



The Divine Service

The Day of Pentecost

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Lord, I wouldn't dare
to believe it if
You hadn't said it. I wouldn't dare
try it if You hadn't called me to it.
But now it's Your will and Your
work. And You have let me see
that nothing is impossible for You.
You won the victory when
everything seemed to be lost. You
built Your Church and established
Your dominion where people would
never have been able to do it. And
You continue Your work despite all
our mistakes and infirmities. And
now You have intervened in my life
also, and did what never would
have happened if it was up to me.
I thank You, Lord, for this great and
incomprehensible wonder, that You
want to be my life and that I may
live through You and with You.
Help me to always live for You.*

BO GIERTZ, *TO LIVE WITH CHRIST*, P. 352

Welcome

The Devil had taken us captive, our Lord Christ undertakes the quarrel, his death was his battle, but then he seemed to be overcome: but up he got again at his Resurrection; that was his victory; his Ascension was his triumph: and as the ancient custom was for Conquerors to scatter gifts amongst the beholders, especially on the last and great day of the triumph: so does our Lord, in this last day of the Feast, the Conclusion of his triumph, he doth, as it were, make the Conduits run with Wine; he poured out his Spirit so upon all flesh, that some mockers said, they were full of new wine, Acts 2:12. He casts abroad his new wine, new gifts and graces of the world, giving to some the word of wisdom, to others the gift of knowledge, to others faith, to others the gift of healing, to others the working of miracles, to others prophesie, to others discerning of spirits, to others divers kinds of tongue, to others the interpretations of tongues: all these worketh one and the same spirit, the Holy Ghost (1 Corinthians 12:4.) whom the Lord Christ as he promised, sent down this day with these gifts, in honour of whom and his gifts we keep this day holy.

ANTHONY SPARROW

"A RATIONALE UPON THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER OF THE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND"

JUNE 8, 2025 ✠ 8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.

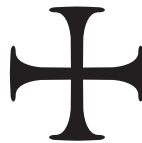
A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are very happy that you are here today! At St. John we want you to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at St. John.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see the procession, note the colors, hear the bells, smell the fire, watch the pastors, wonder about those heads on the lectern and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And with your spirit! I believe! Our Father!* All of that belongs to them too.
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and kneel and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want your children here so much that we didn't build a nursery in our new space. Like Jesus, we want your children in the Liturgy, not out.
- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend you a hand.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to St. John!



If you need help hearing the Liturgy,

- ❶ download the Audiofetch app, ❷ connect to the wifi named "listen,"
❸ put in your earbuds, and ❹ open Audiofetch.
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PRELUDE

Fantasy on Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord J.S. BACH

Please stand and face the crucifix.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 503 O Day Full of Grace

Stanzas 1, 3, 4

INVOCATION *1 Kings 8:27-30; Matthew 18:20; 28:18-20*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8-9 and John 20:19-23; Matthew 16:19, 18:18*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



Have mercy on me, my sweet Lord,
for I cannot help myself.

ALPHEGE OF CANTERBURY

Kneeling or sitting forward

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for 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.

Standing

KYRIE *Mark 10:47; Luke 17:13*

Cant. Lord, have mer - cy. Cong. Lord, have mer - cy.

Cant. Christ, have mer - cy. Cong. Christ, have - mer - cy.

Cant. Lord, have mer - cy. Cong. Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY *2 Timothy 4:22*

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sitting

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 11:1-9*

A The Old Testament reading for the Day of Pentecost is from Genesis, chapter eleven.

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD dispersed them from there

over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.



