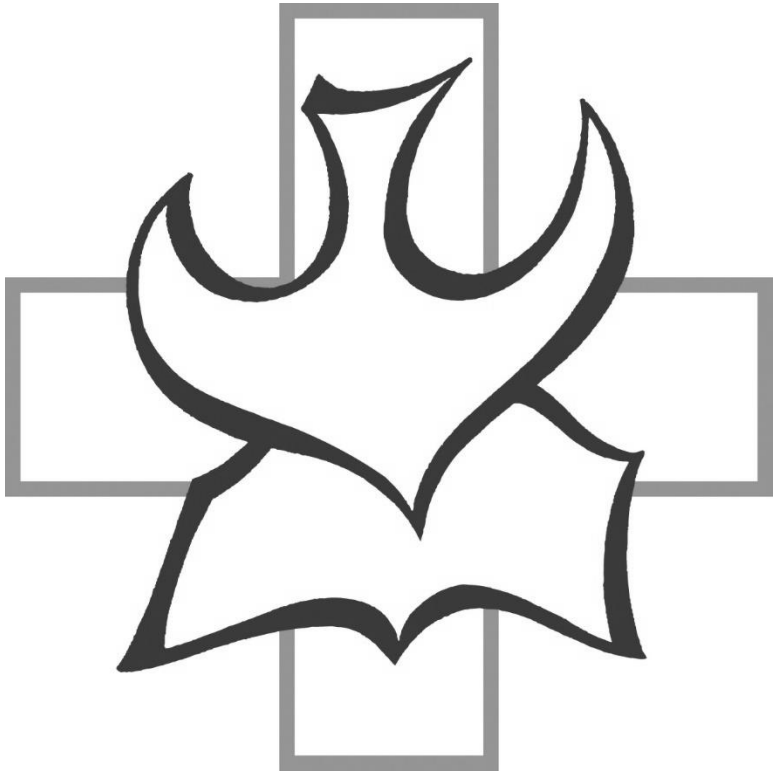


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



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Order of Worship

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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. Alleluia.

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom have you made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

These all look to you,

to give them their food in due season.

When you give it to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,

and you renew the face of the ground.

Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.

Thank you.

The Day of Pentecost

Divine Service

Invocation

Matthew 28:19

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

C Amen.

Opening Song

Give Us Clean Hands

Hall

Verse, Chorus 1, Verse, Chorus 2, Bridge, Chorus 2

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 7/8 time. It consists of eight staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; Oh, Spir - it, come make us hum - ble. We turn our eyes from e - vil things; Oh Lord, we cast down our i - dols. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to an - oth - er. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to an - oth - er. Oh God, let us be"

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17 a gen - er - a - tion that seeks, who seeks Your face,

19 O God of Ja - cob.

22 cob O God let us be a gen - er - a - tion that seeks,

21 who seeks Your face, O God of Ja - cob.

27 Give us clean hands; Give us pure hearts;

31 Give us clean hands O God we try out

36 Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not

39 lift our souls to an - oth - er. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts;

42 Let us not lift our souls to an - oth - er. Oh God, let us be

45 a gen - er - a - tion that seeks, who seeks Your face, O God of Ja -

48 cob. O God, let us be a gen - er - a - tion that seeks,

50 who seeks Your face, O God of Ja - cob.

Prayer of Confession

- 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.**

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

- P** O Lord, hear us now, as we confess our sins to You.
- 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.**

Psalm

Psalm 139:1–12

Spoken responsively

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

²**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**

⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

**⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.**

⁷Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?

**⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

⁹If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

**¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.**

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,"

**¹²even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light 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. 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.

G Amen.

Song

Speak, O Lord

Getty, Townend



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re -
2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of Your ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our
grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the



deep in us; Shape and fash-ion us in Your like-ness, that the
at-ti-tudes in the ra-di-ance of Your pu-ri-ty. Cause our
dawn of time, that will e-cho down through e-ter-ni-ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to-day in our acts of love and our
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma-jes-tic love and au-
grace we'll stand on Your prom-is-es; And by faith we'll walk as You



deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful-fill in us all Your
thor-i-ty. Words of pow'r that can nev-er fail; Let their
walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the



pur-pos-es, for Your glo-ry.
truth pre-vail o-ver un-belief.
earth is filled with Your glo-ry.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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, "Prophecy 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, "Prophecy 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Song of the Day

Ancient Words

DeShazo

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus x2, Verse 4, Chorus x2, Ending

VERSE 1



1. Ho-ly_ words long pre - served for our walk in this world;_



They re-sound_ with God's own heart, O, let the

§ VERSES 2, 3 & 4



an-cient words im - part;

2. Words of life, words of
 (3.) words of our
 (4.) blood stains each



hope, give us strength, help_ us cope;_
 faith hand - ed down_ to_ this age;_
 page, they have died_ for_ this faith;_



_____ In this world_ wher - e'er we
 _____ came to us_ through sac - ri -
 _____ Hear them cry_ through the

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roam, an - cient words will guide us home.
 fice; O, heed the faith - ful words of Christ.
 years; Heed these words and hold them dear.

