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### ***BRIEF ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION***

#### **SETTING II**



**PENTECOST**  
**MAY 28, 2023**  
**SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.**

## **Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Family**

**PRELUDE: Jesus Is Coming by John W. Peterson, Instrumental**

### **GATHERING**

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

#### **GATHERING SONG: Hymn #399, O Holy Spirit, Root of Life — Three verses**

1 O Holy Spirit, root of life,  
creator, cleanser of all things:  
anoint our wounds, awaken us  
with lustrous movement of your wings.

2 Eternal vigor, Saving One,  
you free us by your living Word,  
becoming flesh to wear our pain,  
and all creation is restored.

3 O holy Wisdom, soaring pow'r,  
encompass us with wings unfurled,  
and carry us, encircling all  
above, below, and through the world.

(Pg. 120)

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

**And also with you.**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

(Pg. 122)

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever.  
Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has  
begun his reign.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by  
sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit,  
that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times  
in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

### **WORD OF GOD**

#### **FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21**

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

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But

others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But 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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>'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.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A time of silence follows the reading.*

**PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

*Refrain*



Send forth your Spir-it and re - new the face of the earth.

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,**

**living things both | small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships | to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them | look to you**

**to give them their food | in due season. R**



Send forth your Spir-it and re - new the face of the earth.

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they | gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;**

**when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;

and so you renew the face | of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;**

**O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. R**



Send forth your Spir-it and re - new the face of the earth.

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth | and it trembles;  
 you touch the mountains | and they smoke.  
<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;**  
**I will praise my God while I | have my being.**  
<sup>34</sup>May these words of | mine please God.  
 I will rejoice | in the LORD.  
<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.**  
**Hal- | lelujah! R**



Send forth your Spir-it and re - new the face of the earth.

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL (Pg. 124)**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

(The gospel is proclaimed, concluding...)

The gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON — Pastor Mike Patterson**

### **HYMN of the DAY: HYMN #400, God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind — Four verses**

- 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!

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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**

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort (*especially...*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community (*especially...*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you (*especially...*). As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for our brothers and sisters in service to the Lord at First Presbyterian Church and First Baptist Church Carson City. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Please share a sign of that peace.

### **OFFERING HYMN: Hymn #398, Holy Spirit, Truth Divine – Five Verses**

- 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.

### **OFFERING**

Generous God,  
in this meal you offer your very self.  
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.  
In the breaking of this bread  
reveal to us the Risen One.  
In the pouring of this wine  
pour us out in service to the world;  
through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to stand  
and to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your heart.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that at all times and in all places we  
give thanks and praise.

(The minister continues with the preface of the day.)  
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Pg. 130)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the  
forgiveness of sin.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

And now we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us:  
**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, the power, and the glory, forever  
and ever.  
Amen.**

Come to the banquet for all is ready and all belong and are welcome to  
Christ's table.

(We practice open Communion with both bread, gluten free wafer, wine, or  
grape juice.)

(Lamb of God Will Be Sung, Pg. 135)

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world;  
grant us peace.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION – Communion Hymns**

### **HYMN #674, Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ – Three verses**

- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

#### *Refrain*

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

- 2 Christ is able to make us one,  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*

#### *Refrain*

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

- 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

**HYMN #482, I Come with Joy – Five verses**

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here,  
alive among us here.

- 5 Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

## **HYMN #401, Gracious Spirit – Three verses**

### *Refrain*

United at the table:  
all our joy is joined in song.  
United in the faith:  
all our joy to God belongs.

- 1 We will praise God, we will sing  
alleluias with hymns and with psalmody;  
we will praise God for the love  
that sustains us eternally. *Refrain*

### *Refrain*

United at the table:  
all our joy is joined in song.  
United in the faith:  
all our joy to God belongs.

- 2 We will praise God, we will feast  
at the bountiful table of life and grace;  
we will praise God and give thanks  
for communion with ev'ry race. *Refrain*

### *Refrain*

United at the table:  
all our joy is joined in song.  
United in the faith:  
all our joy to God belongs.



3 We will praise God, we will play  
alleluias with rhythm and instruments;  
we will praise God for the love  
that invites all creation to dance. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

United at the table:  
all our joy is joined in song.  
United in the faith:  
all our joy to God belongs.

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Bible Study**

Please join Pastor Mike for Bible Study after the worship service.

### **HELP US!**

We need a member to lead our Stewardship Committee.  
Please contact Pastor Mike or Louise Griffith to help.



**St. Paul's Annual Congregational Meeting is on **June 11<sup>th</sup>** after the worship service.**

**The agenda includes the election of council members, the 2023-2024 budget approval, reports, and an open forum discussion. Please plan to attend. Thank you!**



**SENDING SONG: Hymn #536, God Be with You Until We Meet Again – Three verses**

1 God be with you till we meet again;  
by good counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

*Refrain*

Till we meet, (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet again,)  
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet again.)  
God be with you till we meet again.

- 2 God be with you till we meet again;  
holy wings securely hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Till we meet, (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet again,)  
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet again.)  
God be with you till we meet again.

- 3 God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Till we meet, (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet again,)  
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet again.)  
God be with you till we meet again.

**POSTLUDE: Nothing But the Blood, by Robert Lowry, Instrumental**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**See you next week!**

**Worship Volunteers**

Greeter – Joan Schultz

Reader – Judy McPhail

Communion Assistant – Hope Chowanski

Ushers – Dave Harrell and TBD

Counters – Mary DeFelice and Sharon Gesick

Acolytes – Clay Woslum and Greg Griffith

Youth Acolyte – TBA

Live-streaming Assistant – Nick Cotsonis

Musician – Dave Lingensjo

**Altar Guild:** Nikki Rohrs and Vicki Hamilton

**Church Attendance Stats:** Sunday, May 21, 2023; 65-adults; 2-children; 17-online

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

Shirley Rickard, shoulder surgery; Terry O'Donnell, a friend of Dick Lowther's, diagnosed with leukemia; Sharon Gesick, shoulder surgery; Judy McPhail, surgery; Nellie Revelle's daughter Karen; Denise Muller; Doug and Pat Thunder; Jay Olshen, a severely fractured ankle; Beverly and Grant, friends of Susan Bunker-Niles, Grant suffered a stroke; Vera Logie; Tom, a friend of St. Paul's; Patricia Rickard, mother-in-law of Shirley Rickard, stage-4 lung cancer; Joan Yeskie; Mike Harrell (Dave and Ellen Harrell's son), COVID-19; son-in-law John Samp, a growth on his skull and spine, and daughter Vicki Ranger, early-onset dementia; Glenn Laursen; Edward Yoho; Madelene Yoho; Fern Yoho; Maxine McGregor (Madelene's sister); and a special prayer for all those living with devastating diseases and life-threatening injuries.

**CONTINUING PRAYERS**

Jim Kennett; Audrey Stroub; Bev Steinert, ongoing vision issues; Bob Stroub; Wayne Opperman; Bill Sandell; Frank and Shirley Bartlett; Carol Kalleres, continued health issues; James Wilson, continued health issues; Mary Ann Adamik, healing; Ellen Harrell, medical issues; Betty Razor, healing; Karen (Hone) Nolte; Hannelore Hanke; and Diana Johns.