The Day of Pentecost May 28, 2023

The Spirit of the Message

As We Gather - The messenger may change; the message remains the same. When Jesus is the sum and focus of the messenger who stands before you this day, the message is Jesus Himself. Pentecost proves this. The power of Pentecost, as we will see in Acts 2, is not the persuasiveness of Peter and the other disciples. No, the power of Pentecost is the Spirit of the message: Jesus Christ Himself. Working through the Spirit whom He poured out upon the lives of His followers, Jesus equips those who carry His message into all the world. These are the messengers who spread the Good News of the One who was crucified for us, who rose again, who reigns on high, and who will one day return in His full glory. Listen to His message today as the Spirit brings it to you and be assured that as you are called to faith in Christ, you receive the fullness of who He's called you to be.

Offering and Registry of Worship Cards: Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

Saturday Worship: Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

About Protecting the Healthy: To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

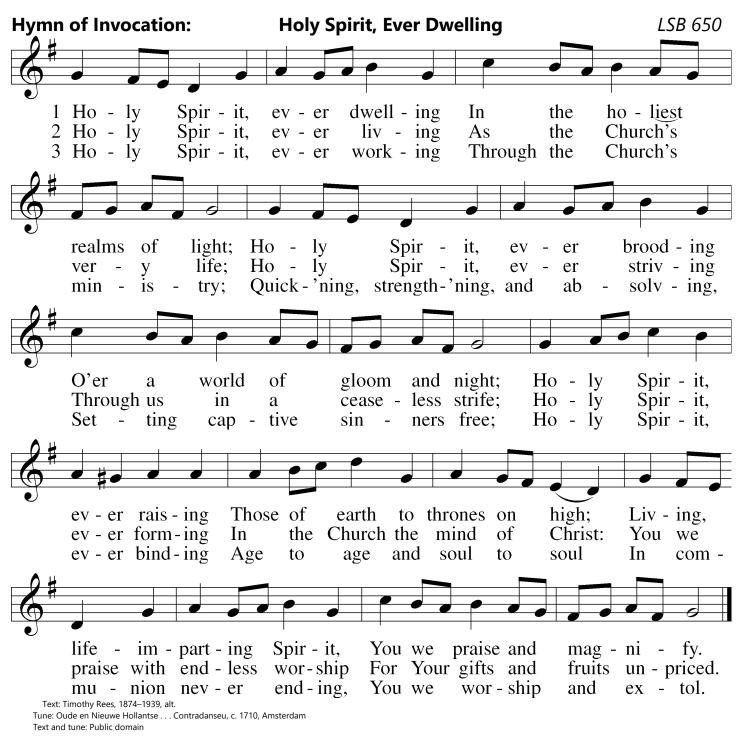
GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.

Prelude and Meditation: Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

Prelude:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Greeting and Sharing of Peace (stand)

PREPARATION



Invocation

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

P O Spirit of God,

- We confess that we have dishonored Your Holy Word through our lives of disobedience. By what we do and what we fail to do, we have not allowed Your message of truth to rule in us. Forgive us, faithful God. By Your grace, draw us to the cross of Jesus. Through faith in His promises, enable us to receive the restoring mercy that You alone can give. Amen.
- In Christ Jesus, you and I receive the fullness of who we are called to be through the Spirit who has been given to us. United with Christ through our Baptism, the Spirit who claims us as the Father's own now delivers to us the message of His mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, commissioned by His Spirit, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

WORD

- IntroitPsalm 104:24, 27−28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text𝗨Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
- **G** and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.
- **P** O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all;
- **G** the earth is full of Your creatures.
- P These all look to You,
- **G** to give them their food in due season.
- P When You give it to them, they gather it up;
- **G** when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.
- P When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,
- **G** 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.

- P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
- **G** and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

Kyrie

- **P** In peace, let us pray in the fellowship of the Spirit.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray for the blessing of the Spirit.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- 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 as we are united by the Spirit.

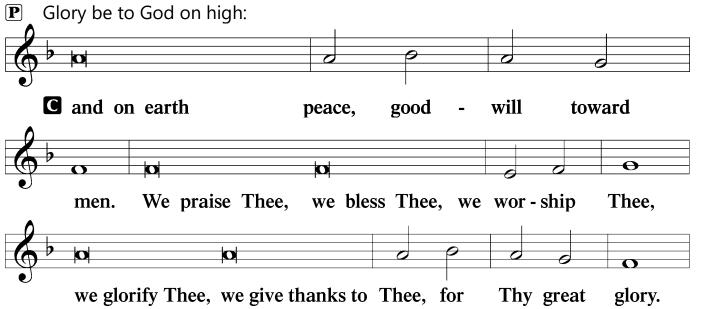
C Lord, have mercy.

- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray as we rejoice in the Spirit.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- Help, save, comfort, and defend us, O Holy Spirit, for You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever.

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C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis



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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

G 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.

- **G** Grant to us the same Spirit so that we may joyfully receive the message of Christ, who has come for us all;
- through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 11:24-30

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 2:1–21

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

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and 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, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

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

¹⁷"'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;

¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants

in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

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

²¹And 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.

John 7:37–39

Holy Gospel

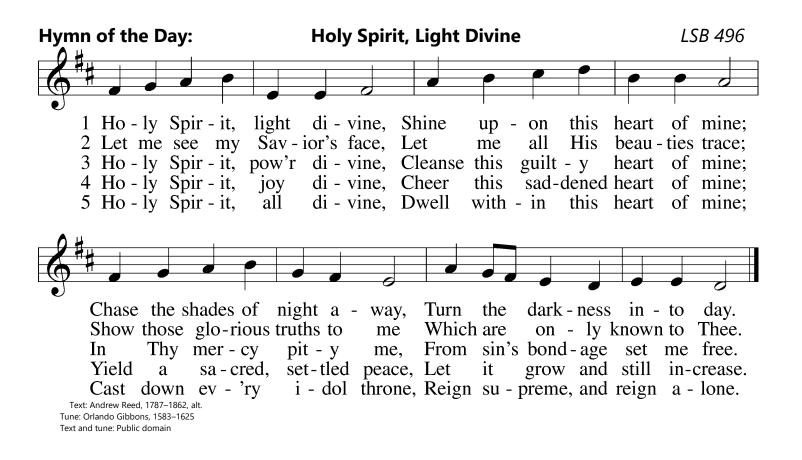
- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁷On 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. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all C 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.



Sermon:

"Called, Gathered, Enlightened, and Sanctified" Acts 2:1-21

Prayer of the Church

- P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
- **G** and kindle in them the fire of Your love.
- Confident in Christ our Savior and in the promised intercession of the Holy Spirit, let us lift up our hearts and voices in prayer to our Father above.

Faithful Lord, Your mercies are new every morning. Even when we stray from Your presence through disobedience to Your commands, You reconcile and restore us through the Spirit of the message, who is Christ Himself, our hope of glory.

G Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

- Redeeming Savior, You prepare a place for us in Your Father's kingdom and promise to all who trust in You the inheritance of life forever in Your presence. Help us with our hearts to believe and with our mouths to confess Your saving name.
- **G** Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.
- Sanctifying Spirit, You fill the lives of all who trust in Jesus. Grant restoration and peace to those who are broken in heart and mind, body and soul. Grant that each one of us find refreshment in Your presence. Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors, for in them we see You and, in serving them, we give our service to You.
- **G** Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.
- Sovereign King, You are Lord of all things in heaven and on earth. Watch over the community, the state, and the nation in which we live, guiding all public servants to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You as their God. Enable us to dwell in security and peace, giving witness to the message of Christ with both boldness and gentleness so that those who have yet to receive You as their Savior may be brought to saving faith.
- **G** Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.
- Great Physician, You give healing to those who cry to You for mercy. Today we lift up before You [*names*]. Whatever issues we may be facing, help us to look to You and remember that in Christ alone we receive the fullness of who we are called to be.
- **G** Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.
- Receiving the fullness of Your Spirit and offering these prayers to You, O gracious Lord, we trust that You hear and answer us according to Your good and gracious will.
- **G** In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.
- Sit

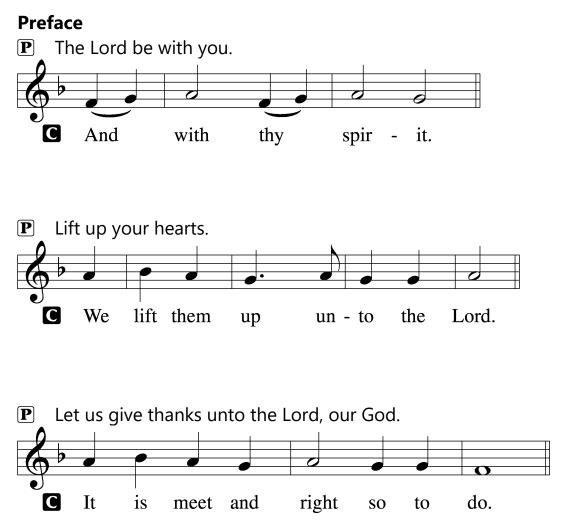
Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)

Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only) – Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle.

