

Eastertide

JUNE 8, 2025 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

DAY OF PENTECOST



I BELIEVE THAT I CANNOT BY MY OWN REASON OR STRENGTH BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, MY LORD, OR COME TO HIM; BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS CALLED ME BY THE GOSPEL, ENLIGHTENED ME WITH HIS GIFTS, SANCTIFIED AND KEPT ME IN THE TRUE FAITH. IN THE SAME WAY HE CALLS, GATHERS, ENLIGHTENS, AND SANCTIFIES THE WHOLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON EARTH AND KEEPS IT WITH JESUS CHRIST IN THE ONE TRUE FAITH.

-SMALL CATECHISM. PART II. THE APOSTLES' CREED.

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

“Our churches are falsely accused of abolishing the Mass. The Mass is held among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved”. -Augsburg Confession. Article XXIV. The Mass. 1-2a.



PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 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!

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EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

- 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.

[Hebrews 10:22]

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

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

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Please remain standing upright during Eastertide in honor of our Lord's rising from the tomb.

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

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Third Commandment:

- *Do I despise the Word by neglect or by paying little or no attention when it is read or preached?*
- *Am I faithful in the Divine Service, or do I attend sporadically, preferring to be elsewhere when the Church is at worship?*
- *Do I pray for my pastor and support his efforts to guard Christ's flock from error?*

- 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.

[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 68:1, 4a, c, 11a, 33b, 35a; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Psalm 68:3



L The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alle- | luia.*
The righteous | shall be glad.
They shall exult be- | fore God;*
they shall be jubilant with joy! Alle- | luia.

L God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;*
and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!

C Sing to God, sing praises | to his name;*
exult be- | fore him!

L The LORD | gives the word;*
behold, he sends out his voice, his | mighty voice.

C Awesome is God from his sanctu- | ary;*
the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his | people.



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.

L The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alle- | luia.*
The righteous | shall be glad.
They shall exult be- | fore God;*
they shall be jubilant with joy! Alle- | luia.

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

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

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Refrain

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.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

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.

C **Amen.**

Sitting

PROPHECY

Genesis 11:1-9

A The Prophecy for the Day of Pentecost is from Genesis, chapter eleven.

A In those days: The whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the LORD

said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1–11

A The Second Reading is from Acts, chapter two.

A In those days: When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were

confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Standing

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 104:30; Liturgical Text

C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

L When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

L Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

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 thence 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.

CATECHETICAL RECITATION

The Eighth Commandment

P What is the Eighth Commandment?

C You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 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.

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SERMON



Standing

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

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.

Sitting

OFFERING

Standing

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

P Gracious Lord, Your Spirit fills the world and gladdens Your Church with the remembrance of all Christ Jesus has spoken. Comfort us with divine peace, and do not let our hearts be troubled or afraid. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You delivered Your Word through Moses and the prophets and fulfilled Your Word in Christ. He was planted in death for our sins and raised for our justification, and in Him shall all the nations of the earth be united. Give us pastors who will preach this truth faithfully and church workers who are devoted to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, You have poured out the Holy Spirit upon us, that we might believe Your truth and raise our sons and daughters in it. Bless all parents, that they may faithfully catechize their children in Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, Giver of the Holy Spirit, guide the nations and those who lead them, especially our own president, governor, and all elected and appointed leaders. Keep them accountable to You, and guide them on the paths of justice, freedom and peace. Protect and defend our armed forces as they work to protect and defend us across the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We call on Your name, O Lord, praying in Your Spirit to help and save all [*especially* _____]. Renew the face of the earth, look with favor on Your creatures and fill the hearts of Your faithful, kindling in them the fire of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, by Your Holy Spirit, convict us of sin, of righteousness in Christ and of the judgments of Your Holy Word. Sanctify our hearts by the forgiveness of sins, and make us fit partakers of Christ's holy body and precious blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, with Your Son, Jesus Christ, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts through Your Word to rule and govern us according to Your will. Comfort us in every temptation and misfortune and defend us against every error, that we may continue steadfast in the faith, increase in love and good works, and — trusting firmly in Your grace — obtain eternal salvation; 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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

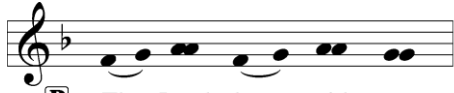
Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

Please remain standing.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



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.

