

# PENTECOST

MAY 19, 2024

## WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Christ Jesus. As we worship, we pray that you will open your heart in preparation as our Savior comes to us through the word and sacraments. If you are a guest, please sign your name, address and most importantly your phone number in our Guest Book in the entrance and come and worship with us again. If we can be of assistance to you in your spiritual walk through life please let us know.



## COMMUNION PRACTICE

Lamb of God celebrates the Lord's Supper 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 one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in 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 yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see MATTHEW 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-34.

## CAUTION

It is prudent and wise to let our church family know you have broken people sitting around you; this is a place for the broken as Jesus describes in the gospels. We have/may have folks in the congregation that have been alcoholics, drug abusers, spousal abusers, formerly violent and even sexual offenders. This is a house for the broken. We certainly understand that this is a Lamb of God Lutheran Church Ministry and have taken diligent steps to create a safe environment for all who would like to worship our Father.

## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

***We are very happy that you are here today, whether this is your first or fiftieth time with us. If you need a little help, please ask. There are many people here at Lamb of God who will lend you a hand.***

**Here are some suggestions to help make worship with your children easier:**

- ✠ **Relax!** Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Lamb of God.
- ✠ **Please dare to sit toward the front**, where your children can easily see the pastor, note the colors, embrace the action at the altar, and wonder at the symbols in the great stained-glass windows. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- ✠ **Explain** the parts of the Divine Service to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And with your spirit! I believe! Our Father!* All of this belongs to them, too.
- ✠ **Sing the hymns**, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn by following your lead.
- ✠ **If you have to leave the service** with your child, feel free to do so – but please hurry back! Like Jesus, we want your children in the Liturgy, not out (there are soft toys and books in the nursery, and activity sheets with colored pencils in the fellowship hall which can be brought into the worship hall to help engage your child)
- ✠ **Remember** that the way we nurture children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.
- ✠ **Please know** that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words **"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these"** (LUKE 18:16)

***We know that your children are a gift to the church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help, and bless you all.***

## + PREPARATION +

### HYMN OF INVOCATION

498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make  
4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed  
6 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And You,  
△ 7 Praise we the Fa - ther and the Son And Ho -



our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and  
Your love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our  
from both, as Three in One That we Your name may  
ly Spir - it, with them One, And may the Son on



heav'n-ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.  
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.  
ev - er bless And in our lives the truth con - fess.  
us be - stow The gifts that from the Spir - it flow!

Text: attr. Rabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt. Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1533, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug

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### 🕯 INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

📖 In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

🗨 Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES

John 7:37–39

📖 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

🗨 **Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”**

📖 Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive.

🗨 **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- 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. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**



**+ WORD +**

## PROPER

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

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

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 154

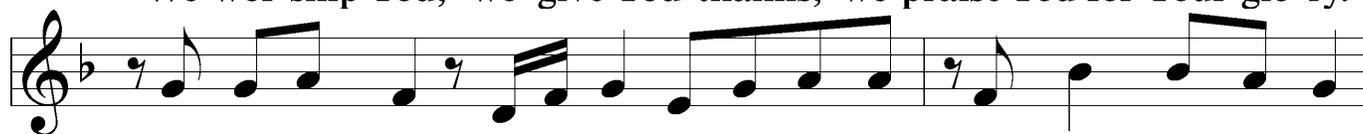
**L** Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to His people on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Ezekiel 37:1–14*

**L** The Old Testament reading is from Ezekiel, the thirty-seventh chapter.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>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.”

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy 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.”

<sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>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.’ <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>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.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** *(Responsive)*

*Psalm 139:1–12*

- L** <sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me!  
<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- C** <sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
<sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue,  
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.  
<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is high; I cannot attain it.  
<sup>7</sup>Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
Or where shall I flee from your presence?  
<sup>8</sup>If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!  
<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
<sup>10</sup>even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me.  
<sup>11</sup>If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light about me be night,”  
<sup>12</sup>even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light with you.
- L** <sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me!  
<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.



## SECOND READING

Acts 2:1–21

**L** The Second reading is from Acts, the second chapter.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“*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;*

<sup>18</sup>*even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.*

<sup>19</sup>*And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;*

<sup>20</sup>*the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,*

*before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.*

<sup>21</sup>*And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord  
shall be saved.”*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Acts 2:17b; Romans 10:10*

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

## ♩ ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*John 6:68 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*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>[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. <sup>27</sup>And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. . . .