There are many people even today who in imitation of them want to be remembered for such achievements, by building splendid homes, baths, porches and avenues. I mean, if you were to ask each of them why they toil and labor and layout such great expense to no good purpose, you would hear nothing but these very words. They would be seeking to ensure that their memory survives in perpetuity and to have it said that "this is the house belonging to so-and-so," "this is the property of so-and-so." This, on the contrary, is worthy not of commemoration but of condemnation. For hard upon those words come other remarks equivalent to countless accusations—"belonging to so-and-so the grasping miser, despoiler of widows and orphans." So such behavior is calculated not to earn remembrance but to encounter unremitting accusations, achieve notoriety after death and incite the tongues of onlookers to calumny and condemnation of the person who acquired these goods. But if you are anxious for undying reputation, I will show you the way to succeed in being remembered for every achievement and also, along with an excellent name, to provide yourself with great confidence in the age to come. How then will you manage both to be remembered day after day and also become the recipient of tributes even after passing from one life to the next? If you give away these goods of yours into the hands of the poor, letting go of precious stones, magnificent homes, properties and baths.

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, *HOMILIES ON GENESIS* 30.7.16

PSALM *Psalm 104*

Antiphon *Psalm 104:30*

Antiphon



Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!

How manifold are your works, O LORD! the earth is full of your creatures; vv. 1, 24

Antiphon

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. vv. 29b-30

Antiphon

The Holy Ghost is not in his nature existing as he was seen, for he is invisible; but for the sign, as we before said, he appeared as a dove and as fire. He is called in the Greek tongue Παρακλητος, that is, Comforting Spirit, because he comforts the sad, who repent of their sins, and gives them hope of forgiveness, and alleviates their sorrowful minds. He forgives sins, and he is the way to forgiveness of all sins. He gives his grace to whom he will. To one man he gives wisdom and eloquence, to one good knowledge, to one great faith, to one power to heal the sick, to one prophetic power, to one discrimination of good and evil spirits; to one he gives divers tongues, to one interpretation of divers sayings. The Holy Ghost does all these things, distributing to everyone as to him seems good; for he is the Almighty Worker, and as soon as he enlightens the mind of a man, he turns it from evil to good. He enlightened the heart of David, when in youth he loved the harp, and made him to be a psalmist. There was a cow-herd called Amos, whom the Holy Ghost turned to a great prophet. Peter was a fisher, whom the same Spirit of God turned to an apostle. Paul persecuted christian men, whom he chose for instructor of all nations. Matthew was a toll-gatherer, whom he turned to an evangelist. The apostles durst not preach the true faith, for fear of the Jewish folk; but after that they were fired by the Holy Ghost, they despised all bodily tortures, and fearlessly preached the greatness of God.

ÆLFRIC OF EYNHAM, *HOMILIES OF THE ANGLO-SAXON CHURCH*, "ON THE HOLY DAY OF PENTECOST"



EPISTLE *Acts 2:1-21*

A The Epistle is from Acts, chapter two.

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

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Standing

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

"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;
even on my male servants and female
servants

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

And I will show wonders in the heavens
above

and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
the sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

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

And it shall come to pass that everyone
who calls upon the name of the Lord
shall be saved."



I am learning that the church has nothing to
say to the world until it throws better parties.

ROB BELL, *VELVET ELVIS*, P. 170

ALLELUIA

Antiphon

Antiphon



*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Liturgical Text*

Antiphon

HOLY GOSPEL *John 14:23-31*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world

gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 650 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

SERMON

Standing

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*
the Father Almighty, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*
and of all things visible and invisible. *Colossians 1:16*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, *Romans 10:9*
the only-begotten Son of God, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*
begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:2*
God of God, Light of Light, *John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*
very God of very God, *Colossians 2:9*
begotten, not made, *John 1:2*
being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30*
by Whom all things were made; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*
Who for us men and for our salvation

1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23

came down from heaven *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit

of the virgin Mary *Luke 1:34-35*

and was made man; *John 1:14*

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*

He suffered and was buried. *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53*

And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*
and ascended into heaven *Acts 1:9*

and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Acts 7:55*

And He will come again with glory *Matthew 26:64*

to judge both the living and the dead, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*

Whose kingdom will have no end. *2 Peter 1:11*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*

the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6*

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 15:26*

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14

Who spoke by the prophets. *Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21*

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38*

and I look for the resurrection of the dead *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

and the life of the world to come. *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*

Amen. *Psalms 106:48*



Peace, indeed, is serenity of mind, tranquility of soul, simplicity of heart, the bond of love, the fellowship of charity. It removes hatred, settles wars, restrains wrath, tramples on pride, loves the humble, pacifies the discordant and makes enemies agree. For it is pleasing to everyone. It does not seek what belongs to another or consider anything as its own. It teaches people to love because it does not know how to get angry, or to extol itself or become inflated with pride. It is meek and humble to everyone, possessing rest and tranquility within itself. When the peace of Christ is exercised by a Christian, it is brought to perfection by Christ. [...] Anyone who has received this peace should keep it, and one who has destroyed it should look for it, while anyone who has lost it should seek it.

