



Pentecost
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WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you have joined us and we pray that your time with us brings joy to your heart and soul. The service is printed for you in this worship folder or on the screens in front. Musical notes and other resources can be found in the blue hymnals and bibles available as you enter the worship area.

We invite you to connect with us by signing our online guestbook available at messiahgb.org.

Our restrooms are located in the hallway to the left as you leave the worship area.

Parents, we encourage you to quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastor, ushers, etc. If your child grows restless, we invite you to step out of the worship area into our cry room, near the restrooms. Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

To our members, the presence of children is a gift from God and a sign of a growing congregation. Greet parents of young children with a smile!

If you have any questions regarding our worship services, Bible classes and Sunday School or Connect Groups, please speak with our pastor. Please come again and worship with us very soon!

He Lives! To Pour Out His Spirit

Fifty days after the Passover, God's Old Testament people celebrated Pentecost. Pentecost commemorated the gathering of the harvest and was also used to remember the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai, the start of the Church of Israel. Christ chose Pentecost to be the birthday of his New Testament Church too. By pouring out his Holy Spirit, Christ empowered the Church to gather in the great harvest of souls won by the Son.

593 Holy Spirit, Light Divine



- 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, shine up - on this heart of mine;
- 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
- 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
- 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, dwell with - in this heart of mine;
- 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, fill my heart, cleanse my life in ev - 'ry part;



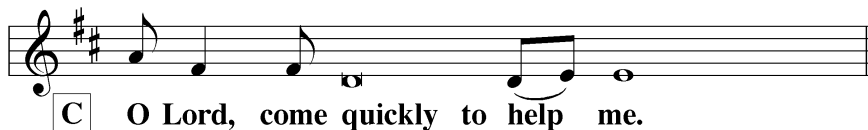
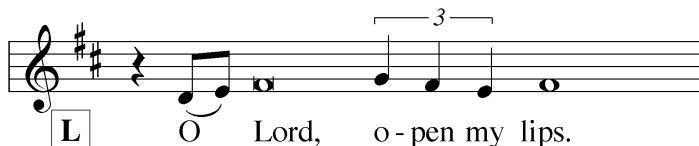
chase the gloom of night a - way, turn the dark - ness in - to day.
 in your mer - cy pit - y me, from sin's bond - age set me free.
 fill me with your heav'n - ly peace, let it grow and still in - crease.
 cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, reign su - preme and reign a - lone.
 your own tem - ple I would be now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

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Opening Responses



Confession

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

Silence for meditation.

Absolution

(The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners" [The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?]. See John 20:21-23.)

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

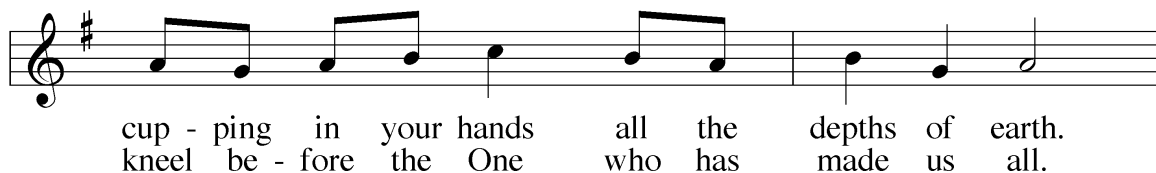
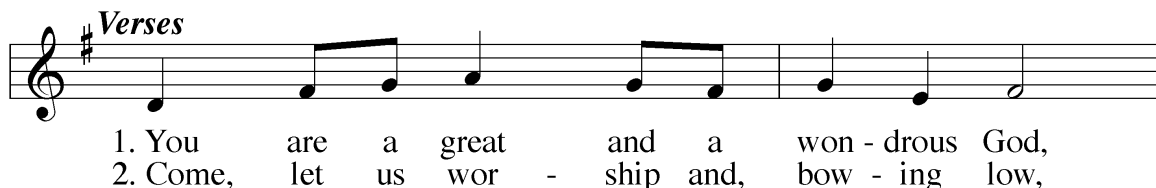
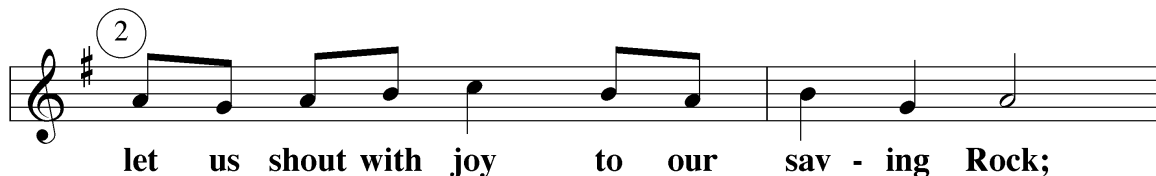
I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (T) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Give Glory



Come, Oh Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord (Venite)



You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,

you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

to Refrain

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Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

First Lesson

Acts 2:1–21

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.’