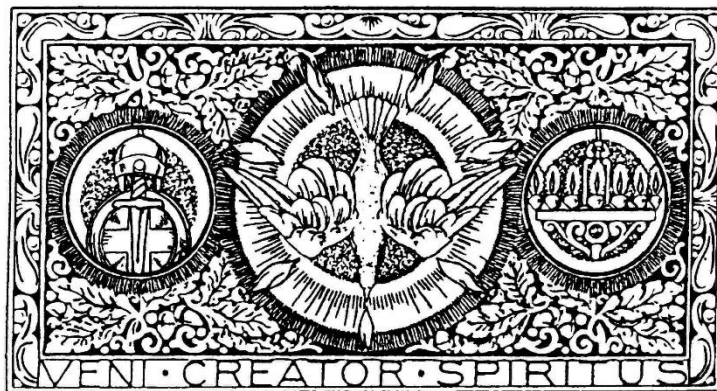


P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



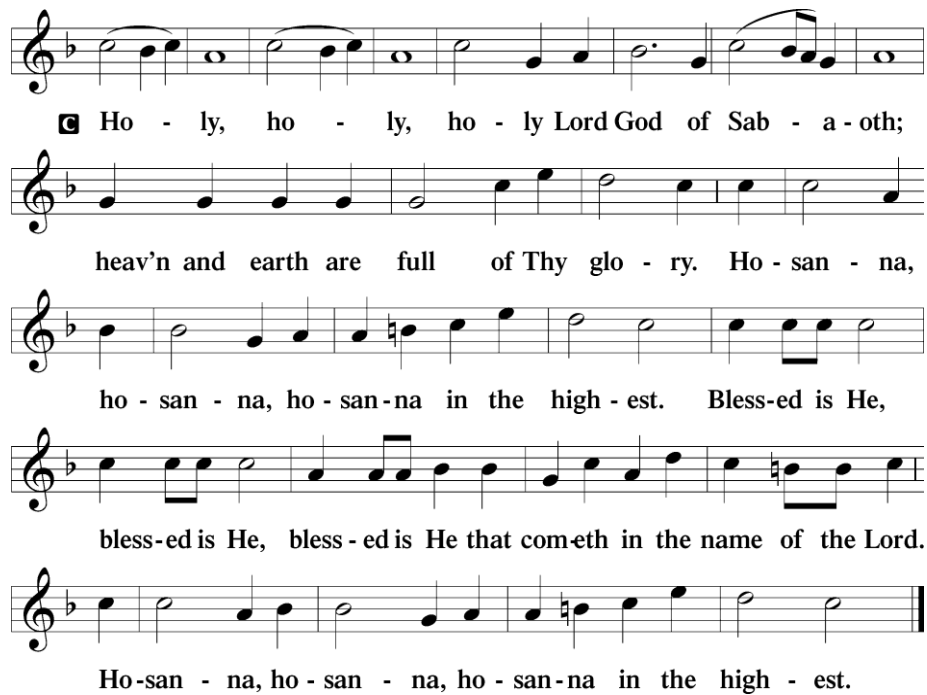
C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



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,
bless-ed is He, bless - 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.

Please remain standing upright during Eastertide in honor of our Lord's rising from the tomb.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- 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

Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My [†] bod - y, which is giv-en for you.
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in
My [†] blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

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

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

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.