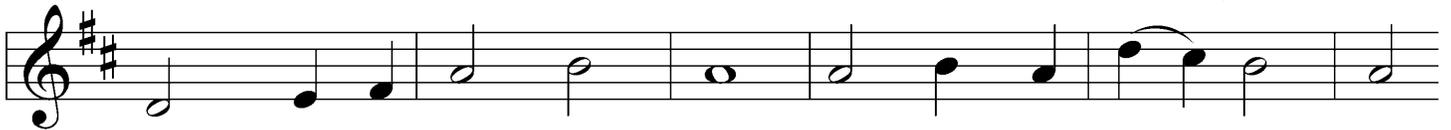
“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I tell you 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. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

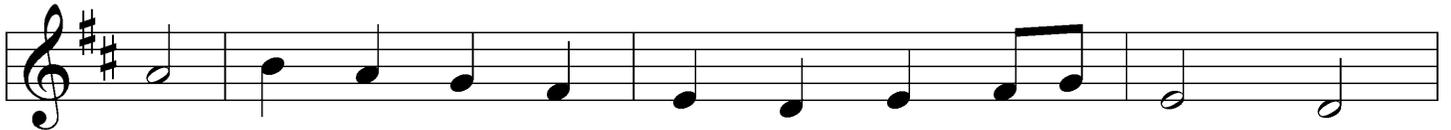
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

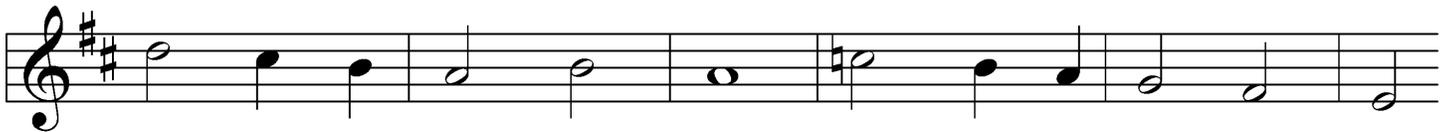
501 *Come Down, O Love Divine*



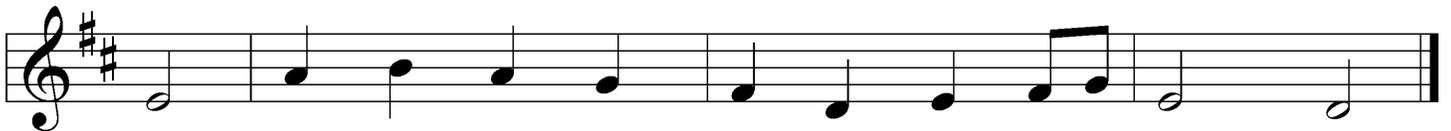
1 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,  
2 O let it free - ly burn, Till world - ly pas - sions turn  
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be  
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,



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



## ↑ CREED

*Nicene Creed* LSB p 158

**☐ 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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**



## ⬇ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** 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 mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For an abundance of the fruits of the earth and for a plentiful harvest, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the sick, the suffering, and the dying, [especially . . .], let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For an increase of the Spirit and the work of witness, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For pastors, teachers, missionaries, church workers, and all who proclaim the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For unity in the congregations and for the unity of the church, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For a spirit of repentance and renewal, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for a spirit of reconciliation and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

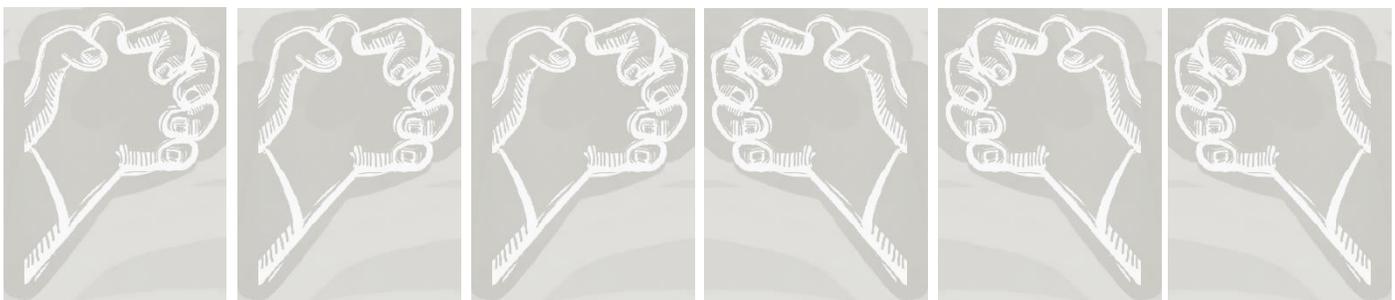
**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** In thanksgiving for those who have gone before and for our faithfulness unto death that we may receive the crown of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.



## OFFERING

*Offering Plates are Passed by Ushers  
Please enter your attendance in the red Record of Fellowship*

## OFFERTORY

*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19 LSB p 159*



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.



Give  
unto the Lord

## + SACRAMENT +

### Ⓜ PREFACE

Ⓜ The Lord be with you.

