

THE FESTIVAL ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude: "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" arranged by Georg Phillip Telemann

The Ringing of the Bell calls us to reverent worship.

Processional Hymn: 498 "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" (Please stand if you are able as the cross enters.)

The Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. All praises be to our Triune God!

P: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world with God's grace telling us of our Father's love for us through His Son, Jesus. Alleluia!

C: We rejoice in the mercy our God has shown us. Alleluia!

The Confession and Absolution:

P: By the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us we see our many sins and bring them before You: C: Lord, have mercy.

P: By the power of the Holy Spirit we trust in You to forgive our sins because of the death of Jesus for us: C: Christ, have mercy.

P: By the power of the Holy Spirit we live as the forgiven body of Christ to serve one another in love. C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Our heavenly Father has had mercy on us and has given His Son Jesus unto death to take away our sins. As a called and ordained servant of God's Word, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another

The Introit: (sung together)



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! The earth is full of Your | creatures. Page 1

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.

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

and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alle- | luia.

The Collect of the Day:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: 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. Amen. (please be seated)

The Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

So 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. And 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. Then 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." So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then 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.' Page 2

Therefore 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. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O My people. And 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 our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh **and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.**  
With the heart one believes and is justified **and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

The Pentecost Reading: Acts 2:1-21

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." 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.""

P: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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Choral Anthem: (8 a.m.) “Catch the Vision! Share the Glory!” (by Jaroslav Vajda) *Choir*

*(please stand if you are able)*

The Holy Gospel: *(read from the center of the sanctuary accompanied by the cross)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> chapters.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** *(John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 is read.)*

[Jesus said:] “But 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. And 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. But now I am going to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, 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. And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When 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. He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. All 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 our Lord.

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

Our Pentecost Statement of Faith: *(confessed in unison)*

**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.**

**I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

**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.**

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

**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.** *(please be seated)*

The Hymn of the Day: 496 “Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

The Festival Sermon: “It Is Christian Only If It Points Us to Jesus” John 15:26-27

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*Notes about the Text:* Jesus is in the Upper Room with His disciples. It is the night before He is crucified. Notice the multiple references to each person of the Holy Trinity:

“Father” (twice) = First Person; “I, Me, Me” = Second Person, Son of God; “Helper...Spirit of truth...He” = Third Person, Holy Spirit.

From Whom does the “Helper” come? \_\_\_\_\_ (“who proceeds from the Father and the Son” Nicene Creed)

What is the work of this “Spirit of truth”? \_\_\_\_\_

What is our work as Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

Why are we as modern-day disciples of Jesus to “bear witness”? \_\_\_\_\_

The Prayer of the Church: *(please stand if you are able)*

HEALING AND COMFORT: Alvin Moeller, Wilma Wagner, C. John Prigge, Edward Luttman, Pearl Luttman, Fred Wiegand, Jane Donjon, Susie Harms; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Rev. Mike and Melanie Maddick, Dwain Schrader, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Donna Sandersfeld, Dan Krebel, Caleb Oakley, Robin Steinmann, Bobby Wood, Kate Snyder, Jeff Westbrook. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (Please call with the names to include in prayer.) Army- Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Tim Healy, Christopher Dupertius, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallett, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop, Thomas Lewis  
+our elementary school students who are participating in Lutheran State Track  
+our 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Michelle Hines who has a call to Central Lutheran in Newhall, Iowa  
+those in Hawaii who are suffering from volcanic eruptions and earthquakes  
+birth of a son, Huxton Randall, to Alex and Morgann Grohmann on May 10  
+favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields this week  
+those who have graduated or are graduating from school

