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*In response to God's love for us, we SERVE God,  
SUPPORT Christian fellowship,  
And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*

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## THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Order of Worship -9:00 AM

**AS WE GATHER** – A familiar sight along highways and roadways in summer is the posting of work-zone signs as repairs are made to streets and bridges during the season of good weather. These signs bring a special level of care and concentration for drivers. For Christian people, the Church is the “work zone” of the Holy Spirit. In his hymn paraphrasing the Apostles’ Creed, Martin Luther writes of the Holy Spirit at work: “Who the Church, His own creation, Keeps in unity of spirit. Here forgiveness and salvation Daily come through Jesus’ merit” (LSB 954:3). As we are called and gathered, we are assured that we are in the most vital of work zones—the one to which we can give our greatest care and concentration.

## PRESERVICE MUSIC / HANDBELLS

*“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

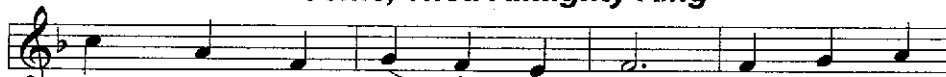
### WELCOME

[♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

### ♯OPENING HYMN

### Come, Thou Almighty King

LSB 905



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy  
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -  
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy  
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -  
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,  
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,

(continued)



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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## INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 43:2, 5b; 66:4

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the  $\ddagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,*
- C** **and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**
- P** *Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;*
- C** **let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!**
- P** *Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,*
- C** **my salvation and my God.**
- P** *All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;*
- C** **they sing praises to Your name.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*
- C** **for the LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- P** *I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.*
- C** **Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!**
- P** *I say to the LORD, You are my God;*
- C** **give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!**
- P** *Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires are known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *In repentance, let us now confess our sins unto our gracious God.*
- C** **Almighty God, Merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, grant us Your divine absolution so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and for eternity. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.**
- P** *Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our 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  $\ddagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. To them that believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.*
- C** **Amen.**

## INTROIT

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

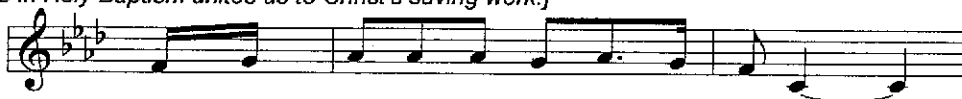
- P** *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,*  
**C** **and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.**  
**P** *O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;*  
**C** **the earth is full of your creatures.**  
**P** *These all look to you,*  
**C** **to give them their food in due season.**  
**P** *When you give it to them, they gather it up;*  
**C** **when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**  
**P** *When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,*  
**C** **and you renew the face of the ground.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

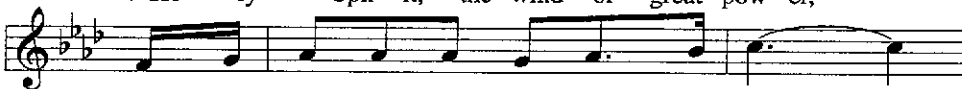
- P** *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,*  
**C** **and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE *Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven* **LSB 502**

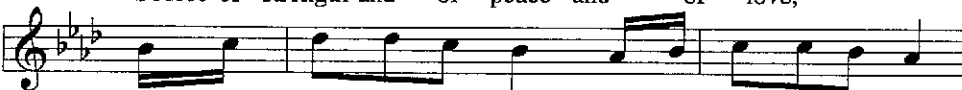
*["Chrism" refers to the anointing of the baptized with oil to symbolize the Holy Spirit, whose powerful presence in Holy Baptism unites us to Christ's saving work.]*



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, the dove sent from heav - en,  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, the fire - ce - les - tial,  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, the unc - tion of bless - ing,  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, the wind of great pow - er,



Ev - er one with the One who is Three,  
Who on Pen - te - cost came as fore - told,  
Sa - cred oil of the green ol - ive tree,  
Source of strength and of peace and of love,



From the Fa - ther You came, Words of peace to pro - claim,  
To de - scend from on high And the Church oc - cu - py  
Giv - ing heat, giv - ing light, As the tent lamps ig - nite  
Tru - est Com - fort - er, plead, As You bring all our need



Come and com - fort us, speak ten - der - ly.  
As the cloud filled the tem - ple of old;  
And as Aar - on praised God joy - ful - ly.  
To the throne of God's glo - ry a - bove.