Ⓜ And also with you.

Ⓜ Lift up your hearts.

Ⓜ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓜ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

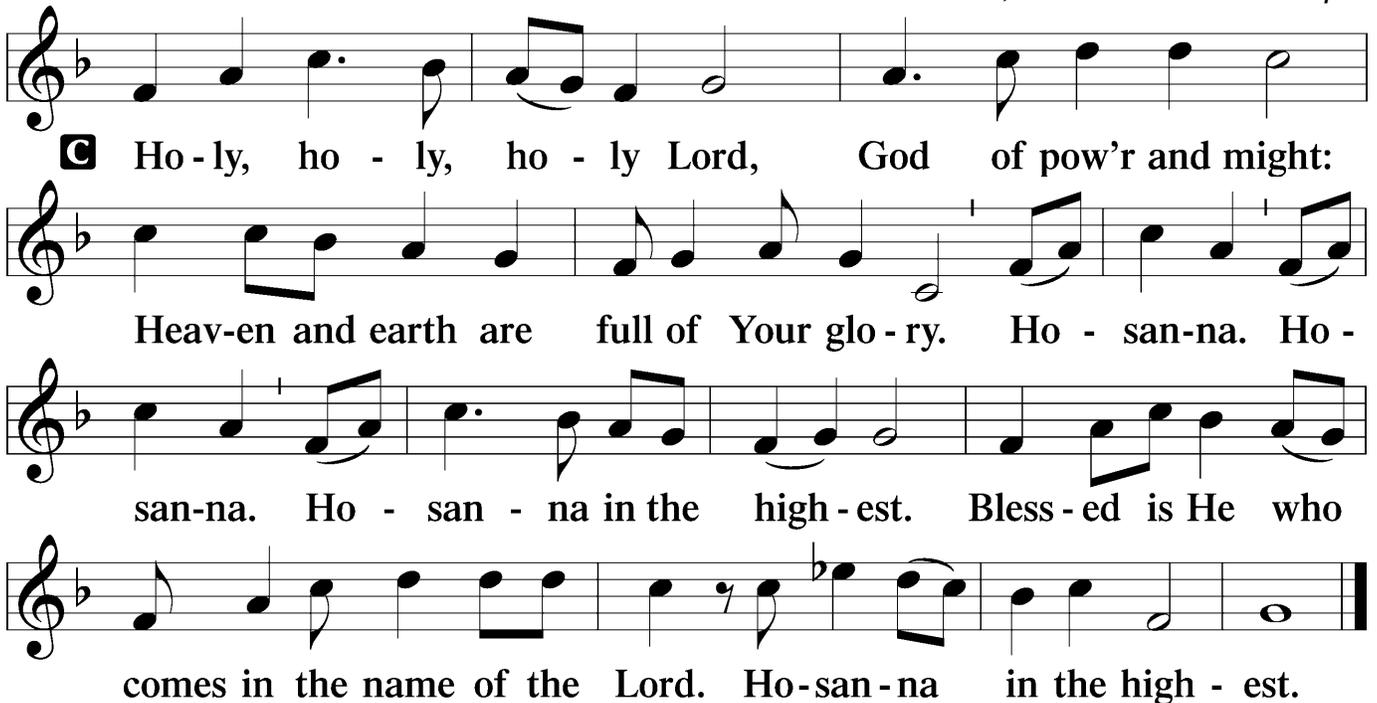
Ⓜ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

Ⓜ 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

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB p 161*



Ⓜ 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

**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.

## 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."



## 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:

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13 LSB p 162

**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.

## PAX DOMINI

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

## AGNUS DEI

John 1:29 LSB p 163

**C** 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.

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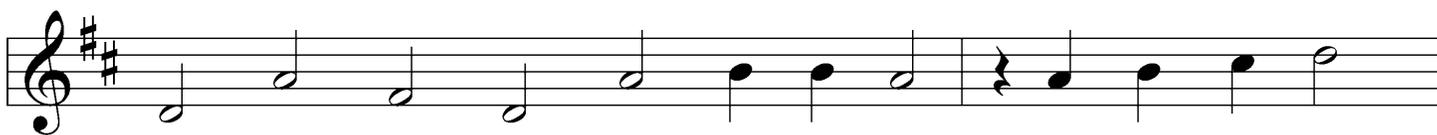
913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In



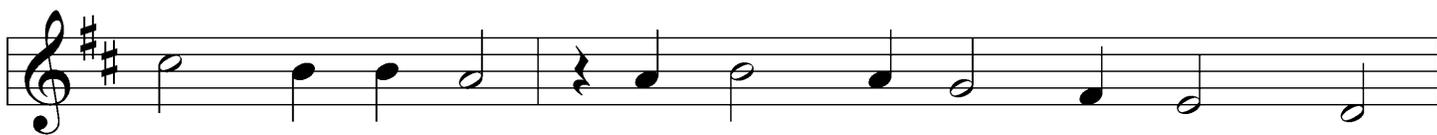
1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts  
 2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts  
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.  
 from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,  
 in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in  
 That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -  
 That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us  
 ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.  
 and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing  
 Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing  
 Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.  
 And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.  
 Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

