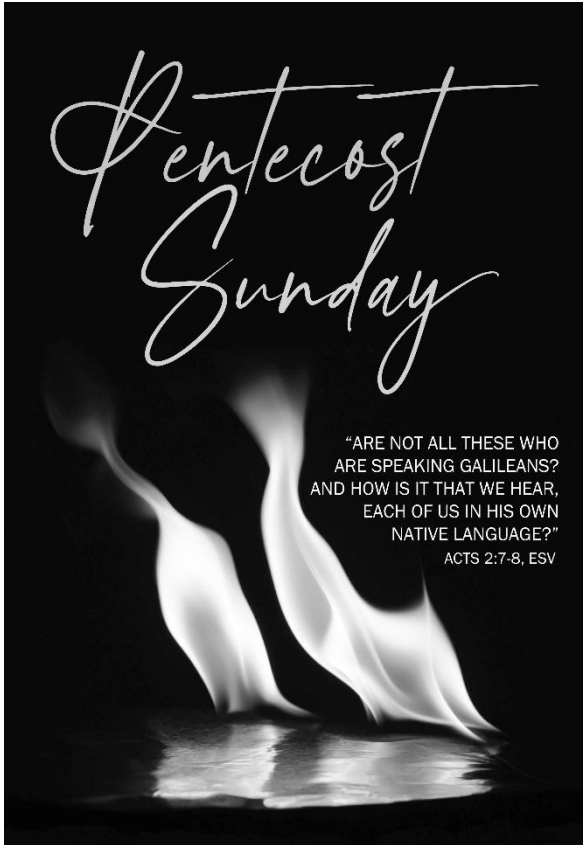


Messiah Lutheran Church

GATHER, EMPOWER, SERVE



✝ Holy Communion ✝

Day of Pentecost

June 8, 2025



On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Please stand and turn to face the processional cross.

GATHERING HYMN

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling.....LBW 523

Musical score for the hymn "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" (LBW 523). The score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor) and a four-part organ accompaniment (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are as follows:

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest realms of light;
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing as the church's ver - y life;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the church's min - is - try;

Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through us in a cease - less strife;
quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;

Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high;
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er form - ing in the church the mind of Christ:
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to soul



liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 you we praise with end - less wor - ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.
 in com - mu - nion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



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



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



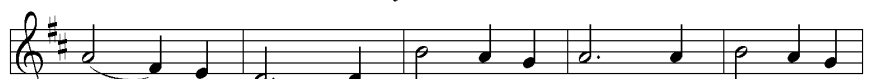
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



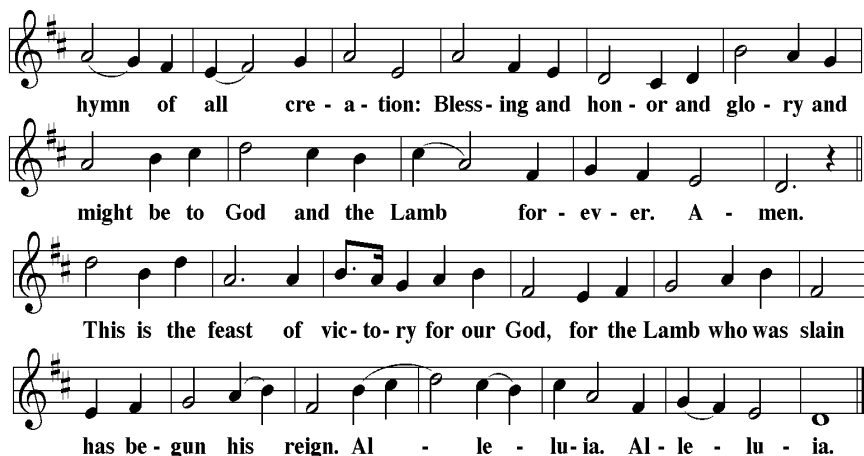
strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



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



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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

[P]: Let us pray.

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C]: Amen.

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

[A]: A Reading from Acts:

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.”

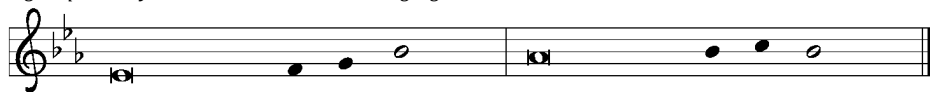
A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The cantor sings the refrain; the congregation repeats it.



Sung responsively between the cantor and congregation.



