

Pentecost Sunday
May 19, 2024
Worship will begin at 9:00 a.m.



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***Welcome all! To those who are here with us and to those who will join us online:
Welcome to worship this morning at St. John's Lutheran Church!***

If you are a visitor with us this morning, we are delighted that you have joined us. We hope in your worship experience you will be reminded of God's presence and be drawn into a deeper relationship with God in your faith life.

Please be sure to sign the black attendance pad ***individually***, found in your pew and to be placed in the offering plate during the offering time or in the plate in the narthex.

Restrooms can be found in the entry area of the church. As you walk out through the glass doors, the men's room is on the left and the women's on the right.

We are an open communion table here at St. John's which means that all are welcome to join us in encountering God's grace during Holy Communion. Those of you sharing communion with us, at home, are welcome to prepare some wine or grape juice and bread that you will share with one another during communion.

There is a time set aside for you to make your offering. You may give online at Tithe.ly.com or you can write your check and mail it to PO Box 210, or drop it in the offering plate during the offering time.

You are all invited to join us for ongoing Christian Education:

- **Women's Bible Study** on Women of the Bible meets 1st Tuesday at 10:30a.m.
- **Hope Circle-Women's Bible Study** meets the 3rd Tuesday at 10:30a.m.
- **LAMP**- 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11:30a.m.
- **Free Soup Lunch** – 1st Thursday of the month at 11:30a.m.
- **Wednesday Night Dinner** – Wednesday at 6:00p.m.
- **Youth Hangout** – Wednesday at 6:30p.m.
- **Adult Bible Study**- Wednesday at 6:30p.m. in the Education Bldg.
- **Adult Sunday School** meet in the Sanctuary classroom at 10:30-11:30a.m.
- **High School Sunday School** – Education Bldg. 10:30-11:30a.m.
- **Confirmation Class** - Education Bldg. 10:30-11:30a.m.
- **Elementary Sunday School** - 10:30-11:30a.m. in the sandbox room.
- **Lou's Kitchen** – 10:15a.m. on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Office Hours:

Monday: 10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Tuesday: 10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Wednesday: 10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Thursday: 10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

PRELUDE

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

WELCOME

You are invited to stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG

Spirit of Gentleness

ELW #396

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

Refrain

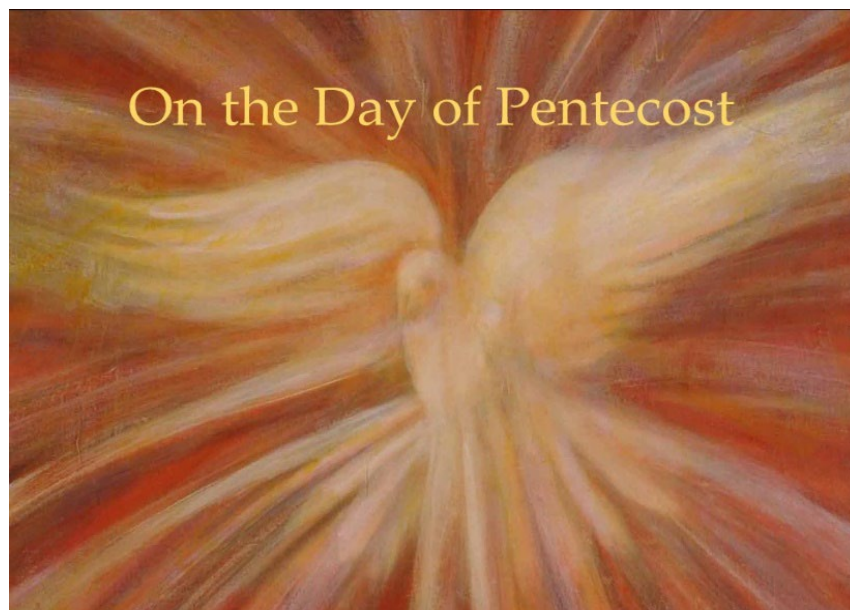
Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



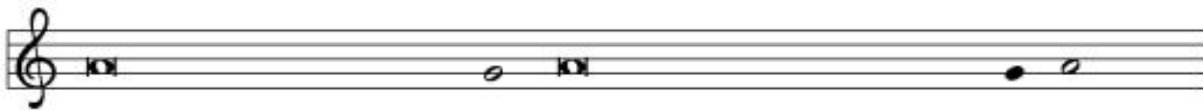
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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 to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

C: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

⁹Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon 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 upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: *Please join in singing the psalm responsively.*

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b *Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.*



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- ²⁴How manifold are your | works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.
- ²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.**
- ²⁶There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.
- ²⁷**All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season.**
- ²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.
- ²⁹**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**
- ³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.
- ³¹**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.**
- ³²You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.
- ³³**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.**
- ³⁴May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

L: *Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“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; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

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, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason 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.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Cheryl Lamaak
(My take aways from today’s sermon)

You are invited to stand as you are able.