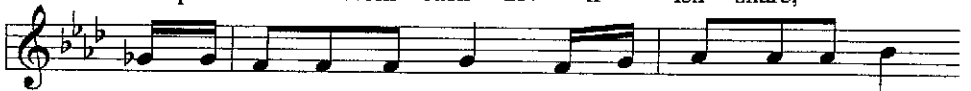
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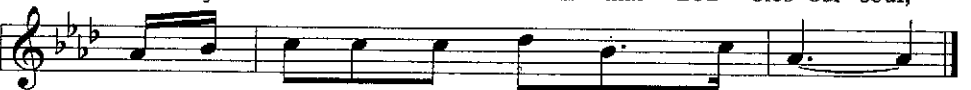
You, the fra - grance of life we are seek - ing;  
 All the bap - tized You seal with Your prom - ise,  
 Bless - ed liv - ing and life - giv - ing wa - ter,  
 Be the light that en - light - ens the Scrip - tures;



Fill Your tem - ple, Your al - tar make clean.  
 All be - liev - ers Your gift there re - ceive,  
 Now pre - serve us from e - vil with - in;  
 Keep our feet from each dev - il - ish snare;



Joy - ous shel - ter of love, Gra - cious friend from a - bove,  
 So that all the e - lect— All in Christ— may ex - pect  
 For in Je - sus, God's Son, All be - liev - ers are one  
 On - ly You can make whole All that trou - bles our soul;



In Your care we are rest - ing, se - rene.  
 To en - joy what by grace they be - lieve.  
 In this wash - ing that cleans - es from sin.  
 By Your chris - m, Christ's tri - umph we share.

**[repeat first 4 lines of verse 1.]**

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.*      **G** *And also with you.*  
**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 READING

*Ezekiel 37:1–14*

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- P** *This is the Word of the Lord.*      **G** *Thanks be to God.*

## CHORAL SELECTION [congregation to join in the Antiphon – see insert]

## SECOND READING

*Acts 2:1–21*

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- P** *This is the Word of the Lord.*      **G** *Thanks be to God.*

# GRADUAL

Acts 2:17b; Romans 10:10

All: I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. With the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

# HOLY GOSPEL

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

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

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

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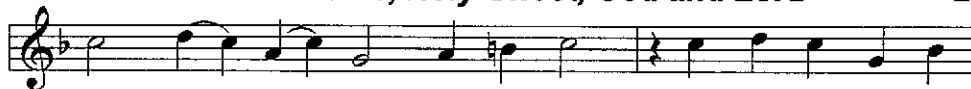
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

# HYMN OF THE DAY

## Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

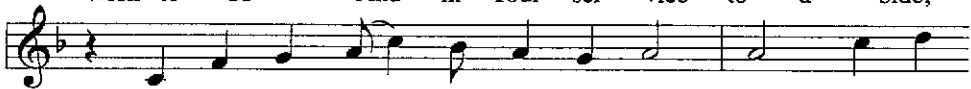
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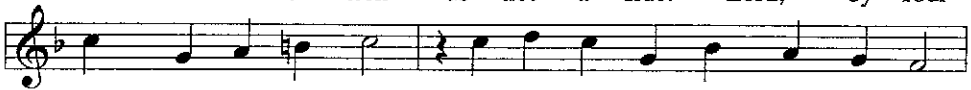
1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es  
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of  
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



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;



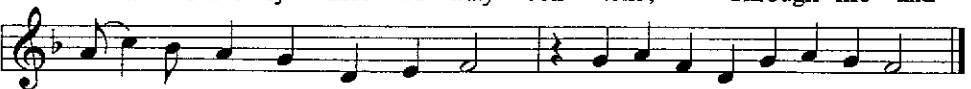
Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the  
 And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry  
 Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your



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

## "IN THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES"

Ezekiel 37:1-14

- I. The Spirit of God breathed new life into the dry bones in Ezekiel's vision.
- II. The Spirit of God breathes new life into our souls today.