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, You are the giver of all life. Often we take Your daily blessings of health for granted. We thank You that in our times of need You grant us the service of doctors and nurses, the assistance of medicine and therapy, and the love of family members and friends. According to Your will we ask that You would bless those in need of physical healing with strength of body and peace of spirit so that they would share with others the joy of life in Your name even during their time of illness and trouble. For Alvin, Wilma, C. John, Edward, Pearl, Fred, Jane, Susie, Lori, Mike, Melanie, Dwain, Brenda, Derrick, Donna, Dan, Caleb, Robin, Bobby, Kate, Jeff and all those in need of healing and strength we pray, Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God, You bless us with rain and sunshine. It is easy for us to complain about the weather when it is bad and hard for us to praise You for the conditions when they are good. We thank You that You provide for our needs. We ask You to bless us with favorable weather for farming this week and safety in the fields for all who work the land in Your name and for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God, You are served by an army of angels who dwell in Your glory. How little do we recognize the protection they provide us! We do see how the military of our country protects our freedom and liberty. We thank You for all those who serve in our nation’s armed forces. We ask for Your safety and protection to be upon our country’s military personnel. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God, Your first disciples stood on the streets of Jerusalem and proclaimed Jesus the Messiah to strangers gathered in the city from many parts of the world. Your call of us to witness for our Lord leads us to family, friends and neighbors, yet not with powerful sermons, but by words of encouragement, acts of love, and gifts of music which praise our Savior who lives in and through us. We pray for the Holy Spirit to work in us that we might take advantage of the many ways You give us to reach out with the good news of Jesus to those who are around us. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God, send Your Spirit upon Your faithful people that, by the proclamation of Your Gospel message, fervent love for one another would increase. By Your Spirit, empower Your people to abound in works of love toward those in need. We thank You for the ministry of St. John’s Lutheran School and Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. We pray that You would bless the teachers and students as they look forward to continued growth in their life together in the name of Jesus. We join with all those who have graduated from a school this spring in thanking You for the education they have received. We pray that You will use this education as a blessing for them in their future endeavors in Your name and for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord of all creation, we see the force of the nature You have made and recognize the signs You have given us that this world will come to its end. While we do not hold on to the things of this world as our hope, we do pray for the well-being of those who are threatened by the sinful fallenness of this planet. We pray for Your protection of those on the big island of Hawaii whose houses have been destroyed, livelihoods damaged and lives endangered by volcanic eruptions and constant earthquakes. We trust that You will work through the good of Your people to provide the relief they will need in the weeks and months to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God, in the pages of Holy Scripture You reveal to us Your salvation of us. Guide our efforts at proclaiming Your Word. Bring to joyful fruition the Gospel seeds planted by missionaries, pastors, teachers and all Your people. Guide our teacher Michelle Hines as she considers how best to serve You in Your kingdom through her teaching ministry in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God, You provide for our world in so many ways. We thank You for Your gift of new life in the birth of children. We join with Alex, Morgann and their families in thanking You for the birth of their son, Huxton Randall. We are grateful that You have brought both mother and child safely through this delivery. We trust that Your Holy Spirit will guide these parents in raising their children to know Your Son, Jesus, as the Lord of their lives and their Savior from sin. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious God of all glory, we thank You for the opportunity You have given students in our school to participate with fellow Lutheran school students in the state track meet. We pray that You bless their competition with excellent effort, sincere sportsmanship, and the rewarded result of a job well done. We ask that You would give them an enjoyable time together and a safe return home to us. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Your own and have granted us the remission of sins. United in Your teachings, make all those who approach Your altar this day ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and grant us grateful hearts, that we may give thanks to You for this wonderful sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, O Triune God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ **C: Amen.** *(please be seated)*

The Offering: "Holy Spirit, Light Divine" *arranged by J. Wayne Kerr*

The Liturgy of Holy Communion *(please stand if you are able)*

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.**

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 as He has promised the Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. At 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:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer: *(prayed in unison)*

The Words of Institution:

P: ....The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Distribution Hymns: *(please be seated)*

*(8 a.m.)* Anthem: "O Lord, We Bow in Adoration" (C.E. Wacker) *Choir*

497 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

503 "O Day Full of Grace"

650 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

643 "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

The Post-Communion Prayer: *(please stand if you are able)*

P: O Holy Spirit, You are powerfully present among us through the speaking and hearing of God's Word during this time of worship. We ask now that You would send us forth in faith, guide us by grace, and renew within us confidence so that we may confess the name of Jesus as our Savior and spread His Gospel message of salvation into all the world;

**C: we pray this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Blessing:

P: The love of God the Father, the grace of God the (+) Son and the strength of God the Holy Spirit go with you and remain with you here in time and thereafter in eternity.

**C: All praises be to our Triune God! Amen.**

Closing Hymn: 500 "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

The Postlude: "The Glory of the Spirit"

*by Lani Smith*

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