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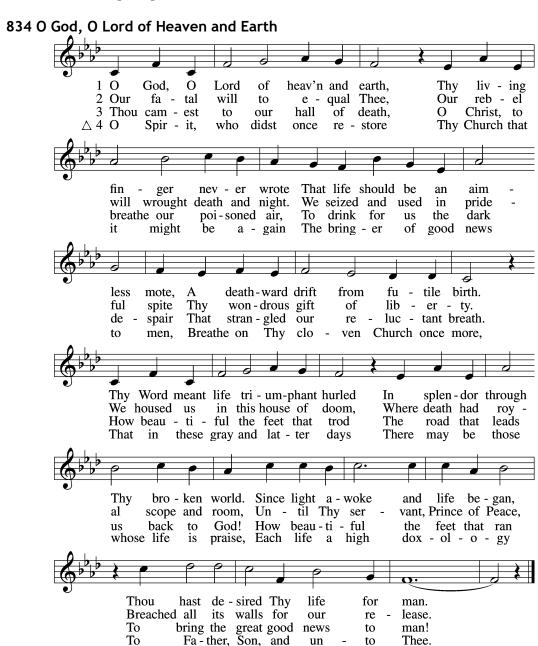
The Day of Pentecost

May 23 2021

Divine Service, Setting Two

As We Gather

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit reaches to all who belong to Christ, granting a renewed and eternal life. In his Letter to Titus, Paul writes of the salvation of God our Savior and the renewal of the Holy Spirit that is for all God's people. Assuring us that we are God's children, the Spirit enables us to address God as our Father with all boldness and confidence—as Martin Luther affirms in his explanation of the Lord's Prayer. When we are directed by the Spirit, our daily lives are ordered in such a way that we continually walk in a heavenly direction. The Spirit shapes our lives of prayer and of worship, interceding for us—and with us—as we worship in spirit and truth.



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Confession and Absolution

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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

Stand

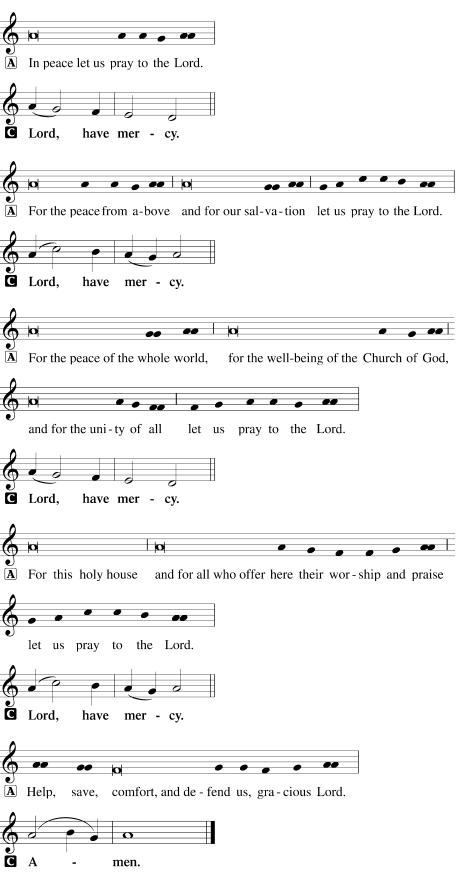
Service of the Word

Introit

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

- Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful,* and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle- | luia.
- 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.
- When you give it to them, they gath- | er it up;* when you open your hand, they are filled with | good things.
- When you send forth your Spirit, they are cre- | ated,* 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 be- | ginning,*
 - 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. Alle- | luia.

Kyrie LSB 168



Gloria in Excelsis LSB 170



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also 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 Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

¹The 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. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And 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."

⁷So 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. ⁸And 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. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy 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." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then 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.' ¹²Therefore 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. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And 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."

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

Second Reading Acts 2:1–21

P The Second Reading is from Acts, chapter 2.

