

And they were all filled with the

# HOLY SPIRIT.

ACTS 2:4

## Pentecost

*WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
THE DAY OF PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023*



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**PRELUDE**

*It's the Spirit of God!*

*St. John Choir*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: Most merciful God...

**C: have mercy on us. We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

P: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants your newness of life in Jesus Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**GATHERING SONG**

*Spirit of Gentleness*

*Hymn #396*

### **GREETING AND KYRIE:**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

# KYRIE

*Assistant:* In peace, in peace,

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,  
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have  
mer - cy.

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is for the Assistant and the second and third staves are for the Congregation. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The Assistant's part is a single line of music, while the Congregation's part is split across two staves.

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... **(refrain)** ↑

*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... **(refrain)** ↑

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O God.  
A - - - men.

The musical score is written on two staves. The first staff is for the Assistant and the second staff is for the Congregation. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Help, save and de - fend us, O God. A - - - men." The Assistant's part is a single line of music, while the Congregation's part is a single line of music.

# NOW THE FEAST

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1:

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great  
peo - ple of God. *To refrain*

Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er. *To refrain*

Verse 3

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us,  
to make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new. *To refrain*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

P: O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

**Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

*Reader: The Word of the Lord...* **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all

of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord...*    **C: Thanks be to God**

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia,    Al - le - lu - ia.    Lord, to whom shall we  
go?    You    have    the    words    of    e - ter - nal  
life.    Al - le - lu - ia!    *Repeat optional*

P: Holy Gospel according to St. John

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL**

**John 20:19-23**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas

(who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*P: The Gospel of the Lord...*     **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

## **SERMON**

*Pastor Shawn O'Brien*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*God of Tempest, God Whirlwind*

*Hymn #400*

## **NICENE CREED**

**ALL: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P:** Hear us, O God.

**C:** Your mercy is great.



## OFFERING

P: Generous God,

**C: in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

#### Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath-ered in-to one in you.

#### Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst, \_\_\_\_\_
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written on five staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is labeled 'Presider:' and the second through fifth are labeled 'Congregation:'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 God thanks and praise.'

*Presider:* The Lord be with you. And al - so with

*Congregation:* you. Lift up your hearts. We

*Presider:* lift them to the Lord. Let us give

*Congregation:* thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 1

*Presider:* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

*Congregation:*

Christ has died. Christ is  
ris - en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 2

*Presider:* Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen, Come, Lord Jesus.

*Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -  
men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 3

*Presider:* Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

*Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A -  
men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

## THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

*Congregation:*

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the  
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is  
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.  
A - men.

The image shows a musical score for a congregational song. It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with the word 'Congregation:' in italics. The lyrics are: 'Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is yours, O God, now and for ev - er. A - men.' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some notes beamed together and others held over across bar lines.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen



## LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:* Lamb of God, *Congregation or Assistant:* you take a - way the sin of the

*Congregation:* world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,

*Congregation:* mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:* take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

Welcome!

St. John practices "open communion". All who are baptized and instructed are welcome to share the Lord's Supper with us today. Starting with the right side of the church, followed by the left when they are finished, the pastor will distribute the bread and the communion assistant will serve the wine. We will also have pre-sealed elements available for those who would prefer the more hygienic option (or those who wish to receive grape juice instead of wine). Indicate to the pastor that you would like pre-sealed elements and skip the wine server. Those who wish to receive a blessing should indicate their wishes to the pastor by crossing their arms over their chest.

## TABLE BLESSING

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and for ever.

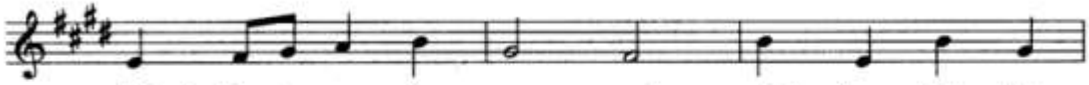
C: Amen.

# THANKS BE TO YOU

*Congregation:*



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



3 Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. 4. se to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: The God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

**C: Amen**

## **SENDING SONG**

*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

*Hymn #890*

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

