

Welcome!

to
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Clay Center, KS

Thank you
for joining us for worship!

The Day of Pentecost

May 23 & 24, 2026

Worship Folder



St. Paul Lutheran Communion Statement:

COMMUNION WELCOME-God calls upon His people to exercise care in the use of His Supper because harm results when Communion is received without repentance or a right understanding (1 Corinthians 11:23-30) and when fellowship is practiced without agreement in God's Word (Galatians 5:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:15, 3:14). In Communion Jesus gives us His true Body and Blood, in with and under the bread and wine, to forgive our sins (Matthew 26:26-28 and 1 Corinthians 10:16-21). We also profess agreement in the teachings of the church at whose altar we commune. Thus, we cannot offer this Supper to those who have not received instruction per the mysteries of this meal. We do invite fellow members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to join our members as we receive the Sacrament today. Others are asked to speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. Those who desire to come forward for a blessing are invited to do so, indicating their intent to receive a blessing by crossing their arms in front.

Distribution of the bread is to the hand of the communicant. "Gluten Free" wafers are available. Please let the ushers know PRIOR to service if you are needing this substitution.

Distribution of the wine is by choice of individual cup or common chalice. If you receive with the individual cup, please keep the small cup visible to the minister with the common cup. Individual cups of unfermented grape juice will be provided at the center of each of the trays for those who prefer grape juice over wine. Both are "fruit of the vine" and in the sacrament become means by which Christ grants us his blood to assure us of forgiveness, life and salvation. The unfermented grape juice is light in color.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

AS WE GATHER

The arrival of the Holy Spirit is a day of celebration. This is a day to rejoice in promises kept and anticipate greater things to come. Today's festival is a bridge for the church. It connects the commemoration of the life of Christ (through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter) to the season centered on our life in Christ, beginning with Pentecost. The festival's signature red color reminds us of the fiery arrival of the Spirit, the Spirit's ongoing work as the heartbeat of Christ's church, and the blood shed by believers past and present as they proclaim the crucified, risen, and ascended Christ.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

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SUNDAY SERVICE

Baptism – Sigrid Willow Torjesen

Join together on page 268 in Hymnal

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

P The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

C and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Jesus said, "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."

C "And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment."

P So we pray to the Spirit, our Helper and advocate, who intercedes on our behalf. Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, Your presence among us unifies us as one Body.

C Yet, too often we neglect, belittle, or attack our brothers and sisters.

P You have been poured out that we might bear witness to Christ, our Savior.

C Yet, too often we remain speechless.

P You were sent that You might produce in us the fruit of righteousness.

C Yet, too often we display our pessimistic, discontented, selfish nature. We plead to God, our Father, to forgive us for the sake of Christ. Holy Spirit, grant us power to testify to our Savior, Jesus, in what we say and do. Bring to bear in us the fruit of righteousness and hold us united in faith unto life everlasting.

P "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved," and "no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit." Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

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.

To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray



1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray
2 O sweet - est Love, Your grace on us be - stow;
3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,
4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;



For the true faith need - ed on our way
Set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow
Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed
Teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right



That He may de - fend us when life is end - ing And from
That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, Ev - 'ry
That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us When the
That we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, Till to



ex - ile home we are wend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!
strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!
foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!
our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

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Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

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1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions
2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, The bear - er of God's
3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; Your sev'n - fold gifts to
△ 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame At - tend the al - might - y



first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come,
gra - cious might, Thrice - ho - ly fount, thrice - ho - ly fire, Our
us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And
Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior - Son be glo - ri - fied, Who



pour Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row
hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire; Your sa - cred, heal - ing
prac - tice all that we be - lieve; Give us Your - self that
for all hu - man - kind has died; To You, O Par - a -



set us free; May we Your liv - ing tem - ples be.
mes - sage bring To sanc - ti - fy us as we sing.
we may see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.
clete, we raise Un - end - ing songs of thanks and praise.

Text: attr. Rabanus Maurus, 776-856; tr. John Dryden, 1631-1700, alt.
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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, gift through water and the Word, continue to build the church as You did on Pentecost, that we might grow in faith and unity along with the whole Body of Christ, here and around the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 25:1–15

P¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

C²**O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.**

P³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C⁴**Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.**

P⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

C⁶**Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

P⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

C⁸**Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

P⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

C¹⁰**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

P¹¹For your name’s sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.