Psalm 51b

Refrain



Psalm tone

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Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:3–11

³Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

⁸To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Seasonal Response

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

Gospel

John 7:37–39

³⁷On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” ³⁹By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Children's Sermon

712 Delay Not! Delay Not



1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!
 2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,
 3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,
 4 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse



The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.
 for mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.
 long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight
 the love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?



No price is de - mand - ed, the Sav - ior is here;
 Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;
 and leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,
 A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?



re - demp - tion is pur - chased, God's prom - ise is true.
 its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.
 to sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.
 Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

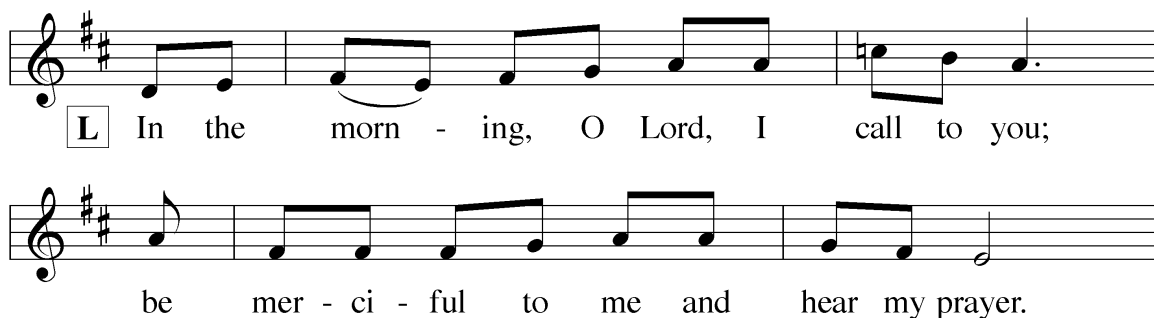
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

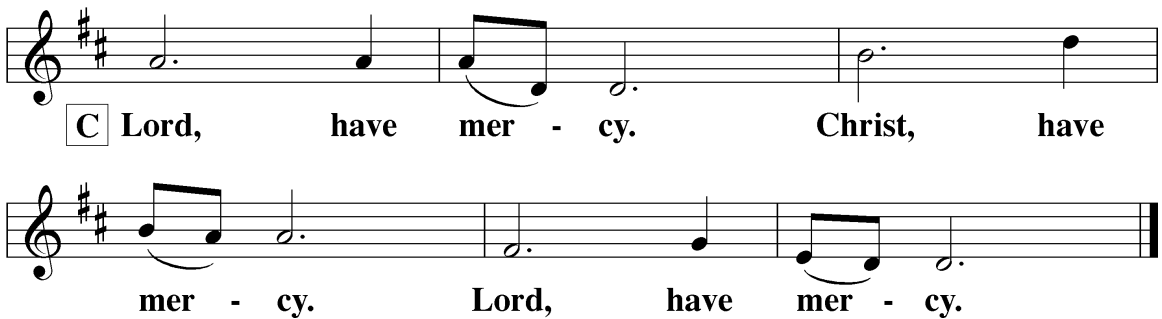
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Lord, Have Mercy





Responsive Prayer

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

M: Praise to you, Holy Spirit! We worship you as the Lord and adore you as the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to give life to all created things and as you enlightened and equipped the disciples on the Day of Pentecost by the baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word you made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord. We confess:

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

M: Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth and source of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful nature. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, and train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus.

C: In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

M: Holy Spirit, you comfort and counsel us in every need. In dark and difficult days strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, and encourage our fearful hearts. [We pray especially for...*here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Support us with the promise that in your final creative act you will raise up our bodies so that together with all believers we may see and enjoy the glorious return of Jesus Christ.

C: On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

M: Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts

C: And kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.

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.

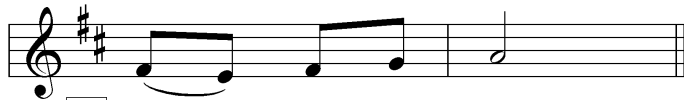
Prayer for Grace

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.



L Let us praise the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Blessing



L The Lord bless and keep you.



C A - men.



L The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



C A - men.



L The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



C A - men.

612 How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



con - sid - er all the works thy hand hath made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the might - y thun - der,
 when I look down from loft - y moun-tain gran - deur
 that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion



thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 and there pro - claim: "My God, how great thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior - God, to thee, How great thou

art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my

Sav-ior-God to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

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