CHORUS



An-cient words, ev-er true, chang-ing me, chang-ing



you; We have come with o - pen hearts, O let the



an-cient words im - part. 3. Ho-ly_ part. An-cient

CHORUS



words, ev-er true, chang-ing me, chang-ing you; We have

2nd time to Coda ⊕



come with o - pen hearts, O let the an - cient words im - part.

INSTRUMENTAL

D.S. al Coda



⊕ Coda

ENDING

4. Mar - tyr's_



part. We have come with o - pen hearts, O let the



an - cient words im - part.



O let the an - cient words im - part.



Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- P** Gracious Lord, Your Spirit fills the world and gladdens Your Church with the remembrance of all Christ Jesus has spoken. Glorify His name among us in every word and deed.

Response after each petition

- P** Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, through Your Son You promised Your Holy Spirit, who would convict the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. Enlighten our hearts, that we would 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. We ask that You would 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.**

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- 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.**

Blessing

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

Song

By Faith

Getty, Getty, Townend

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Verse 4, Chorus, Verse 5, Chorus x2, Tag

VERSE

1. By faith we see the hand of God in the
2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the

3
light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the
pow'r of His pro - mise in their hearts, of a

5
lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,
ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,

7
who walk by faith and not by sight. reign. We will
a place where peace and jus - tice

10
CHORUS $\text{\textcircled{X}}$
stand as chil - dren of the pro - mise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our

13
soul's re - ward. 'Til the race is fin - ished and the work is done,
2nd X to Coda $\text{\textcircled{H}}$

16
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

19
VERSE
3. By faith the pro - phets saw the day when the
4. By faith the church was called to go in the



longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the
pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost to de -



pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news



and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. earth. We will
in ev' ry cor - ner_ of the_



we'll walk by faith and not by sight.



5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the



pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we



know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble for all who call up - on His



name. We will stand as chil - dren of the pro - mise; we will



fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward. 'Til the



race is fin - ished and the work is done,

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45

we'll walk by faith and not by sight. Oh, we will

47 CHORUS

stand as chil-dren of the pro-mise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our

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soul's re-ward. 'Til the race is fin-ished and the

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work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by

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sight. we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

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Resources for Meditation this Week

PENTECOST

19 May 2024

Readings

Ezekiel 37:1–14

Acts 2:1–21

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

The Holy Spirit Brings the Dead to Life by the Righteousness of Christ

In returning to His Father by way of the cross and resurrection, Christ Jesus sends *"the Helper"* to His Church, that is, *"the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father."* The Spirit testifies of Christ and glorifies Him by taking what is His and declaring it to the world in the preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (John 15:26; 16:7, 14). He convicts the world of sin by the word of the Law, He forgives sins and justifies sinners by the Word of the Gospel, and He bestows the faith that says "Amen" to this righteousness of God (John 16:8–11). Therefore, the Lord pours out His Spirit on the apostles, that by their preaching, the Spirit should be given to His entire Church. As the multitudes are gathered from all the nations by *"this sound,"* that is, by the preaching of *"the mighty works of God"* in Christ Jesus, so does God the Father pour out the Spirit of His Son *"on all flesh"* (Acts 2:6, 11, 17). The Lord God breathes upon the slain, and so shall they live; for so the Lord has spoken, and He shall do it (Ezek. 37:5–14).



Readings

Isaiah 6:1–8

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

John 3:1–17

The Glory of the LORD of Hosts Shines in Mercy, Forgiveness and Salvation

When Isaiah “*saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up,*” he cried out and confessed that he was “*a man of unclean lips.*” If even the holy angels cover their faces in the presence of “*the King, the LORD of hosts,*” how can sinful humans stand before Him (Is. 6:1–5)? Yet, the glory of the Lord is saving grace, and with “*a burning coal*” from the altar the angel touched Isaiah’s lips, removing his guilt (Is. 6:6–7). Likewise, from the altar of Christ’s cross, by the ministry of the Gospel, “*the whole earth is full of his glory*” (Is. 6:3). For He was crucified, died and was buried, “*according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God,*” and God “*raised him up, loosing the pangs of death*” (Acts 2:23–24). He “*received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit*” (Acts 2:33), and He raises up the fallen world by pouring out His life-giving Spirit upon sinners through His earthly Means of Grace. To give this saving gift, God sent His Son into the world, “*that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life*” (John 3:16–17).

