

Welcome!

to
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Clay Center, KS

Thank you
for joining us for worship
on this:

The Day
of
Pentecost

May 27 & 28, 2023

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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 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.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

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INVOCATION

P 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,
C and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

In silent prayer, we ask the Holy Spirit to create clean hearts within us.

P O Spirit of God,
C 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.

P 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 ✠

INTROIT

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
C 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;
C the earth is full of Your creatures.

P These all look to You,
C to give them their food in due season.

P When You give it to them, they gather it up;
C when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

P When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,
C 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,
C 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.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray for the blessing of the Spirit.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray 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.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

P Glory be to God on high:



C and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



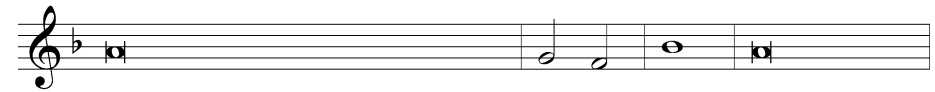
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



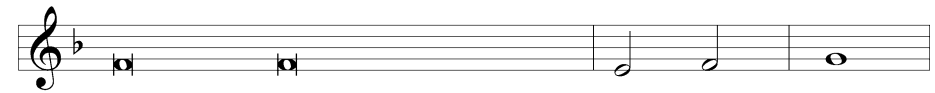
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **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.

C **Grant to us the same Spirit who delivers to us the fullness of who we are in Christ;**

P 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

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

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

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

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

NICENE CREED

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

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

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SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

P 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.

C Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

P 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.

C Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

P 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.

C Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

P 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. Bless our military, David, Enrique, Liam, Cooper, Michael, and Evan. 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.

C Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

P Great Physician, You give healing to those who cry to You for mercy. Today we lift up before You the ill: June, Stan, Loyde, Georgie, Winnie, Janet, Roger, Kay, Larry, Cliff, Ann, Dee, Jackie, Paul, Carl, Charles, Clayton, Vi, Pam, Preborn son of Josh & Jesika, Jimmy, Sharon, Patty, Holt, Larry, Lois, Elizabeth, Lee, Melissa, Darlene, Scot, Darla, Gail, Linda, Staci, Lon, Megan, Brody, Rachelle, Joe, Taylor, Sheila, Donald, Sandy, Marla, Grant, Grace, Connie, Kerri, Ethan, Dan, Luke, and Ella & the

shut in: Bonnie, Jack, Darlene, Betty, Julie, and Cedric. 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.

C Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

P 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.

C In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

✠ 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 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 saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 to bear our sin and be our Savior.

C **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.**

P 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.

C **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

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.



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

✠ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ✠

Brothers and Sisters in Christ



1 Sing Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Let your
 2 Man walked a-lone and in need, With-out
 3 Lord, teach us how to pro-claim All Your
 prayers and your prais-es as-cend.
 faith, hope or prom-ise or creed;
 good-ness, Your love and Your name!
 Lift up your voic-es and sing to our Lord God, our
 Wan-der-ing aim-less-ly lost un-a-ware of the
 Lord, teach us how to for-give, and in love, teach us,
 Sav-ior and King! Here brought to-gether by
 stag-ger-ing cost; That God in His mer-cy would
 Lord, how to live. Rais-ing our voic-es in
 grace, We are gathered as friends in this place.
 save All His peo-ple from death and the grave.
 song, Help us tell all the world we be-long.
 And as-sem-bled as one, in the name of the Son, Lift-ing
 hearts, lift-ing hands, Cel-e-brat-ing as friends, And pro-
 claim-ing the Lord, All our prais-es af-ford. We are
 broth-ers and sis-ters in Christ.

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

The Lamb

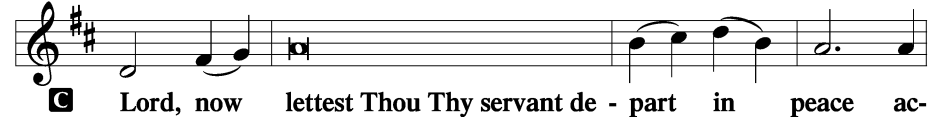
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NUNC DIMITTIS



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, gracious Father, that You have refreshed us through this saving and renewing gift of Your Son's body and blood. Seal us with Your Holy Spirit that the message we have here received may be our guide as we go forth in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

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

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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