- 1 Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;
breath of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.
- 2 Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine;
kindle ev'ry high desire; purge me with your holy fire.
- 3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine, fortify this will of mine;
by your will I strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive.
- 4 Holy Spirit, peace divine, still this restless heart of mine;
speak to calm this tossing sea, stayed in your tranquility.
- 5 Holy Spirit, right divine, king within my conscience reign;
be my guide, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.

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GRADUATION RECOGNITION

APOSTLE'S CREED

A: With the whole church let us proclaim our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A: We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized.

A: *God of grace*, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made.

A: *God of grace*, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment.

A: *God of grace*, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way We pray especially for our loved ones in need of healing: *(Silent Prayer...)*

Herman, Betty Jean, Sam, Dawson family, JoAnne, Lisa, Norma, Debra, Neil, Alan R., Wilma, Lisa Br., David, Devin, John, Tammy, Derrick, Ashley, Johnny, Linda, Gabrielle, Evelyn L, Charles, Robbie, Brenda, Dora, Berry, Marion, Lonnie, Betty, Ronald, Bubba, Tim, Frances, Neal.

A: *God of grace*, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for healing for all who have died and are suffering in the Ukraine, Palestine, Gaza, Israel, and Myanmar. A: *God of grace*, C: **hear our prayer.**

A: What else do the people of God wish to lift up to God this day? (*Wait for responses and allow for silence.*) A: *God of grace*, C: **hear our prayer.**

A: For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight.

A: *God of grace*, C: **hear our prayer.**

A: We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. A: *God of grace*, C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SHARE THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

A: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

A: We worship God through our offering!

OFFERING HYMN

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus

ELW #451

- 1 We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;
that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,
we will all be reunited, for he lives.
- 2 In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,
in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.
- 3 Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;
as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending. Amen

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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 your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

You are invited to stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

C: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

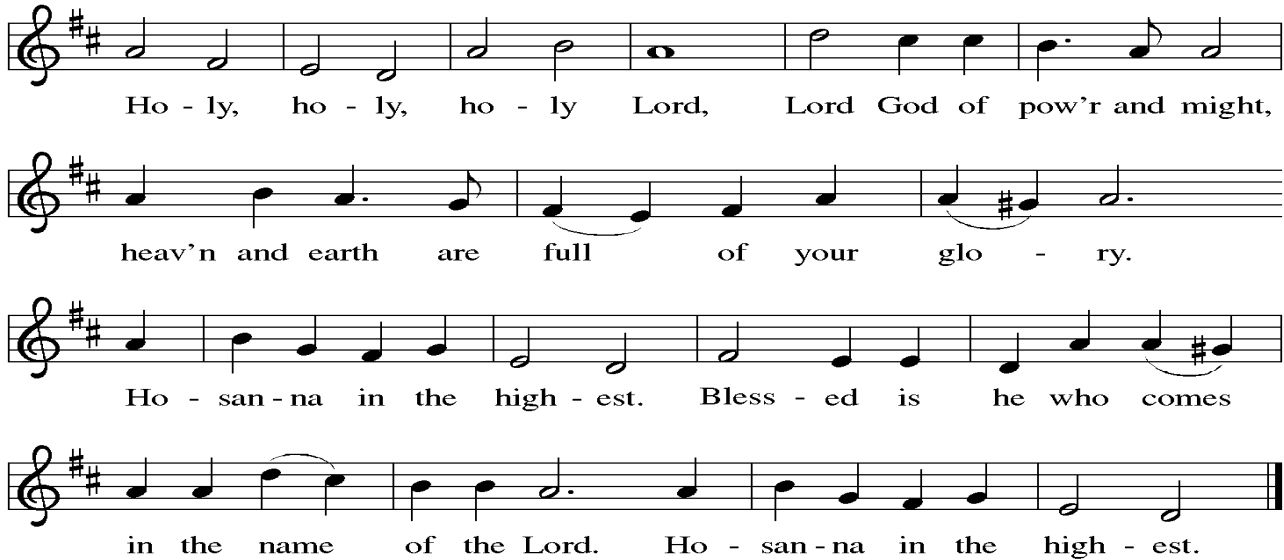
C: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW p. 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: As we break bread together, as we drink from the same cup, unite us as people who are grateful for the journey, for each other's company, and for your guiding presence. Hear us as we boldly to say together the prayer Jesus taught ...

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.