## ♪ APOSTLE'S CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And 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 there He will come to judge the living and the dead. 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. Amen.

## 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. Grant Your blessing, O Lord, on the Church here and in all places, that You will confirm it in the Gospel, inspire it with unity and concord, and extend and prosper it throughout the world. Grant that the Holy Spirit continually call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the Church and keep it in the one true faith. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** *Confident of Your care, we pray for our families, those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship, and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also, we pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all those in need, [especially . . .]. Grant that the Holy Spirit move us to be those who live out our Gospel calling in deeds of love. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** *Bless, we pray You, the nations of the world that there be times of peace and security. Remember in Your grace our schools, hospitals, homes for the aged, and all charitable institutions. Bless those who minister to human need, whether of body, mind, or spirit, and grant them wisdom, strength, and love for You and those in their care. Let Your blessing rest upon the seedtime and harvest, commerce and industry, leisure and the arts, and culture of our people. Take under Your special protection those whose toil is difficult or dangerous and be with all who contribute to the well-being of our society. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** *Merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives until that day when we share in the marriage supper of the Lamb and in Your glorious presence in heaven. **C** Amen.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, 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.**

## 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.*

**G** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

### *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

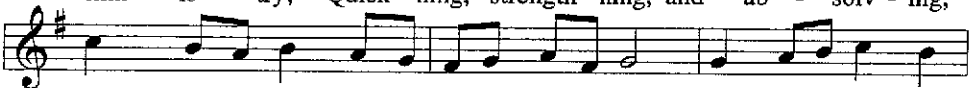
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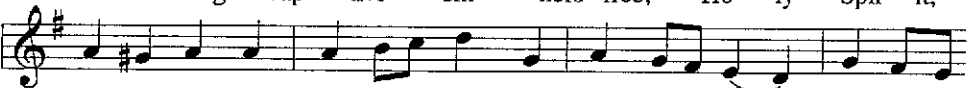
1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's



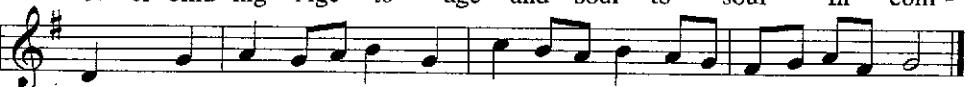
realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing  
ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing  
min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,



O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,  
Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,  
Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,



ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,  
ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we  
ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -



life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.  
praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.  
mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: Renee Ortado]

## POSTLUDE

### *"Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"*

by Jeffrey Blersch

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 Counter ..... Carl Kurth  
 Elder on Duty ..... Doug Harder  
 Organist / Music Director ..... Beth Buss  
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**Pentecost**



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*For Christine Mackey*

## Come, Holy Spirit

Attr. Rabanus Maurus, 776–856

Tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.

James Marriott

**Antiphon:** *(sung by the choir)*

Come, Holy Spirit, make Your home in our hearts.

Come, Holy Spirit, Your grace and truth to impart.

**Verse 1:**

To You, the Counselor, we cry,

To You, the gift of God Most High;

The fount of life, the fire of love,

The soul's anointing from above.

**Antiphon:** *(sung by all)*



**Verse 2:**

Your light to ev'ry thought impart,

And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;

The weakness of our mortal state

With deathless might invigorate.

**Antiphon**

**Verse 3:**

Teach us to know the Father, Son,

And You, from both, as Three in One

That we Your name may ever bless

And in our lives the truth confess.

**Antiphon**

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