CAESARIUS OF ARLES, *SERMON 174.1*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *1 Timothy 2:1-4*

- A** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayer:

- A** Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Persecuted Christians in: **Cameroon, Comoros, Egypt, Qatar**

Partner Church: **Lutheran Church–Hong Kong Synod**

Birthday: **Gertraud Boecler**

Thanksgiving for continuing recovery:

George (Steven) King

Marianne King

Comfort, health, recovery:

Denine (friend of Debbie Feyerabend)

Steve (brother of Debbie Feyerabend)

David Crawford

Margaret Flashing

Richard Flashing

Ronald Gifford (father of Daniel Gifford)

Dana Gustafson (friend of Julie LeMahieu)

Matthew King (son of Marianne and Steve King)

Jeremy LeMahieu (brother of Rev. Nathan LeMahieu)

Bonnie McCullough (friend of Anna Piro)

Ron Meyer (friend of Rich Williams)

Gunnar Terhune (friend of Rachel Zoeller)

Aaron Thomas (son-in-law of Gerald Wehrs)

Blessed death:

Marion Beckner (grandmother of Tiffani Bodenstab)

Frank Vondrasek (brother-in-law of Gerald Wehrs)

Those who suffer violence: **The Holy Land**

Safety and protection:

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine, Bishop Serge Maschewski

Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bishop Vsevelod Lytkin

Those who need our ongoing prayers:

- P** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C** **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

Sitting

OFFERING AND VOLUNTARY

Confirma hoc, Deus Psalm 68:28-29

*Confirm, O God, what you have wrought in us,
from your temple, which is in Jerusalem,
kings shall offer presents to you, alleluia.*

Offerings may be placed in the collection boxes at the doors or at www.stjohnwheaton.org/online-giving.

Please take a moment to fill out our guest book found at the far end of the pew.

Standing

OFFERTORY Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.



God doesn't give people the Holy Spirit in order to let them enjoy the spiritual equivalent of a day at Disneyland. [...] But the point of the Spirit is to enable those who follow Jesus to take into all the world the news that he is Lord, that he has won the victory over the forces of evil, that a new world has opened up, and that we are to help make it happen.

N.T. WRIGHT, *SIMPLY CHRISTIAN*, P. 122

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136



P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spir it.

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.

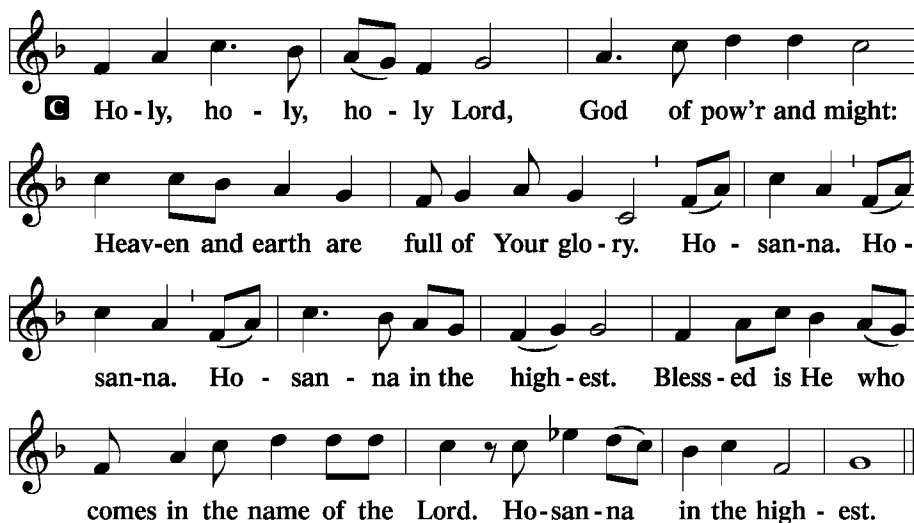


If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude.