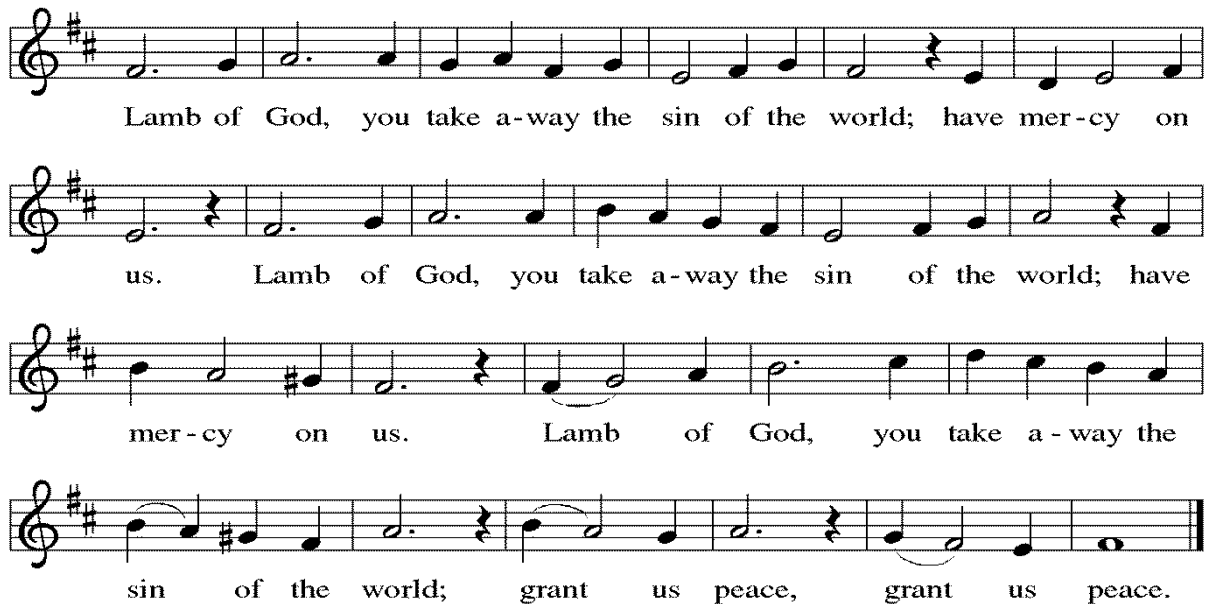
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. All are welcome to come and eat at God's table.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW p. 154



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Now We Join In Celebration

ELW #462

- 1 Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.
- 3 Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.

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COMMUNION HYMN*Come, Let Us Eat***ELW #491**

- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together,
our Lord's body let us take together.
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.
- 3 In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,
in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
in the presence of our Lord we gather.
- 4 Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,
rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

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You are invited to stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen and keep you by his grace unto life everlasting.

C: Amen!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN*God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind***ELW #400**

- 1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!

- 2 God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose, purge!
Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge!
Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth,
kindle us to speak your truth!
- 3 God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord,
make us one in Christ our Lord!
- 4 God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness!
Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress.
Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work,
claim us for your kingdom's work!

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God!... And we will!

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EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

**** May 22nd, Wednesday Night Dinner for \$2.00** is serving Manager's Choice at 6:00p.m. Youth Hangout and Adult Bible Study will be at 6:30p.m.

****Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study** is studying "Our Favorite Bible Stories – Anew!" Be thinking of your favorite Bible story that we may rediscover. **

**** Check out the Youth Corner** in the narthex for upcoming youth activities, signup sheets and envelopes. **

**** We need to raise \$2,000 to pay the day camp** fee and feed the children. Please take an envelope(s), forming a flower, to make a cash or check donation. You may drop these in the offering plate or bring to the church office. **

**** Day Camp at St. John's is June 3 – 7** from 9:00am – 3:00pm for children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade. Cost is \$35.00 each and meals are provided. Applications are available in the narthex and the church office. Please contact sjwalleryouth@gmail.com or call 936-931-2903 for more information. **

**** 2024 Graduates will be honored today.** There will be a reception following service with cake and punch along with Lou's Kitchen. **

**** Save the date of Sunday, May 26th,** for a special presentation from the CMA (Christian Motorcycle Association) on their special ministry. **

****Bible Baseball begins June 2nd** in the Fellowship Hall. All students in 6th to 12th grade and any adults not attending Sunday School are encouraged to come test their knowledge of the Bible. **

**** Put on your thinking caps for your favorite hymn(s)** to sing during worship this summer. Starting in May, index cards will be provided in the narthex to write the hymn and hymn number. These may be placed in the offering plate or a basket provided. **

**** Please see Donna** to pick up your cookbook(s). You may still purchase cookbooks for \$20.00 each payable upon pickup. These make great gifts for birthdays, graduates going off to college, anniversaries, etc. Please call or text Donna at 713-818-3448. **

**** St. John's would like to start a Young Adult Sunday School** class for ages 20-40. If anyone would like to lead or attend this class please contact Keith Guindon or the church office.

