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Traditional Worship Service



OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Connecting Faith to Everyday Life

DAY OF PENTECOST
SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023



GATHERING

Prelude – “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart,” arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

+Thanksgiving for Baptism

In naming it,
we can recognize
that every human thing
is touched, somehow,
by sinfulness.

Some sinfulness is the failure of a whole society.
But much is simpler,
more personal:
our individual regrets,
our harmful ignorance.

Yet before there were sinners in this place,
God prepared the land with affection.
Before the human hearthfire,
the sacred hills
threw rocky palms into the sky
to praise the God of love.

And God laced the land with rivers
to feed all life.

This God blesses us with mercy,
pours out mercy like rain,
and demands mercy like thunder.

Water is poured into the font.

In ancient Israel,
the river was the sign of God's mercy:
God's power over the captors in Egypt,
God's separation from the agony of slavery,
God's healing renewal for the diseased and the sinful.

In this place, too,
God's mercy flows through the water
where Christ meets both sinner and saint.

When we thirst for renewal,
God washes us in mercy.

When old wounds feel fresh,
God washes us in mercy.

When the buried past poisons our conscience,
God washes us in mercy.

When our bodies ache and our spirits weep,
God washes us in mercy.

When the land cracks and the crops wither,
God washes us in mercy.

At this font
all people can return
to God's healing water,
a cool drink for your spirit,

regeneration for every cell in your body,
reconciliation for every society.

**Christ Jesus, you died to create new hope for harmony. Plant us beside
your river of mercy so our roots drink deeply from new life.**

+ Sharing the Peace

+Gathering Hymn – ELW, No. 526, “God Is Here!”



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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+Greeting

+Canticle of Praise – ELW, No. 167

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
Refrain
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and
Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of
Refrain
God; to make all things new.

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+Prayer of the Day

WORD

Reading – Acts 2:1–21

+Gospel Verse

Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we go? —
5 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le-lu - ia!

+Gospel – John 20:19–23

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – ELW, No. 400, “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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+Apostles' Creed

+Prayers of Intercession

MEAL

Offering

Invitation

Offering Song – “Every Time I Feel the Spirit,” arr. Harry Burleigh

Offering Prayer

We can freely admit:
the church we love today
looks different than it did yesterday.
New seeds sprout slower.
Old roots grow weaker.

Yet we have no reason
to doubt God's goodness, my friends.
And worry never helped a harvest.

Let's pray for God's faithfulness
for these and all our gifts.

God, we give these gifts so you can multiply our ministry.
We offer our creativity so you can grow our possibilities.
We offer our future so you can care for us today.
We even offer our fear so you can grow our faithfulness.
And we offer our thanksgiving as we feast on harvest blessings.
Thank you, thank you. Amen.

The assembly stands.

Holy Communion

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

The assembly is seated.

The Invitation

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
break the chains of ha - tred and fear:
are the way of jus - tice and peace:
are the way of mer - cy and love:

4
mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.

8
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:

11
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn – ELW, No. 627, “O Day Full of Grace”



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
 cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
 life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
 lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
 stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
 lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
 mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.
 gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
 mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
 join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

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 Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842
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+Prayer of the Satisfied

Once we have eaten
 the fruit of the earth
 we possess the seeds
 for the next harvest.

Please pray with me.

**God, after this meal of hope, help us sow seeds of patience in this place.
 Water the kernels of courage planted deep in our hearts. And in these
 rows of faithful people sprout your hope, so we can grow the joyful fu-
 ture you have planned for your church. Amen.**

SENDING

Sending Hymn – ELW, No. 807, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

Announcements

Sending

Postlude – “Come, Christians, Join to Sing,” arr. Mark Hayes

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