

BECAUSE HE LIVES

*Christ Sends Us
His Spirit*



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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Gracious Holy Spirit, you come to us through your Word to create pure hearts within us and to renew our strength to serve. Bless our praise today and help us live lives of holiness. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: Before Jesus ascended into heaven he promised to send another advocate to represent God to the world: the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the constant companion of believers in these Last Days. We conclude our Easter series with this glorious thought: because he lives, Christ sends us his Spirit. Where is the Holy Spirit Found? How does he come to us? When Jesus promised to send the Spirit, he indicated that the Spirit's work would be connected to words, specifically to God's Word. We know that wherever the Word is proclaimed, there we find the Holy Spirit's presence and blessing.

WORSHIP SERIES: It is easy to become so engrossed in the details of historical events—who, when, where—that we miss their significance. In this season of Easter, it is good we review the historical details that remind us that the resurrection of Christ is not fairytale or fable. Just as importantly, we celebrate Easter's significance. Jesus won! It is our privilege and pleasure to use the 50-day season of Easter to consider this truth: because He lives, not only is our eternity secure, but we have abundant resources to face the present.

A WORD ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: Our church observes the biblical practice of member communion (also called close communion). In Holy Communion we not only receive forgiveness from God, but we also express the unique relationship our members have with each other. If you are not a member of our congregation, we kindly ask that you not take communion today, but speak with our pastor after the service. We would love to share the sacrament with you in the future.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:
Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Wolfe
Piano: Madison Boerner

Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting Four



Hymn: God's Holy Spirit Came

CW 479



1 God's Ho - ly Spir - it came with rush - ing wind and fire,
2 God sent the Spir - it forth ful - fill - ing proph - ets' word,
3 God's Spir - it filled each one as Je - sus had fore - told.
4 God's Church a - live to - day con - tin - ues to pro - claim



Christ's pres - ence here to com - fort, bless and to in - spire.
to those who fol - lowed Je - sus and who called him Lord.
In man - y tongues they spoke God's Word, re - newed and bold.
sal - va - tion by the Spir - it's pow'r in Je - sus' name.



The Spir - it thus be - gan God's ho - ly work on earth
And as dis - ci - ples met near tem - ple courts for prayer
"Re - pent and be bap - tized," preached Pe - ter in that hour,
Let all be - liev - ers now their tongues and lives em - ploy.



at Pen - te - cost, a gift that gave the Church its birth.
the Spir - it blew and rest - ed on those gath - ered there.
and thou - sands came be - liev - ing by the Spir - it's pow'r.
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, our high - est joy!

Please stand.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Hymn: Renew Me, O Eternal Light

CW 689 sts. 1-3



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, and let my
 2 De - stroy in me the lust of sin, from all im -
 3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, that glad - ly



heart and soul be bright, il - lu - mined with the
 pure - ness make me clean. O grant me pow'r and
 I o - bey your Word. O let your will be



light of grace that is - sues from your ho - ly face.
 strength, my God, to strive a - gainst my flesh and blood.
 my de - sire and with new life my soul in - spire.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, into this world to destroy the works of the devil and protect us poor people against such an evil foe. Uphold us in all affliction by your Holy Spirit so that we may have peace from such enemies and remain forever blessed; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

First Reading

Genesis 11:1-9

At Babel, sin led to God confusing people's language. Grace would lead the Holy Spirit to share the gospel in many languages on Pentecost.

¹Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. ²As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

⁵But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. ⁶The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

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Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21

On Pentecost the disciples proclaimed the gospel. Through their words the Holy Spirit unleashed His saving power.

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

"Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷" 'In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Antiphon for Pentecost



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Refrain**

Gospel

John 14:23-27

Through His Word, Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit and gives us peace.

²³Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

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

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated.

Children's Devotion

Hymn of the Day: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

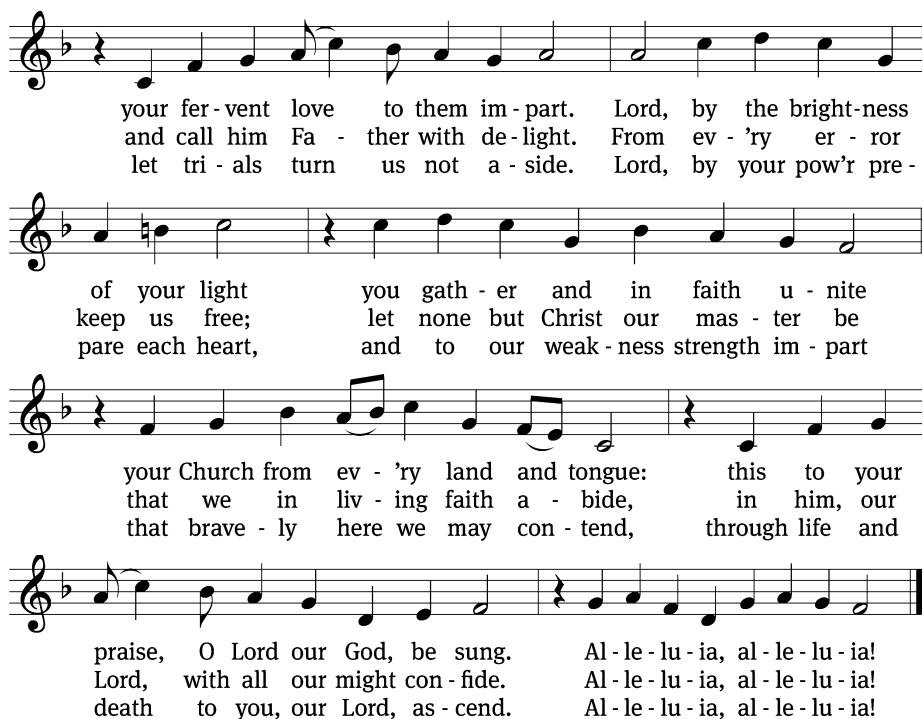
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1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your grac - es
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, and cause the Word of
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the will your



