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**Prayer Upon Entering Church:** O Lord, God the Father, my Maker, Lord Jesus, my Redeemer, Holy Spirit, my Comforter in life and death, I have entered Your house to hear what You will speak to me. Lord, renew now my heart through Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, that from Your Word I learn to grieve over my sins, trust in Jesus in life and in death, and daily to better myself in holy life and conduct. Hear and answer me through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**About This Service:** The heart of Christianity is not what we do for God but what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. We call our service the "Divine Service" because the Divine One, our Lord Jesus, promises to be present to serve us by His Word and with His body and blood.

**Are My Children Welcome?** Our Lord says, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Yes, your little ones are more than welcome! We are delighted to have them with us in the service!

**Visitors:** Welcome to St. John's! If you have not already done so, please fill out the visitor's book outside of the sanctuary. If you don't yet have a church home, or have any questions about what we believe, teach, and confess, feel free to speak with Pastor; he would be happy to talk with you!

**Communion Statement:** All visitors are asked to speak with Pastor before the service and prior to coming up for communion. We invite those who are active communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us. If you are not a communicant member of the LC-MS but wish to come receive a blessing, please cross your arms when you come up to the communion rail to receive a blessing.

## Ringling of the Bell

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Opening Hymn TLH 224 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

**Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord! Be all Thy graces now out-poured  
On each believer's mind and heart; Thy fervent love to them impart.  
Lord, by the brightness of Thy light Thou in the faith dost men unite  
Of ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue This to Thy praise, O Lord, our God, be sung.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Thou Holy Light, Guide Divine, Oh cause the Word of Life to shine!  
Teach us to know our God aright And call Him Father with delight.  
From ev'ry error keep us free; Let none but Christ our Master be  
That we in living faith abide, In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Thou holy Fire, Comfort true, Grant us the will Thy work to do  
And in Thy service to abide; Let trials turn us not aside.  
Lord, by Thy pow'r prepare each heart And to our weakness strength impart  
That bravely here we may contend Thro' life and death to Thee, our Lord, ascend.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.**

## **The Order of Worship, Page 15 TLH**

### **Invocation: TLH Page 15 [Responses Sung]**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

**P:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

### **Confession of Sins TLH Page 16**

**ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

### **Absolution TLH Page 16**

**P:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**C: [Sung] Amen.**

**Introit** (P: Pastor C: Congregation) *Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

**C: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**

P: These all look to you,  
to give them their food in due season.

**C: When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

P: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.

**Gloria Patri:** *TLH Page 16 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**The Kyrie:** *TLH Page 17 [Sung]*

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**The Gloria in Excelsis:** *TLH Pages 17-19 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,**

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

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect**

*TLH Page 19*

P: The Lord be with you!

**C: And with thy spirit!**

*(prayed together)* – **Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Response: [Sung] Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading – Numbers 11:24-30**

<sup>24</sup>Moses 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. <sup>25</sup>Then 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.

<sup>26</sup>Now 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. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." <sup>29</sup>But 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!" <sup>30</sup>And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

**Schubert - Choir Anthem: "Sweet Sweet Spirit"**

### Epistle Reading – Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“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;  
<sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.  
<sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;  
<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**Gradual** (*Pastor speaks, congregation responds with “Hallelujahs!”*)

P: 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.

**C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*As the Gospel reading is announced, the congregation sings...* **C: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!**

### Gospel Reading – John 7:37-39

<sup>37</sup>On 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. <sup>38</sup>Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” <sup>39</sup>Now 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.

