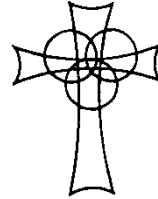


“I will put  
my **SPiRiT**  
within you,  
and you  
shall **LIVE**...”

Ezekiel 37:14, NRSV

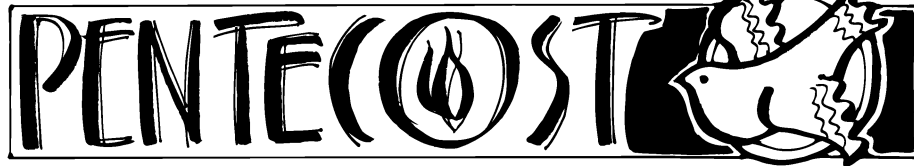
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*The Fiftieth Day of Easter  
May 23, 2021*

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!!!**

***Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

We are glad that you are joining us for worship today. We are an “Easter People.” As such, we celebrate Christ’s victory over sin and death not only one Sunday of the Year, but every Sunday! Jesus Christ is worshipped among us here as the Living Lord and He is seen alive as He comes to us through His Word and the Sacraments. We pray that you will see and meet the same Lord Jesus as you worship with us today.

***A PRAYER AS WE GATHER***

Mighty God, You breathe life into our bones, and Your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by 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. Amen.



**The Festival Divine Service of Word and Sacrament  
on the Day of Pentecost**

*From Divine Service, Setting One  
Lutheran Service Book, Page 151ff*

✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Music for Meditation

The Prelude

“O Day Full of Grace”

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 503*

“O Day Full of Grace”

- 1 O day full of grace that now we see  
Appearing on earth's horizon,  
Bring light from our God that we may be  
Replete in His joy this season.  
God, shine for us now in this dark place;  
Your Name on our hearts emblazon.**
- 2 O day full of grace, O blessèd time,  
Our Lord on the earth arriving;  
Then came to the world that Light sublime,  
Great joy for us all retrieving;  
For Jesus all mortals did embrace,  
All darkness and shame removing.**
- 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own,  
When He on the cross was hanging;  
And then He arose and moved the stone  
That we, unto Him belonging,  
Might join with angelic hosts to raise  
Our voices in endless singing.**

*The Hymn continues on the next page...*

**4 God came to us then at Pentecost,  
His Spirit new life revealing,  
That we might no more from Him be lost,  
All darkness for us dispelling.  
His flame will the mark of sin efface  
And bring to us all His healing.**

**5 When we on that final journey go  
That Christ is for us preparing,  
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,  
All joy of the heavens sharing,  
And walk in the light of God's own place,  
With angels His Name adoring.**

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The Invocation and Easter Acclamation:

*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.

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

**P** Alleluia! The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send,

**C** He will teach you all things. Alleluia!

*from John 14:26*

**P** Alleluia! Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**C** and renew a right spirit within me. Alleluia!

*Psalms 51:10*

**P** The Spirit of truth will convict the world of guilt about sin, righteousness, and judgment. Through sins committed in thought, word, and deed, we have grieved the Holy Spirit. Moved by the Spirit, let us open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*from John 16:8*

*Silence is kept for a time of reflection and self-examination*

**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. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

✠ **The Service of the Word** ✠

The Introit of the Day

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

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

The *Kyrie Eleison* Litany:

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



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**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 mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** A - men.



*Refrain*

**C** 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.

*Alleluia!*

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**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** A - men.

*The Congregation is seated.*

The Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

<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, “Prophecy 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, “Prophecy 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.

<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.

*The Congregation rises.*



The Gradual and Alleluia Verse:

*Acts 2:17b; Romans 10:10; and Liturgical Text*

**P** I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.

**C** **With the heart one believes and is justified,  
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

**P** Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

**C** **and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

**P** Alleluia. Through the diversity of tongues,

**C** **You gathered together the nations in the unity of the faith. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel

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

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

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

<sup>15:26</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. ...