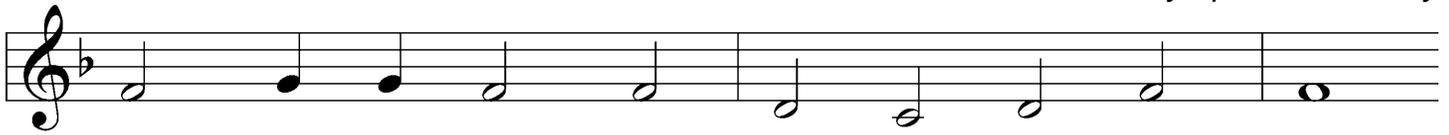
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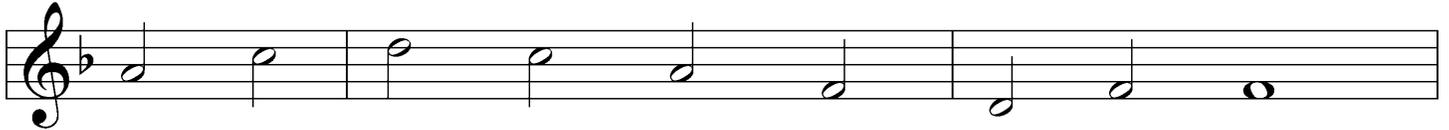
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# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray



1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray  
2 O sweet - est Love, Your grace on us be - stow;  
3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,  
4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;



For the true faith need - ed on our way  
Set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow  
Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed  
Teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right



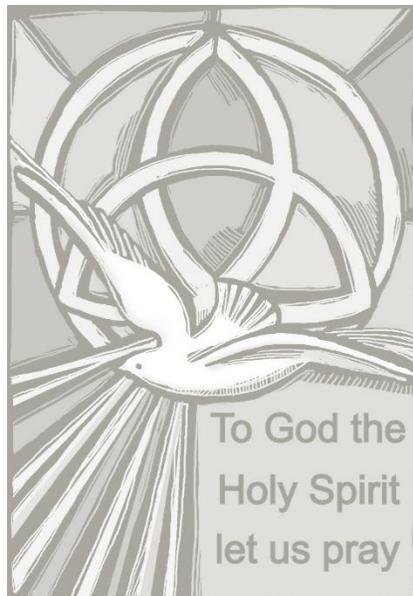
That He may de - fend us when life is end - ing And from  
That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, Ev - 'ry  
That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us When the  
That we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, Till to



ex - ile home we are wend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!  
strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!  
foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!  
our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: tr. Worship Supplement, 1969, alt.; (st. 1): German, c. 13th cent.; (sts. 2-4): Martin Luther, 1483-1546  
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# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

500 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions  
 2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, The bear - er of God's  
 3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; Your sev'n - fold gifts to  
 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame At - tend the al - might - y



first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come,  
 gra - cious might, Thrice - ho - ly fount, thrice - ho - ly fire, Our  
 us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And  
 Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior - Son be glo - ri - fied, Who



pour Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row  
 hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire; Your sa - cred, heal - ing  
 prac - tice all that we be - lieve; Give us Your - self that  
 for all hu - man - kind has died; To You, O Par - a -



set us free; May we Your liv - ing tem - ples be.  
 mes - sage bring To sanc - ti - fy us as we sing.  
 we may see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.  
 clete, we raise Un - end - ing songs of thanks and praise.

Text: attr. Rabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. John Dryden, 1631–1700, alt.

Tune: Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder, 1541, Strassburg, alt.

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## ♩ NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29–32 LSB p.211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray: Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAYS

## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26 LSB p 166

**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** Amen.

## DISMISSAL HYMN

852 O God of Mercy, God of Might



1 O God of mer - cy, God of might, In love and  
2 And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die That our lost  
5 In sick - ness, sor - row, want, or care, May we each  
6 And may Thy Ho - ly Spir - it move All those who



pit - y in - fi - nite, Teach us, as ev - er  
world might live there - by, O hear us; for to  
oth - er's bur - dens share; May we, where help is  
live to live in love Till Thou shalt greet in



in Thy sight, To live our lives in Thee.  
Thee we cry, In hope, O Lord, to Thee.  
need - ed, there Give help as un - to Thee!  
heav'n a - bove All those who live in Thee.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.

Tune: Samuel Howard, 1710–82

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## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen!

