

The Day of Pentecost
May 23, 2021
in the 168th Year of the Parish
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Our Mission: “To know Christ and to make Christ known.”

An Order for Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am (LBW setting two)
**Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Air in D*

JS Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY

***PENTECOST DIALOGUE**

P Blessed be God, Father †Son, and Holy Spirit.

C **And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

P God of light, your Spirit has fallen upon us. Your seal of servitude is on us. You have placed the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

C **Your Spirit renews, restores and refines us like tongues of fire.**

P In our rising and our sleeping, in our working and our playing, in our joys and in our sorrows,

C **Your Spirit's brightness dispels our darkness.**

P In our loving and our caring, in our touching and our listening, in our thoughts and in our actions,

C **Your Spirit brings life from death.**

P The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth!

C **Alleluia! Come Holy Spirit!**

***HYMN**

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

**God of tempest, God of whirlwind,
as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service,
there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!**

**God of blazing, God of burning,
all that blocks your purpose, purge!
Through your church, Christ's living Body,
let your flaming Spirit surge!
Where deceit conceals injustice,
kindle us to speak your truth,
kindle us to speak your truth!**

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

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TUNE: CWM RHONDDA

***GREETING**

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.

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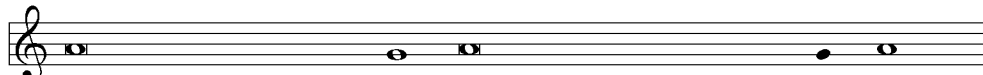
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



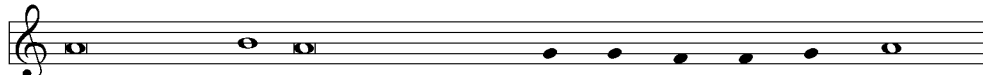
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. Ⓞ A - men

*THIS IS THE FEAST



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. By your Spirit, transform us in your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READINGS

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, and to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

THE FIRST LESSON.....Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12All were amazed and

perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

14But 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. 15Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. 16No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 ‘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.

18Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

19And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

21Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

***PSALM 104:24-34, 35b**

24How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

**25Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to
number, living things both | small and great.**

26There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

**27All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season.**

28You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

29When you hide your face, | they are terrified;

when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.

30 You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

**31 May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.**

32 You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

**33 I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

34 May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

**35b Bless the LORD, | O my soul.
Hal- | lelujah!**

THE SECOND LESSON.....Romans 8:22-27

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

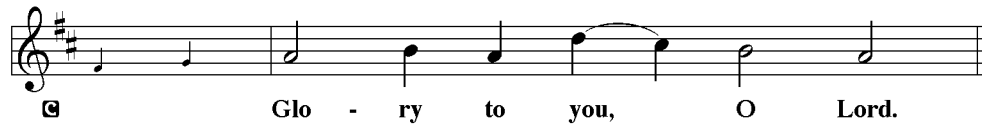
***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL.....John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John

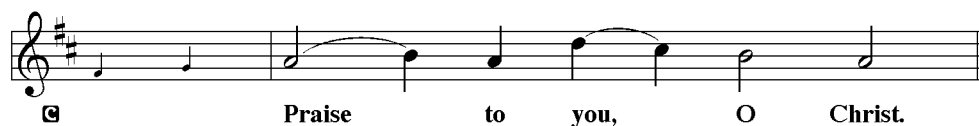


[Jesus said,] 26“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. 27You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

16:4b“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ 6But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. 7Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9about sin, because they do not believe in me; 10about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; 11about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

12“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

***THE NICENE CREED**

P Living together in trust and hope, we affirm our faith:

C 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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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:**

After each petition, "Hear us, O God/Your Mercy is Great.

***THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation greet one another with these or similar words, and/or gestures of peace, with masks in place, avoiding physical touch and consciously staying six feet apart from each other.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are as follows:

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

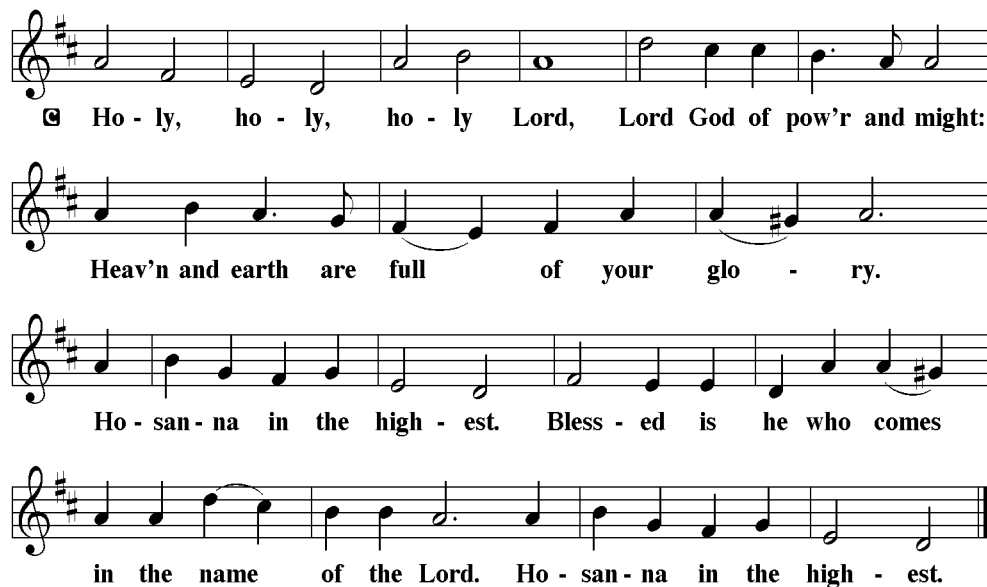
☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who rose beyond the bounds of death and, on this day, as he promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power on your Church. At this the whole earth exalts in boundless joy. And so with your Church on earth and the

hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat, this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink saying:
This is cup is the new covenant in my blood,
she for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

P Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us:

**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

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The Holy Spirit invites you to taste and see that the Lord is good!

C Thanks be to God!

*LAMB OF GOD



☞ 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, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

***HYMN**

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

**O Holy Spirit, root of life,
creator, cleanser of all things:
anoint our wounds, awaken us
with lustrous movement of your wings.**

**O holy Wisdom, soaring power,
encompass us with wings unfurled,
and carry us, encircling all
above, below, and through the world.**

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933, based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1078-1179
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***DISMISSAL**

P Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth!

C Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

***POSTLUDE**

Quest of the Holy Spirit

David Paxton (1934-2015)

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Prayer List: Victims of COVID-19 and their families, Liz Reuskamp, Grace Arner, Diane Damaska, Vanessa Morgan, Gary Clark, Doris Brown, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Patricia Alexander, Joann Zeigler, Diana Zeigler, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Lucille Sider, April Clark, Lenny Sherlinski, Gary Cable, Elsie Sechler, Virginia Pulaskie, Bernadette Jones, Gregg, Kay Poliska, Bunny Ditchfield, Judy Fortin, Roy and Gloria Meyer, Linda DeSeau.

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Lectors 8 am, Becky Pryor/10:30 am, Pam Jensen

Cantor/Songleader Karen Marino (10:30 am)

Organist Sam Robinson

USHERS: May 23

8 am Dick Miller, Herb Poff

10:30 am Mike Jensen - Captain: Gary Weber, Sean Jensen, Shelby Weber, Pam Jensen (side door).

Please Note: Although the Center for Disease Control has provided new guidelines stating that some restrictions have now been lifted, Bishop Collins asks us to please continue to “wear masks when we gather.” Our Congregational Council agrees with our bishop and so as a congregation we will continue to, “stay the course by continuing to follow the precautions that we have put in place.” These include mask-wearing, social distancing, singing and speaking in very low tones, hand washing and using hand sanitizer often, and the use of “celebration cups” for holy communion. A full copy of Bishop Collins' recommendations is included in the June Lion and is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you!

COVID CONTACT: Please note that your attendance at our worship services will be recorded. This serves as a precaution in case contact tracing due to the pandemic is warranted. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Read any good books lately? Faith and Fellowship has temporarily “moved some books” from our church library to the Front Lounge in order to make them more accessible. Stop by the Front Lounge and take a look!