<sup>16:4b</sup>“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.**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*The Congregation is seated.*

“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”

- 1** Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,  
And make our hearts Your place of rest;  
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,  
And fill the hearts which You have made.
- 2** To You, the Counselor, we cry,  
To You, the Gift of God Most High;  
The Fount of life, the Fire of love,  
The soul's Anointing from above.
- 3** In You, with graces sevenfold,  
We God's almighty Hand behold  
While You with tongues of fire proclaim  
To all the world His holy Name.
- 4** Your light to ev'ry thought impart,  
And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;  
The weakness of our mortal state  
With deathless might invigorate.
- 5** Drive far away our wily foe,  
And Your abiding peace bestow;  
With You as our protecting Guide,  
No evil can with us abide.
- 6** Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And You, from both, as Three in One  
That we Your Name may ever bless  
And in our lives the truth confess.
- △ 7** Praise we the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
And may the Son on us bestow  
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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The Sermon

*Veni, Creator Spiritus!*

*The Congregation rises.*

✠ **The Service of Baptismal Renewal and Prayer** ✠

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows:

- P** Dear People of God: Our Lord Jesus Christ sealed the Paschal mystery of His Death and Resurrection in His ascension to heaven and in the giving of the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. That same Spirit continues to grow the Church, giving it birth and new life in the waters of Holy Baptism. Rejoicing in the power that the Spirit works in and through God's chosen people, I call upon you, therefore, to renew the vows and promises of our Baptism.
- P** I, therefore, ask you anew: Do you renounce the devil?  
**C** **Yes, I renounce him.**
- P** Do you renounce all his works?  
**C** **Yes, I renounce them.**
- P** Do you renounce all his ways?  
**C** **Yes, I renounce them.**
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?  
**C** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?  
**C** **Yes, I believe 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.**
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?  
**C** **Yes, 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.**
- P** Is it your earnest purpose to continue steadfast in this faith and in the promise of your Baptism and, as a member of the Church, to be diligent in the use of the Means of Grace and prayer?  
**C** **Yes, with the help of God.**
- P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen You with His grace to life everlasting. ✠ Peace be with you.  
**C** **Amen.**

## The Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Gracious Lord, as You promised, You have sent forth Your Spirit into the dry bones of Your people and restored them to life through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Fill us with every grace of Your Holy Spirit that we may trust in our Lord with all our hearts, bodies, minds, and souls and proclaim His salvation to all the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Mighty God, You transformed the disciples from fear to boldness so that they might make known the Good News of Jesus Christ. Overcome our fear and timidity that we may be so bold in this time and in this place. Bless Your missionaries and all those who plant Your kingdom through faithful words and deeds, in places both far and near. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Faithful Lord, You kept Your Word and sent forth Your Son as our Savior and Redeemer and through Him bestowed upon us Your Spirit to lead us into all truth. Bless all pastors, teachers, church workers, and church leaders that they may faithfully make known Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Bless Your Church and this congregation and the Mekane Yesus congregation with unity of heart, mind, and witness, that nothing may hinder the work You have called us to do. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Merciful God, You give to us the Spirit of peace to calm our troubled hearts. Grant to our world peace and harmony that all nations and peoples may work together for the causes of peace, justice, and the protection of the weakest and most vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Loving Lord, You bore our burdens and claimed our infirmities as Your own. Be with all the sick and those who suffer, especially \_\_\_\_\_. According to Your gracious will, grant to them healing, relief, strength, comfort, and peace. May all who cry to You have confidence in Your mercy and in Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Caring Lord, You bless all our days with Your goodness. Receive our thanks along with \_\_\_\_\_ and with all those who rejoice in Your blessings. Grant us all thankful hearts that we may ever acknowledge You as the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Eternal Father, grant peace and strength to those mourning the loss of loved ones, [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Fix their hearts and minds on Your Son who rose from the dead and constantly offers His promise of life everlasting. Grant that in their time of sorrow they would not lose hope but rely on Your promise that You will never leave them nor forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Heavenly Father, according to the multitude of Your loving-kindness, hear us as we now bring our needs and concerns, our prayers and thanksgivings, especially remembering \_\_\_\_\_ and all that which we lift up before You from the silence of our hearts... Grant that what we have asked we may receive by Your mercy.

Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Generous God, You grant to Your Church the riches of Your Word and Sacraments. Give Your Spirit to those who come to Your Table today, that they may have faith to receive the Body and Blood of Your Son and rejoice in all the blessings of this Holy Communion. Through Your means of grace, renew Your people in faith and life in Christ and sustain us all in faithfulness to the day when Jesus will come again. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Compassionate God, You are ever present with Your people of every time and place. Keep us mindful of Your servants Esther and Bede, and all Your saints who loved and served You and are now rest from their labors. Bring us at last with them into the blessed reunion of all those who trust in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

**P** God has made us one in Christ. He has set His seal upon us and, as a pledge of things to come, has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.  
The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*The Congregation is seated.*



✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 496

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

- 1 Holy Spirit, Light divine,  
Shine upon this heart of mine;  
Chase the shades of night away,  
Turn the darkness into day.
- 2 Let me see my Savior’s face,  
Let me all His beauties trace;  
Show those glorious truths to me  
Which are only known to Thee.
- 3 Holy Spirit, Pow’r divine,  
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;  
In Thy mercy pity me,  
From sin’s bondage set me free.
- 4 Holy Spirit, Joy divine,  
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;  
Yield a sacred, settled peace,  
Let it grow and still increase.
- 5 Holy Spirit, all divine,  
Dwell within this heart of mine;  
Cast down ev’ry idol throne,  
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

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*The Congregation rises.*

The Preface Dialogue:

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** 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:

The *Sanctus*:



**C** 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.

The 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.”

The Proclamation of Christ and the Lord’s Prayer:

**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:

**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 *Pax Domini*:

**P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - - men.

HIS HOLY SPIRIT  
FILLS THE WORLD



The Agnus Dei:

**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.

*The Congregation is seated.*

The Distribution of Holy Communion:

*Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today.*

*Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation in a continuous manner in front of the altar. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. The Sacrament is distributed in the following way...Please extend your hand to the Pastor to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood is then received from individual cups from the assistant (wine and white grape juice are available). After receiving, please place your empty cup into the tray at the end of the communion rail and return to your seat by way of the side aisle. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor.*

Music During the Distribution: "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"  
"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

*After all have communed, the Pastor continues:*

The Eucharistic Blessing:

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

*The Congregation rises.*

The Post-Communion Canticle

*Thank the Lord*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

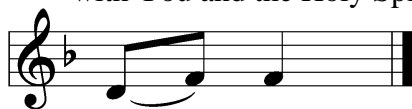


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

The Post-Communion Collect:

**P** Let us pray.

We give You thanks, almighty and merciful God, that You have refreshed us with Your Holy Sacrament; and we beseech You to unite us as one holy people, that by the gifts of Your Spirit we may be strengthened in this earthly life, and made ready for the life to come; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

The *Benedicamus* and Benediction:

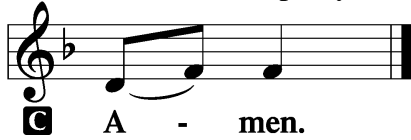
**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



The Hymn to Depart

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 650*

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

- 1 **Holy Spirit, ever dwelling**  
**In the holiest realms of light;**  
**Holy Spirit, ever brooding**  
**O’er a world of gloom and night;**  
**Holy Spirit, ever raising**  
**Those of earth to thrones on high;**  
**Living, life-imparting Spirit,**  
**You we praise and magnify.**
- 2 **Holy Spirit, ever living**  
**As the Church’s very life;**  
**Holy Spirit, ever striving**  
**Through us in a ceaseless strife;**  
**Holy Spirit, ever forming**  
**In the Church the mind of Christ:**  
**You we praise with endless worship**  
**For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.**
- 3 **Holy Spirit, ever working**  
**Through the Church’s ministry;**  
**Quick’ning, strength’ning, and absolving,**  
**Setting captive sinners free;**  
**Holy Spirit, ever binding**  
**Age to age and soul to soul**  
**In communion never ending,**  
**You we worship and extol.**

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

✠ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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## NOTES AND NEWS

*MINISTRY PLANNING GROUP* ... Our congregational leaders will be meeting **Today following worship**. On the agenda will be topics dealing with possible changes to our COVID protocols for in person worship and to make plans for Pastor's absence while he recuperates from his upcoming surgery. Look for more information by email and here in the bulletin as decisions are made.