Hal- | lelujah! R

SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.

A: A Reading from Romans:

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

The Gospel is carried into the midst of the people as a reminder that Christ is present among us. Please face the processional cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love.

C: Repeat the Alleluias

GOSPEL: John 14:8-27

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁸ Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not

speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

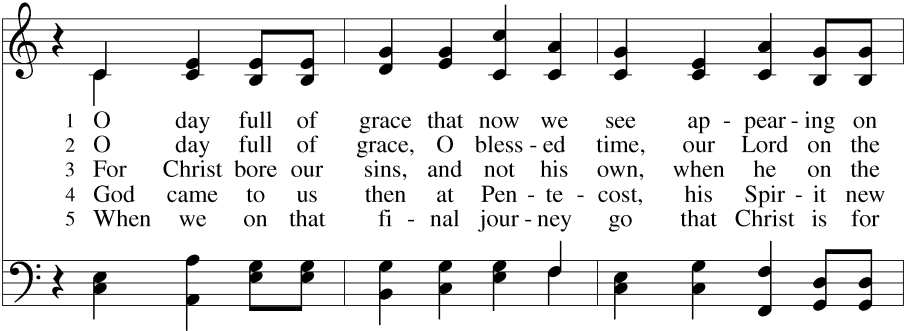
¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

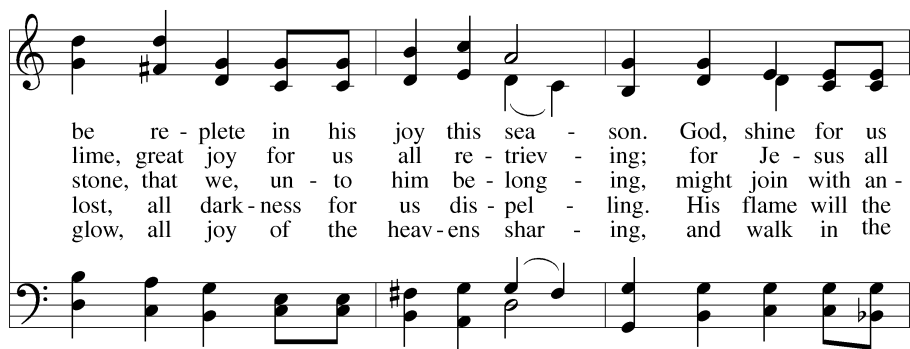
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SERMON..... Pastor Amme

Stand
HYMN OF THE DAY
O Day Full of GraceLBW 161

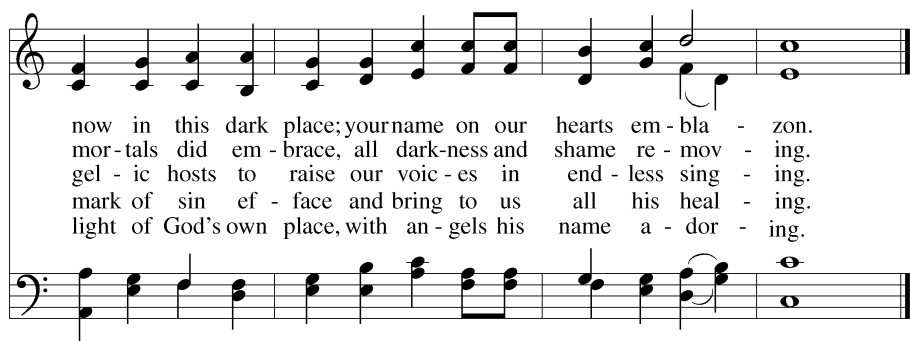




earth'sho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
 cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
 life re - veal - ing; that we might no more from him be
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be re - plete in his 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, all dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and walk in the



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
 mor - tals did em - brace, all dark - ness and shame 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 his heal - ing.
 light of God's own place, with an - gels his name a - dor - ing.

Text: Danish folk hymn, c. 1450; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001
 Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842

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NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A brief silence is held after the introduction.