*The Gospel ended, the congregation sings...* **C: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST!**

**The Nicene Creed** *TLH Page 22*

**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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.**

**Sermon Hymn TLH 233** "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"

**Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, Vouchsafe within our souls to rest;  
Come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid And fill the hearts which Thou hast made.**

**To Thee, the Comforter, we cry, To Thee, the Gift of God Most High,  
The Fount of life, the Fire of love, The soul's Anointing from above.**

**The sev'n-fold gifts of grace are Thine, O Finger of the Hand Divine;  
True Promise of the Father Thou, Who dost the tongue with speech endow.**

**Thy light to every thought impart And shed Thy love in every heart;  
The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might invigorate.**

**Drive far away our wily Foe, And Thine abiding peace bestow;  
If Thou be our protecting Guide, No evil can our steps betide.**

**Make Thou to us the Father known; Teach us the eternal Son to own  
And Thee, whose name we ever bless, Of both the Spirit, to confess.**

**△ Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One;  
And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow! Amen.**

**The Sermon**

**Offertory** *TLH Pages 22-23 [Sung]*

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**Prayers** *TLH Pages 23-24*

**ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Preface:** *TLH Page 24 [Responses Sung]*

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And with thy spirit.**

**P: Lift up your hearts.**

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.**

**C: It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

**The Sanctus:** *TLH Page 26 [Sung]*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,  
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Lord's Prayer:** *TLH Page 27*

**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;**

*[Sung]* **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Words of Institution:** *TLH Page 27*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**The Pax Domini:** *TLH Page 27*

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

C: *[Sung]* **A - - - - men.**

**The Agnus Dei:** *TLH Page 28 [Sung]*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace. A - - - - men.**

**The Distribution** *(We invite those who are communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us.)*

**Distribution Hymns TLH 235 "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"**

**O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Thy work begin,  
Thy temple deign to make us. Sun of the soul, Thou Light Divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine, To joy and gladness wake us  
That we In Thee Truly living, To Thee giving Prayer unceasing,  
May be in love be still increasing.**

**Give to Thy Word impressive pow'r That in our hearts, from this good hour,  
As fire it may be glowing; That we confess the Father, Son,  
And Thee, the Spirit, Three in One, Thy glory ever showing.  
Say Thou, Guide now, Our souls ever That they never May forsake Thee,  
But by faith their Refuge make Thee.**

Thou Fountain whence all wisdom flows Which God on pious hearts bestows,  
Grant us Thy consolation That in our pure faiths' unity  
We faithful witnesses may be Of grace that brings salvation.  
Hear us, Cheer us By Thy teaching; Let our preaching And our labor  
Praise Thee, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

Left to ourselves, we shall but stray; Oh, lead us on the narrow way,  
With wisest counsel guide us, And give us steadfastness that we  
May ever faithful prove to Thee Whatever woes betide us.  
Come, Friend, And mend Hearts now broken, Give a token Thou art near us,  
Whom we trust to light and cheer us.

Thy heav'nly strength sustain our heart That we may act the valian part,  
With Thee as our Reliance; Be Thou our Refuge and our Shield  
That we may never quit the field, But bid all foes defiance.  
Descend, Defend From all errors And earth's terrors. Thy salvation  
Be our constant consolation.

O mighty Rock, O Source of Life, Let Thy dear Word, mid doubt and strife,  
Be strong within us burning That we be faithful unto death,  
In Thy pure love and holy faith, From Thee true wisdom learning.  
Thy grace And peace On us shower; By Thy power Christ confessing,  
Let us win our Savior's blessing.

O gentle Dew, from heav'n now fall With pow'r upon the hearts of all,  
Thy tender love instilling, That heart to heart more closely bound,  
In kindly deeds be fruitful found, The law of love fulfilling.  
Dwell thus In us; Envy banish; Strife will vanish Where Thou livest.  
Peace and love and joy Thou givest.

Grant that our days, while life shall last, In purest holiness be passed,  
Be Thou our Strength and Tower, From sinful lust and vanity  
And from dead works set Thou us free In every evil hour.  
Keep Thou Pure now From offenses Hearts and senses. Blessed Spirit,  
Let us heav'nly life inherit. Amen.