ST. ANGELA OF FOLIGNO

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:

SANCTUS Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9-10; Revelation 4:8, 5:13



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.

Kneeling or sitting forward

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.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*



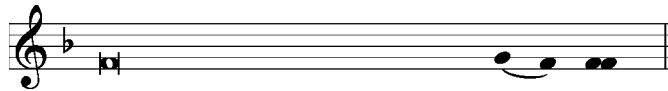
Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal-low - ed be Thy name,
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as
it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly
bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es as we for-give
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -
to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -
ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

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."

PAX DOMINI *John 20:19*



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI *John 1:29; Revelation 5:6,12*



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 Lord's Supper is joyfully received here today. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

All members of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings, and so are encouraged to commune. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with a pastor in the weeks before communing for the first time.

When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:28), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy.

Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest.

DISTRIBUTION

Sitting

Prayer Before Reception of Holy Communion

Dear Savior, we come to Your table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Factus est repente Acts 2:2, 4

Factus est repente de caelo sonus advenientis spiritus vehementis, ubi erant sedentes, alleluia; et repleti sunt omnes Spiritu Sancto, loquentes magnalia Dei, alleluia, alleluia.

Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, in the place where they were sitting, alleluia; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and announced the great things God had done, alleluia, alleluia.

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 500 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

Come, Holy Spirit

Antiphon

Antiphon



*How many are your works, O Lord;
in wisdom you made them all.
The earth is wide and full of your creatures;
they look to you for food.*

Antiphon

*When you give them their food in due season,
they gather it up. When you send forth your Spirit
you make them and you renew the earth.*

Antiphon

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK

497 Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord

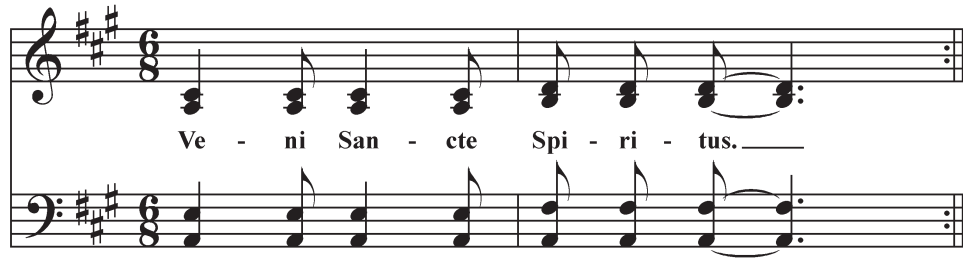


When we gather around the table and break the bread together, we are transformed not only individually but also as community. We, people from different ages and races, with different backgrounds and histories, become one body. As Paul says: "As there is one loaf, so we, although there are many of us, are one single body, for we all share in the one loaf" (1 Corinthians 10:17).

Not only as individuals but also as community we become the living Christ, taken, blessed, broken, and given to the world. As one body, we become a living witness of God's immense desire to bring all peoples and nations together as the one family of God.

HENRI NOUWEN, *BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY: A DAYBOOK OF WISDOM AND FAITH*, "JULY 18"

Veni Sancte Spiritus



** Come Holy Spirit*

*Come, Holy Spirit, from heaven shine forth with your glorious light. Veni Sancte Spiritus
Come, Father of the poor, come, generous Spirit, come, light of our hearts. Veni Sancte Spiritus
Come from the four winds, O Spirit, come breath of God;
disperse the shadows over us, renew and strengthen your people. Veni Sancte Spiritus*

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 810 O God of God, O Light of Light

Prayer After Reception of Holy Communion

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank and praise You that You have again refreshed us with the gift of Your holy body and blood in this comforting sacrament. Bless our participation that we may depart from Your presence with peace and joy in the knowledge that we are reconciled to God. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

Standing

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Go ☩ in peace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE 1 Chronicles 16:6-8; Psalm 105:1-4, 44-45



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.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A 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.



BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



RECESSIONAL HYMN

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Stanzas 1, 2, 4

POSTLUDE

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest J.S. BACH

PRAYER AS YOU GO

*The prayers I make will then be sweet indeed,
If Thou the spirit give by which I pray;
My unassisted heart is barren clay,
That of its native self can nothing feed;
Of good and pious works Thou art the seed
That quickens only where Thou say'st it may.
Unless Thou show to us Thy own true way,
No man can find it! Father! Thou must lead;
Do Thou then breathe those thoughts into my mind
By which such virtue may in me be bred
That in Thy holy footsteps I may tread;
The fetters of my tongue do Thou unbind,
That I may have the power to sing to Thee,
And sound Thy praises everlastingly! Amen.*

MICHELANGELO, FROM *PRAYER OF THE MIDDLE AGES*, P. 89

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

Preacher: The Rev. Marcus Nelson

Celebrants: The Rev. Marcus Nelson, The Rev. Eamonn Ferguson, The Rev. Dr. Scott Bruzek,
The Rev. Álvaro Witt Duarte

Organist: The Rev. Dr. Nathan LeMahieu

Cantor: Peter Sovitzky

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THE DAY OF PENTECOST
JUNE 8, 2025

ADORING

The Prayer of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

Cameroon, Comoros, Egypt, Qatar

Partner Church:

Lutheran Church–Hong Kong Synod

Birthday:

Gertraud Boecler

Thanksgiving for continuing recovery:

George (Steven) King

Marianne King

Comfort, health, recovery:

Denine (friend of Debbie Feyerabend)

Steve (brother of Debbie Feyerabend)

David Crawford

Margaret Flashing

Richard Flashing

Ronald Gifford (father of Daniel Gifford)

Dana Gustafson (friend of Julie LeMahieu)

Matthew King (son of Marianne and Steve King)

Jeremy LeMahieu (brother of Rev. Nathan LeMahieu)

Bonnie McCullough (friend of Anna Piro)

Ron Meyer (friend of Rich Williams)

Gunnar Terhune (friend of Rachel Zoeller)

Aaron Thomas (son-in-law of Gerald Wehrs)

Blessed death:

Marion Beckner (grandmother of Tiffani Bodenstab)

Frank Vondrasek (brother-in-law of Gerald Wehrs)

Those who suffer violence:

The Holy Land

Safety and protection:

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine

Bishop Serge Maschewski

Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church

Bishop Vsevelod Lytkin

Those who need our ongoing prayers:

Sharon Becker (sister-in-law of Byron Heidorn)

David Blake (friend of Norma Piro)

Hugh Brems (friend of Dave Schlesselman)

Donna Geyer (sister-in-law of Joan Geyer Kaliher)

Daniel Gifford

Lindsey Johnston

(daughter-in-law of Judy and Jack O'Neill)

Cheryl Ondratschek

Amy Rushkewicz (sister-in-law of Peter Sovitzky)

Roberta Smith

Bea Sorbucki (friend of Bruce Riemann)

Raymond Wehrs (brother of Gerald Wehrs)

Emilie Yonkers

Tracy Zasadny (friend of Marianne and Steve King)

Please submit your prayer requests to the website: www.stjohnwheaton.org/prayer-request

MATURING

Lord's Supper at an Early Age Summer Classes • July 6, 8-10, 15-17, 29-31

- Place: Lower Level classrooms
- Time: Sunday, July 6 Parent Orientation 10:00–10:20 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday classes 5:30–7:00 p.m.
- Commitment: 9 days, 9 total hours of instruction
- Contact: Pastor Nelson mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org

NEW! Join us for the Early Lord's Supper Classes this summer. Class will be spread out over three weeks and is specifically for those who are communing for the first time. Parents are to attend with their children. We'll be rejoicing in our Lord's Sacraments by using Scripture, song, and the Small Catechism to learn what our Lord gives in the Eucharist. Dinner is included in evening classes! Save these dates in your summer calendar. Registration begins next week. Feel free to email Pastor Nelson with any questions.