P: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition:

P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: **Amen**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

The pastor and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you. R: Peace be with you

Sit

MEAL

OFFERING

The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

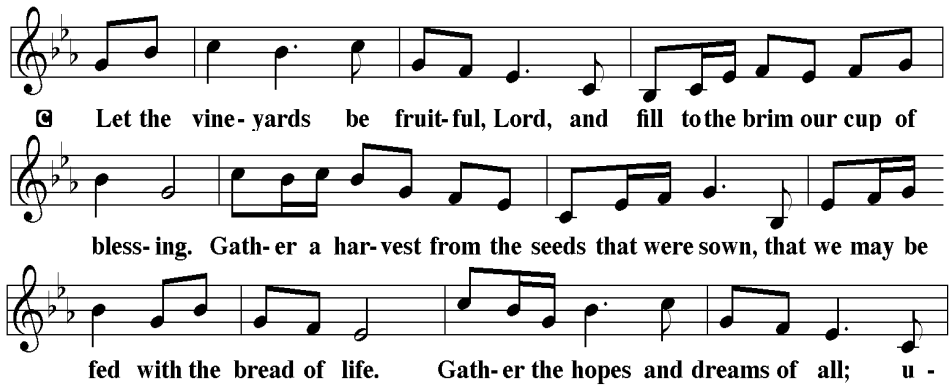
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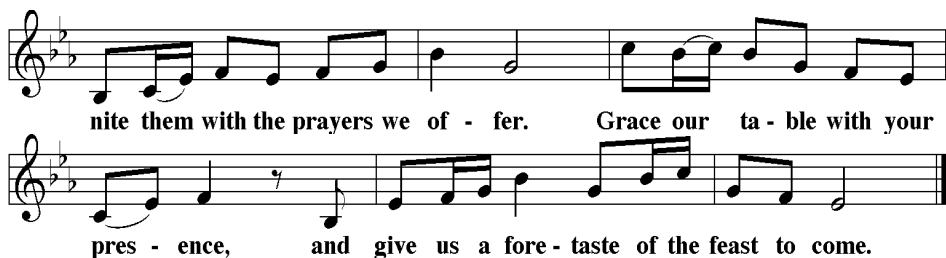
Stand

OFFERTORY

As the gifts are presented, the Offertory is sung



Q Let the vine- yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless- ing. Gath- er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath- er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray:

C: Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,

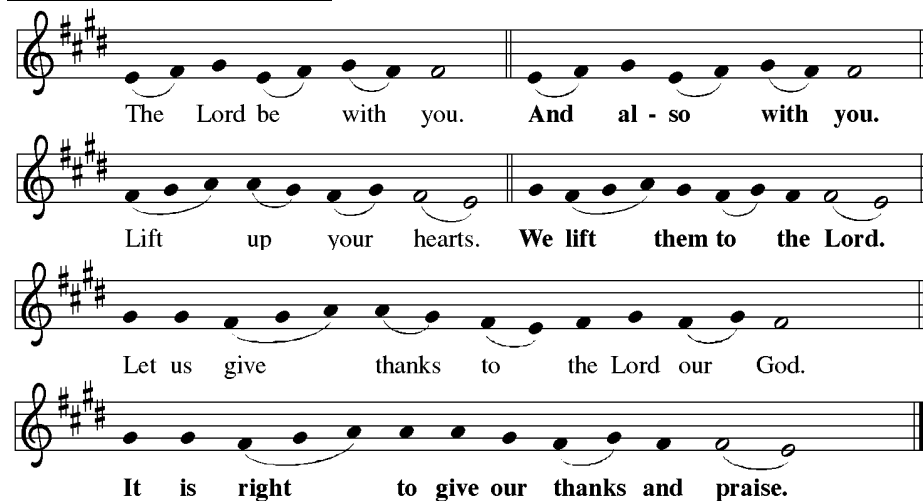
breathe your life into us,

and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen

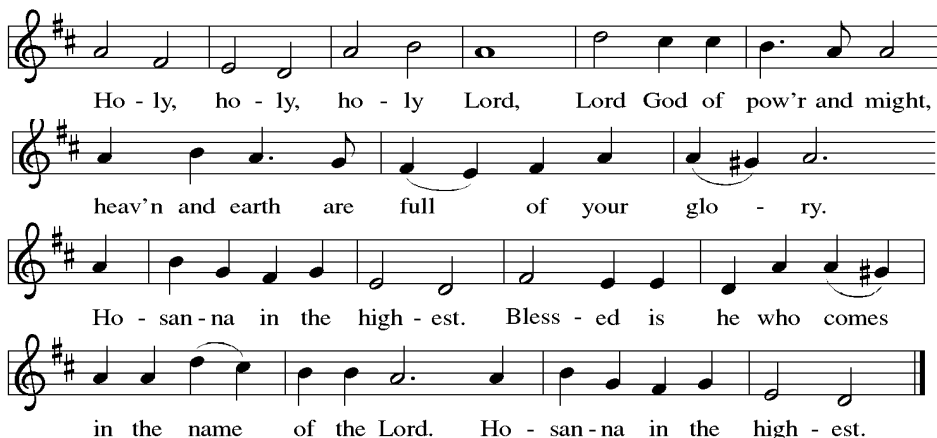
GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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:



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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your spirit poured out on all the nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover
from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with the sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

C: Thanks be to God.