Stand

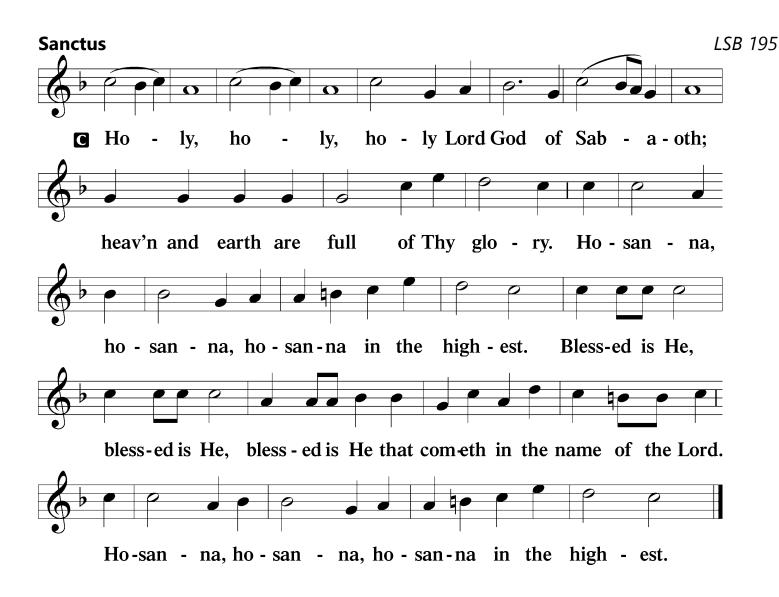
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Proper Preface

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 sends to us Your Holy Spirit that with our hearts we believe in You and with our mouths we confess Your saving name. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

- Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son to bear our sin and be our Savior.
- **G** In humble faith and with hearts of joy, we receive the message of Your salvation, which comes into our midst through Your promised Holy Spirit.
- Gathered in the fellowship of Your Spirit, we trust in You, O Lord, to forgive us, renew us, and lead us by means of Your Holy Word.
- As we gather at Your Table, You unite Your body and blood to the bread and wine so that we share together in Christ, in whom we receive the fullness of Your grace.

P To You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all the glory and honor, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

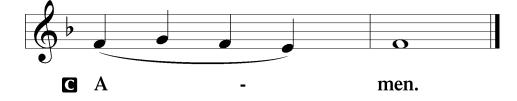
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



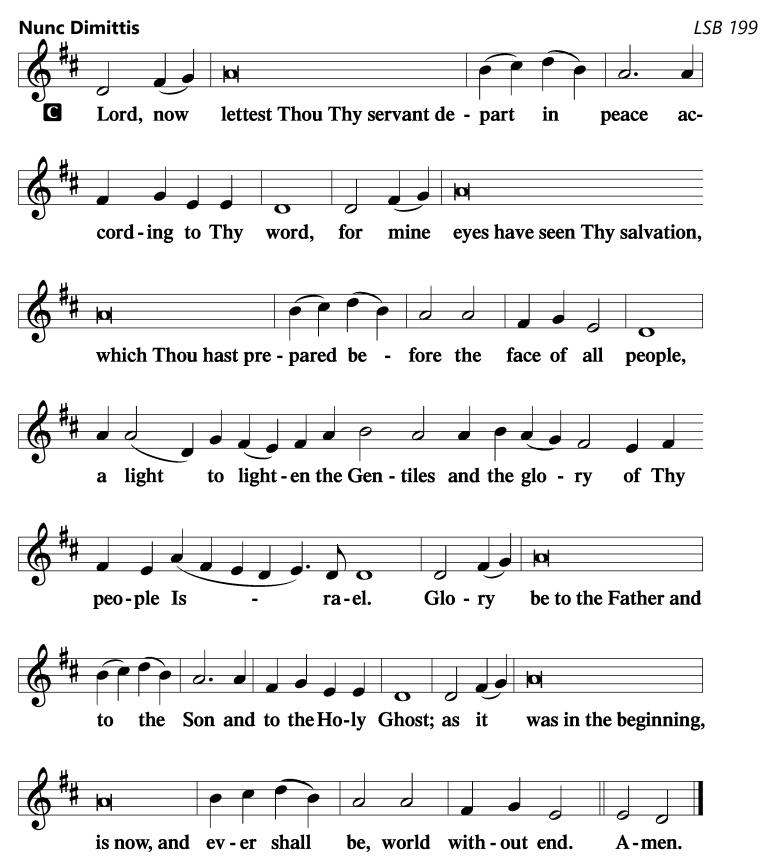
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Distribution:

Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only)

LSB 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings LSB 717 Eternal Father Strong to Save LSB 832 Jesus Shall Reign Stand



Post-Communion Thanksgiving

(Saturday)

P Let us pray together.

☑ I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

(Sunday)

P Let us pray.