TLH 234 "Holy Ghost, With Light Divine"

Holy Ghost, with light divine Shine upon this heart of mine;  
Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.

Let me see my Savior's face, Let me all His beauties trace;  
Show those glorious truths to me Which are only known to Thee.

Holy Ghost, with pow'r divine Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;  
In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.

Holy Ghost, with joy divine Cheer this saddened heart of mine;  
Yield a sacred, settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.

Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;  
Cast down every idol throne, Reign supreme, and reign alone.

See, to Thee I yield my heart, Shed Thy life through every part;  
A pure temple I would be, Wholly dedicate to Thee. Amen.

**Nunc Dimittis**

*TLH Pages 29-30 [Sung]*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,  
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,  
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**The Thanksgiving:** *TLH Page 30*

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: *[Sung]* **And His mercy endureth forever.**

**The Thanksgiving Prayer:** *TLH Pages 30-31*

P: ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God,  
world without end.

C: *[Sung]* **A- - - - men.**

**The Benedicamus:** *TLH Page 31*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: *[Sung]* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Benediction:** *TLH Page 31*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto  
you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

**Closing Hymn TLH 229 "Holy Spirit, Hear Us"**

**Holy Spirit, hear us On this sacred day;  
Come to us with blessing, Come with us to stay.**

**Come as once Thou camest To the faithful few  
Patiently awaiting Jesus' promise true.**

**Up to heaven ascending, Our dear Lord has gone;  
Yet His little children Leaves He not alone.**

**To His blessed promise Now in faith we cling.  
Comforter, most holy, Spread o'er us Thy wing.**

**Lighten Thou our darkness, Be Thyself our Light;  
Strengthen Thou our weakness, Spirit of all might.**

**Spirit of Adoption, Make us overflow  
With Thy sevenfold blessing And in grace to grow.**

**Into Christ baptized Grant that we may be  
Day and night, dear Spirit, Perfected by Thee! Amen.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Announcements**

***Have A Blessed Week!***

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Hymn #224: Scripture: Acts 2:4; Komm Heiliger Geist, Herr Gott; Come, Holy Ghost, God And Lord; Author: Martin Luther (1524); Translation: Composite; Tune: Komm Heiliger Geist, Herr Gott; Source: 15th Century Melody.

Hymn #233: Scripture: John 14:26; Veni, Creator Spiritus, Mentis; Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest; Author: Rhabanus Maurus (†856), asc.; Translator: Edward Caswall (1849, alt.); Tune: Komm, Gott Schöpfer; based on “Veni, Creator Spiritus”, c. 600.

Hymn # 235: Scripture: Isaiah 11:2; O Heiliger Geist, kehre bei uns ein; O Holy Spirit, Enter In; Author: Michael Shirmer (1640, alt.); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1866, alt.); Tune: Wie schon leuchtet; Composer: Philipp Nicolai (1599).

Hymn #234: Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Holy Ghost With Light Divine; Author: Andrew Reed (1817); ; Tune: Light Divine; Composer: Orlando Gibbons (1623).

Hymn #229: Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:7-9; Author: Joseph Mohr (1816); Translator: Claudia F. Hernaman (1898); Tune: Wem in Leidenstagen; Composer: Friedrich Filitz (1847).

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**Daily Bible Reading:**

- **Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>:** Genesis 33
- **Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>:** Genesis 34
- **Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>:** Genesis 35
- **Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>:** Genesis 36
- **Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>:** Genesis 37
- **Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>:** Genesis 38
- **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>:** Genesis 39

**Catechism Recitation for the Week:**

**Confession: Which are these?**

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

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**Prayer for Departing Church:** O Lord, I give thanks to You with all my heart. You have taught me Your will that I might perform it. Help me now, my God, by Your Holy Spirit, for Jesus Christ’s sake, that I may treasure Your Word in a heart unblemished, and fortified in faith, lead a sanctified life after the manner of our forefathers, and therein find solace in life and in death. Amen.