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
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

COMMUNION

All baptized believers are invited to this holy meal. Those not communing are invited for a blessing. Please follow the instructions of the ushers to gather at the altar table. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen

COMMUNION HYMN

Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove..... LBW 475

Stand

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray:

A: Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

P: The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

C: Amen

The Congregation turns to face the processional cross.

SENDING HYMN 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!

Text: Herman G. Stuenkel Jr., b. 1923

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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DISMISSAL**A:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.**C:** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**A:** Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!**C:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**POSTLUDE**

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

Ushers: Carl Gee, Jody Fullmer, Dave and Rita Strickler, Jimmy Gardner

Lay Assistant: Dave Bausinger; **Communion Assistant:** Rhonda Koch

Acolyte/Crucifer: Jonathan Hess; **Torchbearers:** Doriann Morris, Brennen

Hess; **Altar Guild:** Vicki Bair, Doris Butt; **Greeters/Presenters:** Dave and

Emily Bausinger; **Cantor:** Candy Watkins; **Flower Delivery:** Cindy Bennett

IN BLESSED MEMORY

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my daughters. Love, Vonnie.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Weiskerger on her heavenly 98th birthday on June 12th by her family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Messiah Church! It is our joy to have you worship with us. If you are visiting, please make yourself known and leave your name & information to a congregation member. We hope to see you again.

Geraniums can be picked up after worship this morning. ***Any flowers not picked up after the service will be planted on the church grounds.***

Food Pantry Needs: Our June 30-Day Pack the Pantry Challenge continues! If you haven't yet picked up your list, you can get one in the narthex on Sunday morning or from the church office during the week, or you can download one from our web site: https://messiahsouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Pack-the-Pantry_2025.pdf

Bring your filled bags to worship on June 29 so that we can celebrate together our offerings. **Monetary donations** are welcomed any time of the year. Please remember to write "food pantry" in the memo line if donating by check, or on the envelope if donating cash. **Immediate Needs:** In the meantime, we are out of or very low on 1-lb. bags of rice, egg noodles, cream of mushroom soup, and tomato soup. If you are able to help provide any of these, please bring them to the office during the week or put them in the bin in the elevator alcove on Sunday.

VBS – "Magnified" discovering the bigness of God in the smallest of things.

Monday, June 23rd - Friday June 27th, 9:00 am – Noon. Walk-ins are

welcome, but... you can help us plan if you register early. *Please start saving your toilet paper rolls and 16 oz. Whipped Topping or margarine containers and lids. We're looking forward to another great year at VBS. Thanks in advance.*

Volunteers are needed if you are available all week or just on certain days. Please call or text me at 570-244-6964 if you are interested. Kathryn Pratt

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Let's Dance!

What on earth actually happened on this day of Pentecost? What was the miracle that revealed the presence of God? What was the Holy Spirit up to?

In the Acts of the Apostles we hear that the disciples spoke in various languages (2:4). Are we hearing about a miracle of the tongue, an ability to speak so that others might understand? The scripture also says each person in the crowd heard the disciples “speaking in the native language of each” (v. 6). Did we just hear that it was in fact a miracle of the ear? Is this story about people being able to comprehend the power of God’s presence?

In a broken world, in a world of “me, me, me first,” our impulse is often to choose one interpretation or the other—and to make sure we end up on the “correct,” winning side of the discussion. But when we return to the death of Jesus on the cross, observed some fifty days ago, we see that he offers us a third and holy option. Rather than taking sides in our walk with Jesus, we align with his heart, capable of embracing all.

To consider that the Pentecost story is a miracle of *both* the tongue and the ear is to accept a beautiful invitation—an invitation, at the birth of the church, to enter into a sacred dance of both speaking and listening. To consider it a dance would be to acknowledge a natural flow of the Spirit drawing us to not one or the other but to both in loving turn.

In John’s gospel reading for the day, Jesus says, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (14:15). The commandment Jesus speaks of is “Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” (13:34).

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