Sitting

About participation in the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 907

"God Himself Is Present"



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
 2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
 3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
 See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
 ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
 an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
 an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
 ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
 Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
 Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

Lutheran Service Book 693

"O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our Lord and Sav - ior
 2 Help us that we Thy sav - ing Word In faith - ful hearts may trea - sure;
 3 And when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter hour im - pend - ing,



In faith and fer - vent love em - brace And tru - ly serve Him ev - er.
 Let e'er that Bread of Life af - ford New grace in rich - est mea - sure.
 Then may Thy work in us be - gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing,



The hour of death can - not bring loss When we are shel - tered
 O make us die to ev - 'ry sin, Each day cre - ate new
 Un - til we glad - ly may com - mend Our souls in - to our



by the cross That can - celed our trans - gres - sions.
 life with - in, That fruits of faith may flour - ish.
 Sav - ior's hand, The crown of life ob - tain - ing.

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

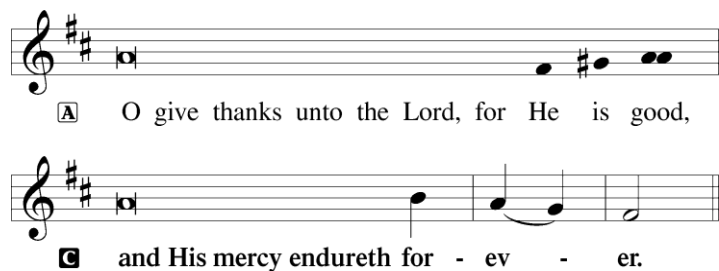
Luke 2:29-32



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

Psalms 107:1



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray.
O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1



P The Lord be with you.

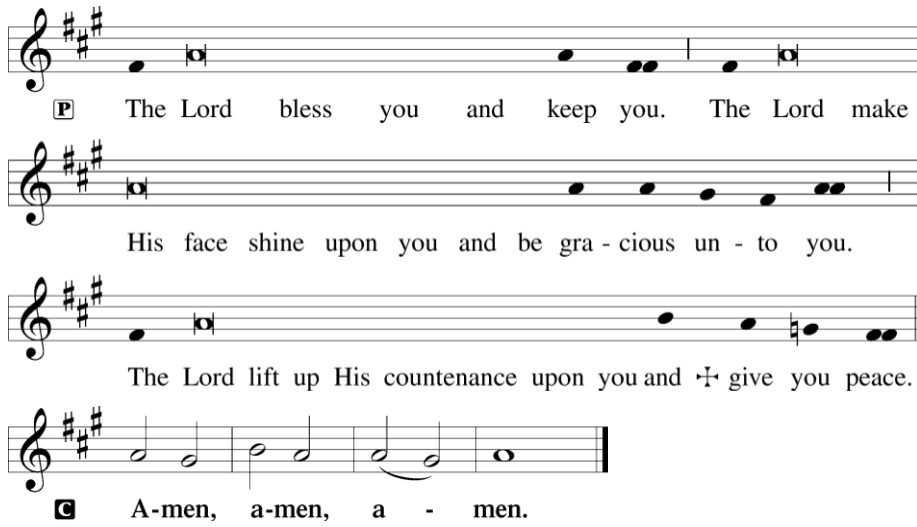
C And with thy spir - it.

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C A-men, a-men, a - men.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 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



SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

Altar Assistant(s)

Jason Schoellen, *Elder*

Emilie Schoellen, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

Pianist

Zac Lavender

Altar Guild

Whitney Worthington/Margaret Beckman

Usher(s)

Nathan May/Joel May

(Trevor Dunkel)

Fellowship Host(s)

The May family

SERVING NEXT WEEK

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Organist

Abby Warnke, *Director of Music*

Cantor

Adrian Popescu

Musician(s)

Will Davis, trumpet

Patty Harmon, French horn

Altar Guild

Jeni Miller/Ryan Licht/Kati Durden

Usher(s)

Eli May/Joel May

(Trevor Dunkel)

Fellowship Host(s)

The Schoellen family

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OVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE GREATEST AND MOST IMPORTANT
COMMANDMENT. THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS
YOURSELF.”