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;
18 even 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

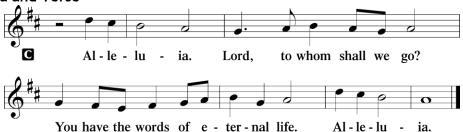
and the moon to blood,

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 173



Holy Gospel John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

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



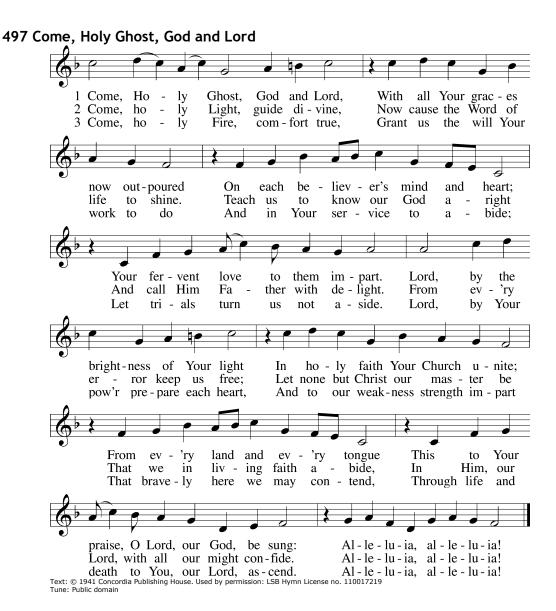
P ²⁶[Jesus said:] "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. . . .

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, 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. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

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





Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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. 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. Amen.

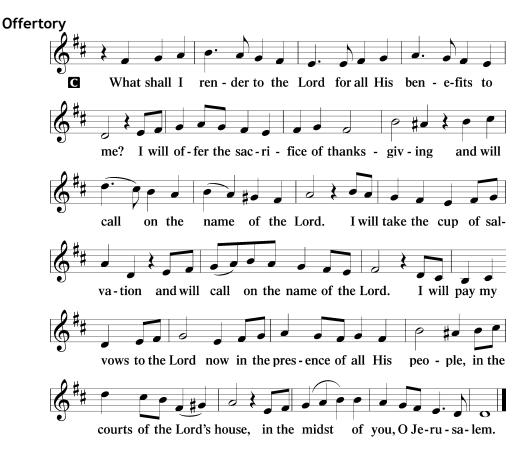
Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For gladness in the Holy Spirit, who fills the world with the remembrance of everything Christ Jesus has spoken, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P That the name of Jesus would be glorified among us in word and deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the Holy Church established on the proclamation of Christ, that His Spirit would sustain the apostolic preaching to the ends of the earth, and that in every tongue the mighty works of God would be heard, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For hope in the midst of this world of death and despair; that God would put His Spirit within us to believe, to live and to serve according to His promises and commands; and that He would lead our homes to confess confidence in His power to raise the dead now and at the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- To beat back Satan's lies and deadly work, that we would know and believe that this world's ruler is judged; for good government and leaders who are both honest and faithful; and for faith that looks eagerly for Christ's quick return, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the help and salvation of all <u>[especially</u>]; that the Spirit would renew the face of the earth, look with favor on His creatures and fill the hearts of the faithful, kindling in them the fire of His love, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- Lord God, heavenly Father, through Your Son You promised Your Holy Spirit, who would convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. Enlighten our hearts so that we confess our sins, obtain everlasting righteousness through faith in Christ and, through every trial and temptation, abide in the consolation that Christ is Lord over the devil, death and all things, and that He will graciously deliver us from all affliction to make us partakers of eternal salvation; 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.

Sit

Offering

Stand



Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray.

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.

Closing Collect

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benediction LSB 183

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.

C Amen.



Announcements

Adult Sunday School has returned to studying Genesis.

The **Flowers** that beautify our altar this morning are given to God's glory.

The **Ladies Bible Study** is studying Leviticus on Wednesday morning at 10am.

Church Council next meeting is June 13 at 8am.

Voters' Assembly will meet after service on **June 13.** We will have voting for President and Financial Secretary. Please prayerfully consider joining the church counsel.

Fifth Sunday, May 30! Get your hymn suggestions to Pastor Huston by May 23.

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