- **Week 1: Sunday, July 6**—Parent Orientation for all 10:00–10:30 a.m.
July 8, 9, 10—Baptism and 10 Commandments
- **Week 2: July 15, 16, 17**—Confession and Creed
- **Week 3: July 29, 30, 31**—Lord's Supper and Lord's Prayer
- **Week 4: August 5, 6, 7**—Make up classes for those who were unable to attend

WEDNESDAYS

JOY Group: Jesus, Others, You *Exodus: the Way of a Christian*

- Place: Room 201/The Study
- Time: 9:00–10:30 a.m.
- Commitment: 90 minutes
- Contact: Bradley Kigyos brad.kigyos@gmail.com

This study will focus on the Exodus of the Israelites, bringing to light the reality of our own Exodus as Christians. From the blood covered lintel to the dry sands of the Red Sea, the path God led the Israelites down is only a foretaste of the journey laid for us in the plan of our salvation, and yet, looking back on this epic can help us understand our story all the more. All adults are welcome to join us for this 4-week study and partake in fellowship and refreshments.

EMBODYING

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Mites • June Featured Mission Grant

- Place: Narthex offering boxes
- Time: before/after Liturgies
- Commitment: a few minutes
- Contact: Marilyn Hess 630-414-0845

Lutheran Hour Ministries is **Sharing Christ with Women and Children in Kazakhstan** in urban areas and remote villages. This \$100,000 grant is for direct outreach through local churches and holistic ministry, digital outreach through *Thred.asia*, and printed Christian resources to reach the unchurched. Proclamation of the Gospel is difficult due to harassment by non-Christian religious authorities and unbelieving family members. "We are fighting both physical and spiritual poverty," stated Rev. Peter Kirby. Please use the purple LWML offering envelope included in your quarterly mailing or print MITES on an envelope from the pew rack for your contribution to support this grant.

Open Gym/Pick-up Basketball

- Place: St. John Gym
- Time: 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- Commitment: up to 2 hours
- Contact: Pastor Nelson mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org

The Gym is open Sunday evenings for anyone high school and older to play basketball.

To announce a St. John event in *LifeTogether*, please submit details to Sandy Crowe, scrowe@stjohnwheaton.org. Provide the place, time, commitment and contact information along with a brief description of 100 words or fewer. The deadline for each week's issue of *LifeTogether* is Wednesday noon. Kindly provide two weeks lead time when requesting graphics for the weekly email news and slideshows in The Commons. Events outside of St. John are included at the discretion of the pastors.

Confirmation Canoe Trip—RESCHEDULED

Friday, June 13

- **Place:** Oregon, IL
- **NEW Time:** 7:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
(meet at/return to St. John)
- **Commitment:** 8 hours, \$30
- **Contact:** Pastor Nelson mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org

We'll caravan to Oregon, Illinois, board our canoes, (see whitepelican.biz) paddle down the scenic Rock River and have some ice cream afterward. Please pack a lunch to eat on the way to the boat launch. Invite friends! We will need drivers/chaperones. Please scan the codes to sign up, pay and complete the required waiver. **Sign up by Sunday, June 8.**

If you registered and paid for the canoe trip that was canceled **please complete the sign up again** so we have an accurate count of attendees. If you have already paid and can no longer attend, email John Crowe jcrowe@stjohnwheaton.org for a refund.



Confirmation
Sign up



Confirmation
Pay



Confirmation
Waiver

Women's Book Club • Thursday, June 19

- **Place:** The Commons
- **Time:** 7:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 1–2 hours, plus reading time
- **Contact:** Gretchen Scheel gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org

Ladies, join us the third Thursday of each month for fellowship and book discussion. Our June selection is *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. "He arrives early one spring and by chance — or is it? — he visits a coffee shop where 92 framed pencil portraits are on display. Inspired, Theo sets out on a mission of purchasing all the portraits one at a time and quietly bestowing them on their 'rightful owners.'"