-JESUS CHRIST (MT. 22:37-39)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 6/8	The Day of Pentecost Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The History of the Kingdom of Israel</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Open Arms Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Following Fellowship Hour
Monday 6/9	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 6/10	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 6/11	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:15 AM
Thursday 6/12	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 6/13	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 6/14	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 6/15	The Holy Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The History of the Kingdom of Israel</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour † Donald Licht † Funeral Luncheon	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Noon Following Funeral

LOVING THE LORD

✝ **No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study June 22, 29, or July 6.**

✝ **Adult Bible Study: *The History of the Kingdom of Israel***

Sundays, through June 15 at 9:00 A.M.

Church fellowship hall

A barren woman's miraculous pregnancy. God passed over for a human king. The wicked sons of a righteous prophet. A king's crimes of murder and adultery. A son's coup against his father's throne. A prophet's persecution. The Word of God lost and found again. These are just a handful of what you will encounter in this provocative Bible study covering the history of the kingdom of Israel. We began with 1 and 2 Samuel, now we will pick up with 1 Kings, as we continue the turbulent history of God's people and their Lord's unwavering faithfulness.

✝ **Summer Adult Bible Study: *The Books of the Church***

Sundays, beginning July 13 at 9:00 A.M.

Church fellowship hall

God has blessed us with His inspired Word in the canon of Holy Scripture. From Genesis to Revelation, God has given us everything we need to establish the doctrine of His Church. Nevertheless, there are ecclesiastical texts that, while not inspired by the Holy Spirit, are still helpful in recording the history of God's people and clarifying biblical contexts. Even Martin Luther retained many of these texts in his German translation of the Bible. Lutherans since have also included them in their daily lectionary. And the Jews in Jesus' day made frequent use of them in their Septuagint (Greek translation of the Old Testament).

This might explain why the Bible itself makes references to them. For example, when Jesus calls Himself "the Light of the world" (John 8:12), it's in the context of Hanukkah which originated in 1 Maccabees. And the author of Hebrews refers to Tobit when he says, "some have entertained angels unawares" (13:2), and 2 Maccabees when Hebrews says, "women received back their dead, raised to life again" (11:35). Because these texts have been judged as worthwhile reading in the Church, yet not to detract from God's inspired Word in Sunday Adult Bible Class, we would like to begin a supplemental Small Group Bible Study.

Concordia Publishing House (LCMS) has compiled *The Apocrypha: The Lutheran Edition with Notes*. It is available for purchase at \$44.99 through its website (cph.org). This is a nice companion volume to your *Lutheran Study Bible*. However, a bare bones version of the texts is also available at no cost online via apocrypha.org.

✝ Sermons on YouTube

Missed a sermon? Had to walk out halfway through? Want to hear it again? No problem! Most sermons are now being recorded and posted to an official YouTube channel for you to watch at your leisure. Simply type in <https://www.youtube.com/@lcaatlanta> and you will be directed to the YouTube page where you have access to Pastor Miller's sermons online. Sermons are posted in the order of the date they were preached.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

✝ In Memoriam ✝ Donald Licht ✝

Sunday June 15 at noon

Church sanctuary, with luncheon to follow in fellowship hall

A funeral will be held in memory of our brother in the faith, Donald Licht. While many of us never got the chance to meet him, we have come to know his family. Namely, his wife Betty, and sons Jon and Ryan. His other son Matthew will also be in attendance. This will be a time of comfort and healing as we hear again our hope in the Gospel of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, who gives life to all those who fall asleep in Him. Thank you for your support and prayers!