C¹²**Who is the man who fears the LORD?
Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.**

P¹³His soul shall abide in well-being,
and his offspring shall inherit the land.

C¹⁴**The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,
and he makes known to them his covenant.**

P¹⁵My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

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.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 7:37–39

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

C **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.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

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SERMON

CATECHISM

The Third Article

C **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.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him;**

P but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

C **In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

P In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

C On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Gathered from many tribes and nations, but made to drink of one Spirit, we pray for the whole Christian Church on earth, and for all people according to their needs:

Spirit of power and life,

C **ignite our hearts with holy fire. Compel us to speak of Your mighty deeds and display Your heart for the nations.**

P Spirit of power and truth,

C **drive Your church to where unchanging truth can be found, that we might drink deeply of Scripture's message.**

P Spirit of power and peace,

C **extinguish the hidden hatreds that turn us against one another, and kindle brotherly concern within all people.**

P Spirit of power and justice,

C **shape our legal system with fairness, and look with compassion on everyone impacted by crime.**

P Spirit of power and consolation,

C **comfort those who feel lost or alone, and bring tender mercies to the grieving.**

P Spirit of power and encouragement,

C **grant patience and faith to all who wait for direction, reconciliation, or healing.**

P Spirit of power and wisdom,

C **guide parents, teachers, and those in earthly authority to speak kindly and act responsibly.**

P Spirit of power and gentleness,

C pursue the hearts that are far from You, and bring home Your lost lambs.

P Spirit of power and holiness,

C **set Your church apart for service, and raise up new servants who teach, preach, and lead Your people.**

P Faithful God, as Your people awaited the day of the Spirit's outpouring, by the same Spirit, hold us in faith as we await the day of Christ's return, for He lives and reigns with You and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

Matthew 6:21— "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

OFFERTORY



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.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

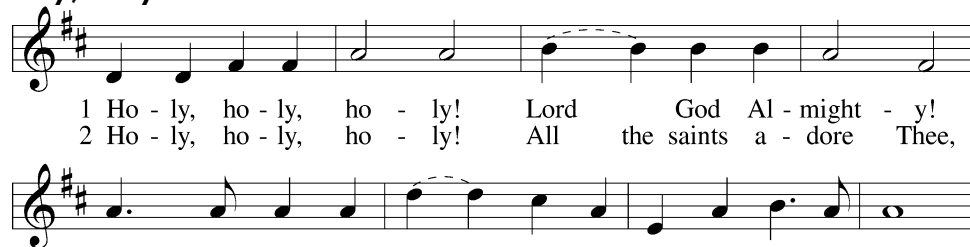
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that in the power of Your Spirit, we should praise You this day, for Your great and mighty works. For by Your Word and in Your Sacraments, You have made us to drink of the Spirit who is the Lord and giver of life. Here, the Spirit holds us by Your means of grace to the triumph of Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended one. Together, the whole of Your church—in heaven and on earth—joins our praise with the angels' to laud and magnify Your glorious name, forevermore adoring You and saying:

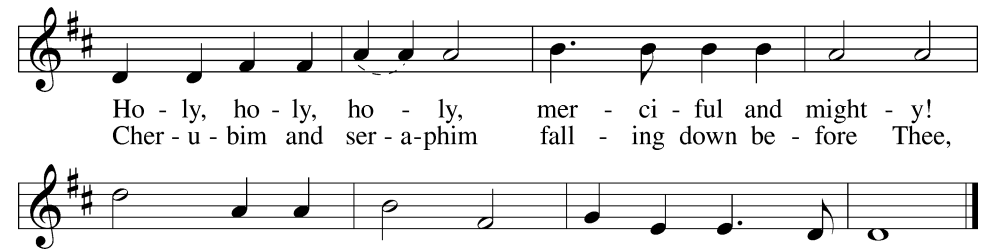
Holy, Holy, Holy

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1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Father of nations, for You have had mercy on all flesh, sending Your Spirit to declare the salvation found only in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. By His atoning death and victorious resurrection, He has made satisfaction for our sins and now beckons all who thirst to drink deeply of the fruits of His cross. Prepare our hearts to receive His true body and blood at this Table, that we might be fed with the bread of life, and prepared to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth, quenching the nations with living water, namely the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the 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.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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:

LORD'S PRAYER

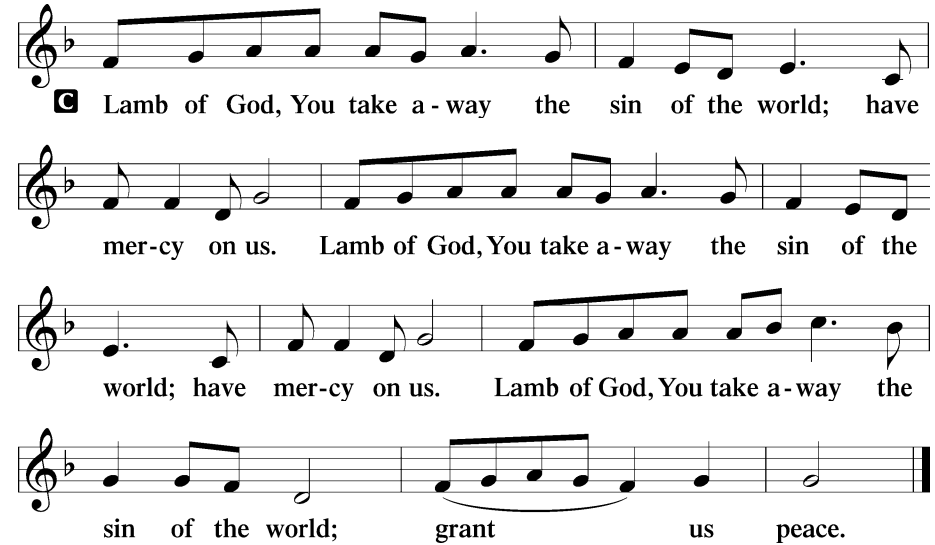
C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

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Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

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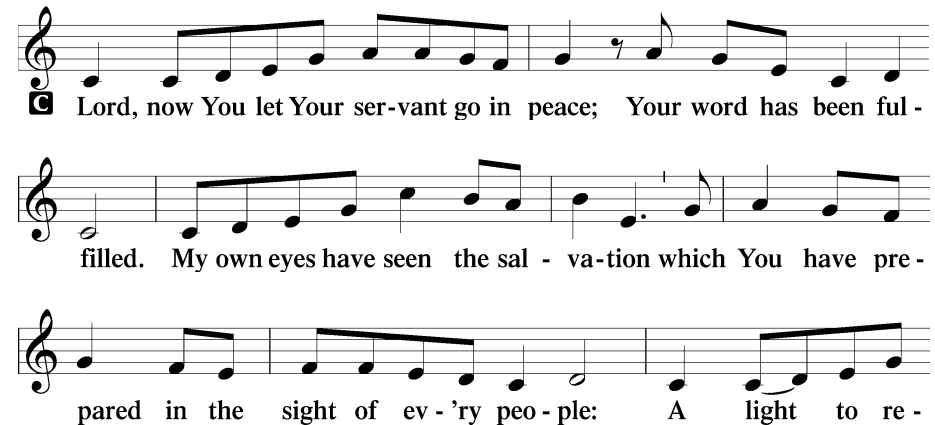
Chief of Sinners Though I Be

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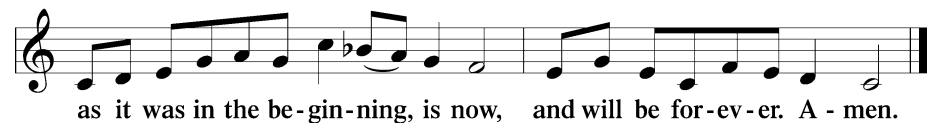
Holy Spirit, Light Divine

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.
Spirit of wisdom and truth, we praise You for the gift of faith that receives the blessings that come to us through the Supper of our Savior, Jesus. Keep us steadfast in the way of everlasting life, granting us wisdom to go and grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

C Amen.

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

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