*PERSONAL SCRIPTURE STUDY* ... Even though we are not able to hold our Sunday Morning Bible Class at this time doesn't mean that you can't continue to be "in the Word" on your own. Pastor has provided parts of our Bible Study guide, "A Longer Look at the Lessons", for your use. The guide for the Easter Season is now online. These materials are posted on the church website, and can be found at: <http://tlcmr.org/our-ministries/christian-education/online-bible-study-materials/> (The link can also be accessed off of our church website home page.)

*MIDWEEK DEVOTIONS AND BIBLE STUDY* ... Join us **this Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 PM**, for our final study on 1 Peter as we close the Easter Season and our "Education Year". Pastor will livestream this devotional and study time from Trinity on the church's Facebook Page. The study will then be available afterward for viewing at anytime by visiting the video archive, also on the church's Facebook Page. Looking forward to being in the Word together with you!

*THE LUTHERAN HOUR*... The person who excels in their work will be noticed by kings. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the King who took note of us before we did any work. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday May 30, 2021, for this message by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Before Kings", on WMZQ 98.7 FM at 7:00 AM or on Sundays at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM on WFAX 1220 AM. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen on line to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com.

*FROM YOUR CHURCH'S PUBLISHER* ... Concordia Publishing House is assisting congregations and their members with materials to help sustain us spiritually during this time of quarantine that many find ourselves in. Please visit [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org) and check out the new and free content available on their homepage which contains many free resources for devotion, learning, and worship.

*OUR PRAYER LIST ...* The weekly “O Christ, Hear Us” page in the bulletin is a listing of those we remember in prayer during worship at Trinity and for whom you are invited to pray for in your own personal prayers during the week. In the version of the weekly bulletin that is published online, we only list the persons we are praying for by their first names because of privacy concerns and laws, while we continue to lift them up by full name in our spoken prayers. Pastor continues to keep the list current and invites you to send him by email any new prayer requests, or to let him know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. The “full text” version of the Prayer List, as it would ordinarily be found in the bulletin, can be made available to Trinity members who request one by sending an email to Pastor.

*ALTAR FLOWERS ...* The flower chart for 2021 is available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord’s Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is \$30.00. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email ([trinity-elc-office@verizon.net](mailto:trinity-elc-office@verizon.net)).

*COMPASSION CENTER NEWS...* Our Compassion Center is open and is once again serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. Please see the full page announcement in the bulletin for more information. If you are able to volunteer during the Center’s open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this time of great need in our community we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken;  
Canned Fruit; Soup.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that it is delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

*PREPARING FOR THE COMING WEEK ...*

The Holy Trinity: Congregational Festival of Title, May 30, 2021  
Isaiah 6:1-8; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; John 3:1-17



## **Hyattsville Compassion Center**

*A shared ministry of  
Redeemer & Trinity Congregations  
and the Lutheran Mission Society*

**Ms. Elma Pervaiz, Center Coordinator**  
**Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23**

*We are happy to announce that our Compassion Center has reopened!*

Our operating hours are:  
**Monday: 10 AM – 4 PM**  
**Tuesday: 10 AM – 4 PM**  
**Wednesday: 10 AM – 2 PM**

Food and Clothing Ministry is available by appointment during the center's open hours.  
Please call Elma to make arrangements for us to assist you.