Thank You Kathy Eshelman and Matt Fortin! After many years of service, Kathy Eshelman has “retired” as coordinator of our Stephen Ministers. We thank Kathy for her many years of service and dedication to Stephen Ministry at St. Mark's. Matt Fortin, an experienced Stephen Minister, has agreed to become the new coordinator. Thank You Matt! If you wish to learn more about Stephen Ministry feel free to contact Matt (570-584-6403).

One Worship Time for Summer! Beginning June 6, St. Mark's will offer one Sunday morning worship service at 9:30 am. Our two worship times (8 am and 10:30 am) and Sunday Church School will return in the fall. We will continue to make available video worship from our website and Facebook page so that all may have the option to worship in-person or by way of video.

OUR STEWARDSHIP (5/14/2021-5/17/2021)

Regular Offering	\$3,818.50
Plate Offering	\$ 10.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 120.00
Sunday School Offering	\$ 7.00
Flower Memorials/Tributes	\$ 30.00
Memorials	\$ 70.00

Grand Total \$4,055.50

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God:
In honor of Joyce Hershberger's birthday by Mike, Pam, and Sean Jensen.
In celebration of our St. Mark's Family by the Flower Fund

PENTECOST GERANIUMS are given to the glory of God:

In Loving Memory of:

John C. Rees and Gwyn M. Rees by Ruth Rees
Bob and Shirley Campbell by Bob Campbell and Cathy Fenderson
Harry Osbaugh and Dominic Mariano by Karen and Steve Mariano
Our Fathers, Max and Paul, by Gary and Shelby Weber
Our Parents, Josephine and Allen Malick, by Dave and Cheryl Williams
Deb Holmes by Dave and Cheryl Williams
Julia and Phillip Williams by Dave and Cheryl Williams
Jim Buckman by Deb, Nick and Sean Buckman
Our Parents and Grandparents, Syd and Doris Buckman and
MaryJane and Bucky Ringler by Deb, Nick and Sean Buckman
Our Loved Ones by The Zeigler Family
Bill and Prudy Poff by Steve and Candy Dewar and Herb Poff

Jack and Eleanor Whiting by Herb Poff and Steve and Candy Dewar
Jack and Mary Dewar by Steve and Candy Dewar
My Mother, Betty Jane Avery, by Sally Bjornstad
Otto and Martha Haussmann by Walt and Leah Haussmann
Elmer and Mabel Nelson by Walt and Leah Haussmann
Bob Shaible by the Shaible Family
Eugene and Reba Jacobs by Linda Rosini
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Larson by Roxie Larson
My Sister, Peggy, by Jackie and Mike Kinney
Ray Kinney by Shirley Kinney
Ray Stiller by Mary Ann Stiller
William Hill by Shirley Hill
Our Parents by Ray and Cindy Huff
Leon and Rosena Haines by Dan and Diana Zeigler
Departed Loved Ones by Gregg and Kathy Dancho
Our Parents by Phil and Barb Thomas
Our Parents by Harold and Joyce Hershberger
My Pop-Pop by Pam Jensen
Megan Lynn by Linda and Lou DeSeau
Our Grandparents by Linda and Lou DeSeau
Our Parents by Linda and Lou DeSeau
Our Parents, Richard and Martha Pryor and Shuman and Dolores
Miller, by Tom and Becky Pryor
Mary and Edward Gair, Sr. by the Gair Family

In Honor of:

Our Children, Riley and Stephen, by Gary and Shelby Weber
Our Mothers, Gloria and Ruth, by Gary and Shelby Weber
Our Loved Ones by Jim and Susan Newcomer
Our Grandchildren, Shay, Smith, and Nolan by Gregg and Kathy
Dancho
Our Children by Harold and Joyce Hershberger
Harold and Joyce Hershberger by Mike, Pam and Sean Jensen

Donations to Lutheran World Hunger are given to the glory of God

In Memory of:

My Parents, Helen and Don Ochs, by their son, Michael Ochs