be out-poured on each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
work to do and in your ser - vice to a - bide;



your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright-ness
and call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror
let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -

of your light you gath - er and in faith u - nite
keep us free; let none but Christ our mas - ter be
pare each heart, and to our weak - ness strength im - part

your Church from ev - 'ry land and tongue: this to your
that we in liv - ing faith a - bide, in him, our
that brave - ly here we may con - tend, through life and

praise, O Lord our God, be sung. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Sermon

Based on Acts 2:1-21

"Find your Pentecost high!"

- 1) From the Spirit-sent signs
- 2) From the Spirit-filled message

Please stand after the sermon.

THANKSGIVING

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, be-
gotten, 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, was incarnate of
the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be seated.



Offering

Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.



Connect Card

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



Give Online

(9am) Installation of Summer Ministry Intern Maddie Ponath

Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. The meal also bears witness to the unity and fellowship we share with each other. Therefore, we invite to communion all those who share in our confession by virtue of their membership here or in a sister WELS or ELS congregation. We ask visitors to speak to the pastor before communing.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

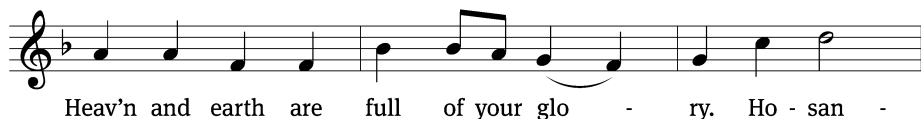
C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

The musical score is written on ten staves of music. The first staff is a short instrumental introduction. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.
A - men. A - men.

Be seated.

Communion Distribution

For those who cannot have any alcohol for personal or medical reasons we offer white grape juice. You will find cups of white grape juice in the center of each communion tray. Gluten-free wafers are available by request for those medically unable to tolerate gluten.

Communicants may choose to receive the wine by individual or common cup. If you choose the common cup, please allow the individual tray to pass and then assist the minister by helping to tip the common cup.

If you have not communed with us before, please see the announcement on the inside cover of this service folder.

Distribution Hymn: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

CW 592 sts. 1-2

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's

realms of light, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
ver - y life, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing

o'er a world of gloom and night, Ho - ly Spir - it,
through us in a cease - less strife, Ho - ly Spir - it,

ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high, liv - ing,
ev - er form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ, you we

life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
praise with end - less wor - ship for your gra - cious gifts un - priced.

Distribution Hymn: O Day Full of Grace

CW 477 sts. 1-2, 4



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
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, his Spir - it new

earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may be
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub - lime,
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more from him be lost,

re - plete in his joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
great joy for us all re - triev - ing, for Je - sus all
all dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will 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.
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all his heal - ing.

Please stand at the pastor's direction.

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

Closing Prayer & Blessing

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift.
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith and increase our love for
one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

Hymn: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

CW 592 st. 3



3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the Church's
min - is - try, teach - ing, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,
set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free, Ho - ly Spir - it,
ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to soul in com -
mun - ion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

Acknowledgments

Setting Four from Christian Worship

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Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the entry.
Adult Bible study begins at 10:15 in the sanctuary.

For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: Undivided Attention: On the Mystery and Majesty of Our God

Bible Readings: Numbers 6:22-27; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Hymns: 484, 586, 953

PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?

A: *He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.*

Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

A: *I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?*

Q: When I realize I have sinned against God and deserve punishment, what will I do?

A: *I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.*

Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

A: *His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.*

Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

A: *In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.*

Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

A: *I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."*

Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

A: *I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.*

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help!

Please take note of a few helpful things:

- ✦ Restrooms with diaper-changing tables are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance.
- ✦ Our sanctuary is equipped with a "loop" system for hearing assistance. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position or ask an usher for a headset.
- ✦ You will find a connection card in your pew. Please share names, contact information, and prayer requests.
- ✦ Salem members give an offering to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.
- ✦ Our services are streamed live on our YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the seats located beneath the balcony.

FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing, pray, and grow with us in our services.

We provide a few special worship aids and helps for families:

- ✦ Children's bulletins & activity bags are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- ✦ If your child needs a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live into the room.
- ✦ Children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the weekly children's message. Parents are welcome too!

**Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.**