**** Please send cards or make phone calls** to our shut-ins to let them know we are praying for and thinking of them. The new **purple** lists are in the narthex and church office. **

**** WARM** needs jelly, peanut butter, all canned veggies and beans, dried beans (pinto), pancake mix, syrup and cereal to help people in need. You may bring donations by the church office to put in the gray container or in the container provided in the Narthex on Sundays. **

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

We ask for prayers of healing for: Herman Hoff (healing), Betty Jean Hoff (healing), Sam Thomas (healing), The Dawsons (healing), and JoAnne Leland (healing), Lisa Bishop and family (healing & God's peace).

Friends in need of prayers: Norma Calderon (healing for cancer), Debra Crawford (friend of Karen Shaver for recovering from surgery), Neil Shaver (for save traveling for work), Alan Raschke (Tom Wildrick's brother in law for cancer), Wilma Gambino (Gabrielle Werner's grandmother for pneumonia), Lisa Bremer (healing from surgery), David Phillips (healing), Devin Steyr (finding a job), John Perkins (in rehab in Brenham), Tammy Kelly & Leeann (Rhonda Singh's sisters for healing), Derrick Suehs (healing), Ashley Brye (God's peace and healing hands), Johnny Frey (healing), Kathy Eckermann's sister, Linda Mizzel (healing for Breast Cancer), Gabrielle Werner (healing for rheumatoid arthritis), Evelyn Loewe (healing), Charles Neumann (Kathleen Hargrave's nephew for Lou Gehrig's disease), Robbie Smart (healing), and Brenda Mize (healing).

We remember our members who are either homebound or in care facilities: Waller – Dora Braun, Berry Harrison, Marion Gomer, Lonnie Mikeska, Betty & Ronald Wollgast, Bubba Ploss; Hempstead – Tim Perkins (healing); Brenham – Frances Frey (Kruse Village recovering from bronchitis); Eagle Lake – Neal Wawarofsky (Arbor Hills Rehab)

We remember the children for whom we collect special offering each month: Chintya from Indonesia, Ely from Guatemala and Mishel from Uganda.

We offer our prayers for the safety of Ukraine, Palestine, Gaza, Israel, and Myanmar.

STEWARDS OF WORSHIP

Ministry	Sun. May 19	Sun. May 26
Pastor	Pastor Cheryl Lamaak	Pastor Cheryl Lamaak
Assisting Minister	Paige Stewart	Danny Calderon
Cantor	Tom Wildrick	Tom Wildrick
Lay Reader	Clayton Dennison	Cindy Calderon
Acolyte	Adrian Stewart	Mya Stewart
Usher	Paige Stewart Mya Stewart	Cindy Calderon Tyler Beazzo
Greeter	Kim Dennison	Kathleen Hargrave
Altar Flowers	The Wilson Family	Cherie Bartges
Altar Guild	Mya Stewart	Mya Stewart
Bake Bread	Adrian Stewart	Kathy Reinhardt
Comm Cleanup	Mya Stewart	Butch Wilson
Launder Robes	Maedell Piper	Maedell Piper
Musician	Donna Suggitt	Belinda Loewe
Production Crew	Danny Calderon Cindy Calderon	Keith Guindon Tom Wildrick
Lou's Kitchen	Kathleen Hargrave Kathy Reinhardt	Donna Suggitt Melissa Hargrave
Menu	Sausage Rollups	Biscuits, Sausage & Gravy

Please contact the church office in advance if you cannot serve on the date assigned.

MINISTRY/FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Log in on Zoom to participate in Worship services and Adult Bible Studies:

<https://zoom.us/j/3613569565> Meeting ID: 361 356 9565

May 19 - Sunday:	9:00am 10:15am 10:30am	Worship-Pentecost Sunday Graduation Sunday Dessert Raffle-Pat Lou's Kitchen Sunday School for all ages Confirmation – Pastor Cheryl High School – Keith
May 21 – Tuesday:	10:30am	Hope Circle
May 22 – Wednesday:	6.00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	Dinner for \$2:00 – chicken nuggets Youth Hangout Adult Bible Study
May 26 - Sunday:	9:00am 10:15am 10:30am	Worship-CMA Presentation Lou's Kitchen Sunday School for all ages Confirmation – Pastor Cheryl High School – Keith

GRATITUDE FOR GIFTS SHARED

Needed for Budget each month for 2024-----	\$21,589.25
Total Collected for May 12, 2024 -----	\$ 4,419.06
Total Collected so far for the month of May-----	\$14,296.06

Flowers are placed on the altar by Butch & Angela in honor of Cherie Bartges' 80th birthday.

John 15

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disciples
branches
remain
fruit
joy

servants
Gardener
Father
Jesus

complete
brother
glory
Love

commands
prunes
words
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