be brought to true repentance and strengthened in saving faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

P *Cause Your Spirit especially to lead, guide, and enlighten all pastors and those whom You have called to proclaim Your life-giving Word. By the same Spirit, help them to point us and the world to Jesus Christ and Him crucified and risen again for the life of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

P *Even among the nations and those placed in the authority of government, cause Your light and Your truth to guide in the way of truth, both to the punishing of the ugliness of evil and to*

the praise of the beauty of all that is good. Give them wisdom to lead all people in the way of righteousness and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P *By Your Spirit, bring Your Word and assurance of deliverance, health, and healing to all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [especially . . .]. Deliver, O Lord, especially those who are most helpless and those to whom death draws near. Lord, in Your mercy,*

C hear our prayer.

P *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

C Amen.

PREFACE

P *The Lord be with you.*



C And with thy spir - it.

P *Lift up your hearts.*



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*



C It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

P *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for Your sending of the Holy and life-giving Spirit on Your people, enabling the saving witness of Your grace to continue to all the ages. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles-s-ed is He, bles-s-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P *Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In these last days, You have poured out Your Holy Spirit on Your Church that Your sons and daughters might proclaim the wonders of Your salvation in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your gathered people that, faithfully eating and drinking the body and blood of Your Son, we may go forth to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth.*

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P *O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So 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.**



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C And also with you.

P *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

[Remain standing]

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need

Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;
An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.

Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;

(continued)



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

5. Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
6. Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
7. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
 Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758
 Adapt. William H. Havergal, 1793–1870



1 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come; Oh,
 2 Thy light, Thy love im - part, And
 3 Let Thy rich grace in - crease Through



hear my hum - ble prayer! Stoop down and make my
 let it ev - er be A ho - ly, hum - ble,
 all my ear - ly days The fruits of righ - teous -



heart Thy home, And shed Thy bless - ing there.
 hap - py heart, A dwell - ing place for Thee.
 ness and peace To Thine e - ter - nal praise.

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O Jesus, Blessed Lord, To Thee

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is
 thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
 come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -
 ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
 in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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AGNUS DIMITTIS

Song of Simeon

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

☐ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

☐ and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

- P** *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.*



SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS

- P** *The Lord be with you.*



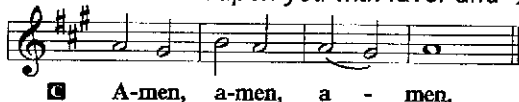
- P** *Bless we the Lord.*



BENEDICTION

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

Numbers 6:24-26

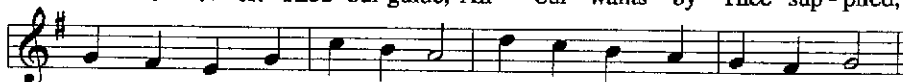


CLOSING HYMN

Thine Forever, God of Love



- 1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;
- 2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
- 3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.
- 4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep-herd, keep These Thy frail and trem-bling sheep;
- 5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
 Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav' n - ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!
 Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.
 Safe a - lone be - neath Thy care, Let us all Thy good - ness share.
 All our sins by Thee for - giv' n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav' n.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

by Lani Smith

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE

KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 AM

May 27: “Impossible”; Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus; Lutheran Hour Emeritus Speaker

Can death hold us? Experience says, “Yes!” the Apostle Peter says, “No.” Today’s sermon talks about making possible that which can’t happen. (Acts 2:22-24)