Stories are told; friendships are born; and lives are changed." (From the book cover)

Coming up:

- **July 17**—*Mrs. Kennedy and Me* by Clint Hill
- **August 21**—*The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams

High School Michigan Beach Day

Monday, June 23

- **Place:** Silver Beach County Park (St. Joseph, MI)
- **Time:** 7:30 a.m.–11:00 p.m.
(meet at St. John/return to St. John)
- **Commitment:** One day
- **Contact:** Pastor Witt alvaro@stjohnwheaton.org

High school students- including incoming 9th graders and 2025 seniors—should plan to join us for a fun day at the beach! We will enjoy time at Silver Beach County Park, the pier, the carousel, downtown artisan shops, ice cream, and more. Everything is within walking distance of the beach. Round trip transportation from St. John and lunch at Silver Beach Pizza will be provided. Bring your swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, beach supplies, and spending money for shopping. **Scan the QR code to sign up by Sunday, June 15. Bring friends!**



Choir Boot Camp—Sign up now!

Monday, June 23 through Friday, June 27

- **Place:** St. John
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** Mornings for one week plus Sunday, June 29 8:30 a.m. Liturgy
- **Contact:** Peter Sovitzky psovizky@stjohnwheaton.org

Registration for this summer's Choir Boot Camp is now open! All students who are entering fourth grade through High School are invited to attend. Mrs. Julie LeMahieu and Cantor Peter Sovitzky will teach engaging lessons on how to sing church music together. Fun activities and snacks are also included. Scan the QR code to sign up.

Fall Confirmation Retreat—Save the Date!

October 10–12

- **Place:** Camp Arcadia (Arcadia, MI)
- **Contact:** Pastor Nelson mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org

Incoming 6th, 7th and 8th graders, please save the date and plan to attend the Fall Confirmation Retreat! We will be sending out the link for registration and more details in late June. The deadline for registration will be September 1.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday • June 8 *Pentecost*

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 p.m. Elders Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Open Gym/Pickup Basketball

Monday • June 9

CLOSED

Tuesday • June 10

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Wednesday • June 11

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 9:00 a.m. JOY Group Bible Study (Room 206)

Thursday • June 12

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 8:00 a.m. Garden Club (Main parking lot)

Friday • June 13

- 7:00 a.m. Confirmation Canoe Trip (meet at St. John)
- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Saturday • June 14

- 1:00 p.m. Wedding

Sunday • June 15 *Trinity Sunday*

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9:45 a.m. Governing Board meeting (Room 206)
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 p.m. Elders Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Open Gym/Pickup Basketball

You can prepare for next Sunday's worship by reading:

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

John 8:48-59



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Portals of Prayer
April–June 2025

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located in the back of The Commons.

PEW POUCHES

Each Sunday your child may pick up a pew pouch from the top baskets located in the Narthex. Please note each pew pouch design holds a different title book and copies of the Children's Worship Bulletin designed especially for school-age children. Return the pouch and its contents to the bottom baskets in the Narthex at the end of the service. This way the pouches will be clean and ready for the next Sunday's services. **Please be aware the pew pouches are not age appropriate for children younger than age 3.**

NURSERY

We have an attended nursery for children birth through age 3 on Sundays during the 10:00 a.m. education hour. "The Ark" is located off The Commons.

PLEASE SEE A PASTOR FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- **Large print versions** of today's bulletin are available in the Narthex. **Braille editions** of *Lutheran Service Book* are available upon request.
- **Hearing assistance devices** for use during worship are available in the Narthex.
- **Wheelchairs** are available in the Lounge.

WORSHIP BROADCAST

Every Divine Service is broadcast live on the Internet. The broadcast can be found at www.stjohnwheaton.org/streaming and on the St. John homepage.

WORSHIP ANEW—A PROGRAM FOR SHUT-INS

A 30-minute Lutheran worship service is televised weekly on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on Chicago's CW station WPWR channel 50 (Comcast 184) and at 10:30 a.m. on TCT (DirecTV channel 377). A complete list of viewing options is available at WorshipAnew.org.