✝ Thank You from the Rev. Dr. James A. Clark

Dear Pastor Miller and Ascension congregation,

Many thanks to Pastor David Miller and the kind folks at LCA for including in Sunday's Mass the Order for the Anniversary of an Ordination on the 55th anniversary of my ordination into the Lutheran ministry. The service and reception were beautiful and very much appreciated. I am grateful to have served Ascension as interim pastor when I first retired in 2008 ff. Ascension is a fine and committed congregation led by a dedicated pastor. Thank you!

In nomine Jesu

Pastor James A. Clark+

✝ **Thank You from Charles Schnell, seminarist**

Dear LCA,

Thank you very much for supporting me as an adopting congregation this year! I'm very thankful I came to seminary. It is a joy and honor to study God's Word and train to be a pastor. Your support helped make this possible. It was also a treat to see you in Jan. Next year, I plan to study in Germany. I look forward to telling you all about it!

*Pax Domini,
Charles*

✝ **Ascension Summer Picnic**

Sunday, July 13 following Holy Mass (Rain Date: July 20)
Church front lawn

This summer, Ascension is excited to host her first ever annual summer picnic! All are welcome to join us! Tables and chairs will be set up on the front drive. Various lawn games and activities will be made available for all ages. Grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, as well as cold beverages, will also be provided. Participants are asked to please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share. Thank you to the Men's Group for helping to cook, set up, and tidy up after the event!

✝ **Men's Bible Breakfast: The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

Saturday, July 26 at 9:00 A.M.
Church overflow room

Join the guys for a time of fellowship over breakfast, as well as feasting on God's Word. This time we'll be looking closely at the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit as they are laid out in Isaiah 11:1-3. Considering these gifts, does the Holy Spirit give these gifts to us as believers? If so, how and why? Consider the power of the Holy Spirit already at work in you! We will talk about these things and more. Please join us!

Coming Soon:

- ✝ Men's Group Tubing on the Chattahoochee
- ✝ Men's Group Atlanta Braves Event

LIFTING HOLY HANDS

Celebrations

Birthdays:

- + Bekah Beckman, 6/11
- + Emilie Schoellen, 6/11

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):

- + Jack Morr, 6/13
- + Eileen Buehl, 6/14

Wedding Anniversaries:

- + None this week

Membership Anniversaries:

- + Jack Morr, 6/13
- + John Kateen, 6/14

Recent Requests

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- + Bill Bigelow (brother of Anne Bigelow)
- + Hellen Kalugendo
- + Samantha Salgado (wife of Homero Salgado)
- + Samantha Scaglione (sister-in-law of Margaret Beckman)
- + Pat Vines (mother of Darlene Beckman's friend)
- + Jason Wilson (coworker of Hellen Kalugendo)

Special Prayers

- + Health and safety of all expecting mothers and their children, especially Margaret Beckman and baby.
- + Steady employment and fair wages for the unemployed, especially Jill Drachenberg.
- + Family and friends of Donald Licht, for the peace of Christ in their hearts at this time of grief.
- + Growth in faith and sanctification for all confirmands and adult catechumens, especially those currently going through Christian instruction at Ascension.

Ongoing Requests

For family and friends of the congregation:

- + David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- + David and Phyllis Beckman (parents of Brian Beckman)
- + Will Edinger (friend of the Beckmans)
- + Ruth Henry
- + Dee Keiger (sister of Eileen Buehl)
- + Betty Licht
- + Jean Meyers (former member of Ascension)
- + Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)
- + Charles Schnell (former member), for his formation as a pastor.

For the leaders of Church and state:

- + Director Barbara Collins-Hopkins & Open Arms Board
- + English District Bishop Jeffrey G. Miskus & all district officials
- + LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- + Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension
- + Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic
- + President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials



CHRIST DID NOT EARN ONLY GRATIA, 'GRACE,' FOR US, BUT ALSO DONUM, 'THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,' SO THAT WE MIGHT HAVE NOT ONLY FORGIVENESS OF, BUT ALSO CESSATION OF, SIN.

-MARTIN LUTHER. *LUTHER'S WORKS* (VOL. 41, PG. 114).



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