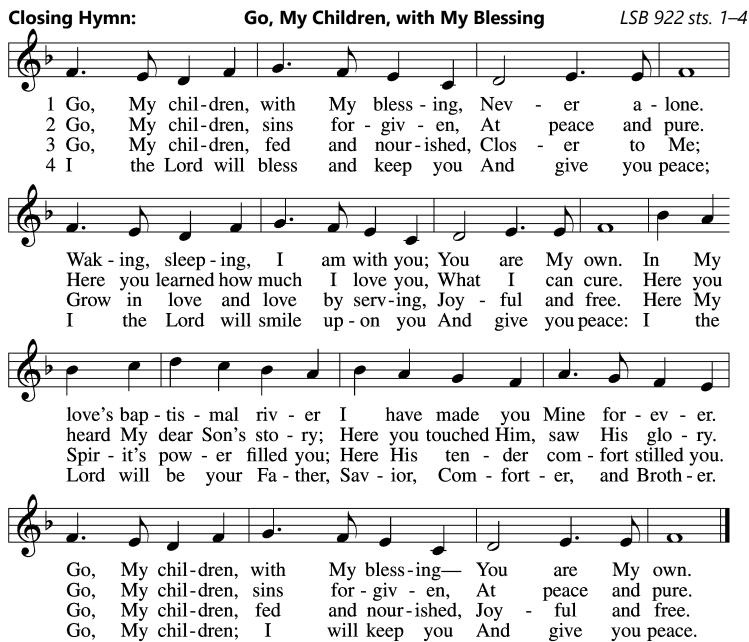
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

- **P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
- **G** and kindle in them the fire of Your love.
- 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.
- **G** Amen.



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LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Marvin Dalton

Saturday

Elder	Lee Crapo
Lector	Rick Smith
Audio	Lee Crapo/Robin Fox
Sunday	
Elder	Carlos Orellana
Lector	Carlos Orellana
Greeter	Robert and Cheryl Langanke
Audio	
Video	Video TD: Kris Welch
	GFX/ Stream: Robin Fox
Altar Guild	Debbie and Rick Smith

LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP <u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Marvin Dalton
Elder	Steve Rosane
Lector	P.J. Nunez
Greeter	Joanne Shepker
Audio	Maria Hazzard
Video	Video TD: Kris Welch
	GFX: / Stream: Robin Fox
Altar Guild	Cheryl Erwin and Charlene Rosane

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH- Festival of Pentecost – Almighty God showers His Holy Spirit even upon those otherwise considered unworthy (Numbers 11:26-29). He remembers not the sins of our youth (Psalm 25:6-7), and we get to extend this forgiveness explicitly to those guilty of aborting their own children. If His salvation receives us into this refreshing cleansing, how could we withhold it from anyone else by our silence? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets!

FLOWER SPONSOR– Rick and Debbie Smith in celebration of Deb's Birthday.

BULLETIN SPONSOR – Barbara Szymanski in memory of her late husband, Walter.

BIBLE STUDY AT 11:15 TODAY CANCELLED– The 11:15 Bible Study is cancelled today.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY – The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

ELDERS MEETING – There will be an Elders Meeting Sunday, June 4th, after service.

NEW SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY – A video class series called "How to Read Your Bible" hosted by Larry Nimetz, will be held on Saturday's starting July 1st from 4 – 5PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign-up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

RECIPES WANTED - Mary Martha is collecting favorite recipes for the Church Cookbook. If you have a favorite recipe and would be willing to share it, please write it legibly, sign your name on it and put it in the box located in the Narthex. There is no limit to number of recipes you can submit.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP – If you are a seasonal visitor and would be interested in an Associate Membership with Christ Lutheran, please see an Elder.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the narthex for more information or email Kim Kaniecki at stewardship@clclakeland.org.

GREETERS NEEDED – Volunteers are needed to be Greeters in the Narthex to welcome guest and members as they enter for service. If you are interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY – If you are interested in volunteering to help with maintenance around the church, please contact Sandy Spanier at 863-665-5572.

NAMETAGS – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Acts 2:1 – "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place." Pentecost is the Old Testament harvest festival, taking place around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. Of course, this was an image and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to carry out through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest. From first to last, in things temporal and things eternal, we stand only by His grace.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Monday	Church Office Closed
Tuesday	
	Quilters @ 10 am
Wednesday	Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran
	Bible Study @ Noon
	Private Communion @ 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Friday	Church Office closed, Pastor's Day Off
Saturday	Worship @ 5:30 pm
Sunday	Bible Study @ 8:30 am
	Worship Service @ 10 am
	Bible Study @ 11:15 am
	Elders Meeting