The thrift center will be open during our operating hours with the following safety guidelines:

- Masks must be worn at all times
- Please observe social distancing
- Number of persons in the center at a time will be limited

In-Kind Donations for the thrift center are limited at this time owing to reduced staffing at the center.

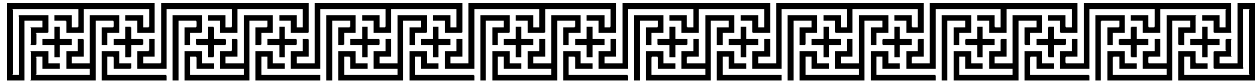
If you have donations, please contact Elma at the center before bringing your items during center hours.

## **Trinity Stay-Safe Rules**

- ❖ If you are sick, PLEASE STAY HOME, and please get under a doctor's care.
- ❖ If you are over 65 or immunocompromised, please be careful, follow the rules here at church, or feel free to stay home with God's blessing and ours. (We'll be here when you are ready to come back to worship.)
- ❖ While in the church building, please wear a mask as much as possible for the sake of your neighbors.
- ❖ Please spread out in church in order to do the recommended distancing (six feet). In addition to the pews in the nave, you may also be seated in the balcony or church overflow. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- ❖ Wash your hands often. 20 seconds with soap and water. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use as well. Try not to touch your face.
- ❖ Cough and sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow.
- ❖ Please, no handshaking. Use an elbow bump or wave for now.
- ❖ Limit your socializing indoors after the service; or better yet, use distanced visiting with one another outside.
- ❖ All Worship materials are printed for each service. As we will not be reusing them, please take them home with you to recycle.
- ❖ Offerings will not be collected during the service. Please place your offering in the basket on the table in the rear of the nave, or continue to mail in your offering to the church office.
- ❖ Holy Communion will be distributed in a continuous fashion using individual wafers and cups. Please follow the direction of the usher to go forward and receive the Sacrament, and please keep a distance in line between persons.

**PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23 – 30**  
*May Be Subject to Change*

<b>Today</b>	<i>The Day of Pentecost: The Fiftieth Day of Easter</i>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	11:00 AM	Ministry Planning Group Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Tuesday</b>	9 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
	4:00 PM	Midweek Devotions and Bible Study (via Facebook Live)
<b>Thursday</b>	9 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<i>The Holy Trinity: Congregational Festival of Title</i>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)



**CHURCH STATISTICS**

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Worship Attendance: 23; Communed: 21.





## ✠ O Christ, Hear Us! ✠

### Intercessions for the Week of May 23, 2021

#### **Prayers for Continued Healing and Help**

*For Members of Our Trinity Family:*

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Elizabeth, Joseph, Diane, Evelyn, Waymond, Alan, August, Clara, David, Ernie, Paul, Sylvia, Angela, Priscilla, and David, Sr.

*For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:*

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen; Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda; Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Kristie, co-worker of Joyce; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty; Sue, co-worker of Joyce; Rosemary, sister-in-law of Sylvia; Nicole & daughter, Anya, co-worker of Joyce; Alan, cousin of Kim; Danielle, neighbor of Kim; Lisa, neighbor of Peter & Kim; Alix, friend of Kim, Dennis & Caron, former Concordia Teachers; Zoila, mother of David; Jeff, husband of Mary; Jari, former Concordia Teacher; Joyce, friend of the Peeles; Cora, aunt of Tracy; Catelyn, step-graunddaughter of Ernie; Faith & Family, friend of Tracy; India, co-worker of Kim

All those affected by or who are in fear of the Coronavirus Outbreak.

For our Medical Community, First Responders, and other Workers who aid us in this time.

#### **Thanksgivings and Blessings**

Adam McCoyer, who celebrates his birthday this week.

#### **We Keep In Our Prayers**

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ For Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.
- ✠ For Elma Pervaiz, our Center Coordinator, and for the work of our Compassion Center.
- ✠ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✠ For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- ✠ For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✠ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of the shedding of their blood.
- ✠ Prayers for peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or by acts of terror, and for those who find themselves in harm's way in the war on terrorism.
- ✠ All those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.