



Season of Pentecost

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts
of Your faithful
and kindle in us
the fire of Your love!



CONNECT CARDS

Guests and members,
please:

- ♦ fill out a Connect card, or
 - ♦ scan the QR code to connect with us online
- Cards are in the pew racks in front of you. These methods include a space to share prayer requests with our pastors.

We look forward to
praying for and
connecting personally
with YOU!

CRY ROOM is located
off the Welcome Center

ACTIVITY BAGS for
children to borrow are in
the Welcome Center.

DEVOTIONS: *Portals of Prayer* booklets are on
the credenza in the
Welcome Center for you,
and for sharing!

Serving Today...

Message:

Pastor Ben Oesch

Liturgist:

8:00 Pastor Stoltenow

Lector:

10:45 Travis Jarvi

Organist:

Susan Shoaf



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

RINGING OF THE BELL ~ CALL TO WORSHIP *Please quiet voices and prepare to worship.*

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Divine Service, Setting 1 ~ LSB p. 151; Matthew 28:19b

Pastor (P): We call on the name of the Triune God—the name into which we have been baptized: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ~ FORGIVENESS OF SINS

1 Jn. 1:8-9; Ps. 103:8; Jn. 20:19-23

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)*

P: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12, 13; 19:5-9

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

As for what was sown
on good soil, this is the
one who hears the Word
and understands it.

Matthew 13:23

PSALM OF THE DAY

You, O God, visit the
earth and water it;
You greatly enrich it;
the river of God
is full of water;
You provide their grain,
for so You have
prepared it.

You water its furrows
abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with
showers,
and blessing its growth.

You crown the year
with Your bounty;
Your wagon tracks
overflow with
abundance.

The pastures of the
wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves
with joy,

the meadows clothe
themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck
themselves with grain,
they shout and sing
together for joy.

~Psalm 65:9-13

Long ago, at many
times and in many
ways, God spoke to our
forefathers by the
prophets, but in these
last days He has
spoken to us by His
Son.

~Hebrews 1:1-2

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

P: We pray: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen!**

Please be seated.

GUESTS AND MEMBERS CONNECT

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CHILDREN'S CHAT *Pastor Oesch*

Children's Bulletins are available on the Usher Stands as you enter the Sanctuary.

OFFERING AND PRAYER *For giving options: ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Give*

HYMN # 584 "Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing" *Please use the hymnal for the tune and lyrics.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 55:10-13

The LORD declares:

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

RESPONSE

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons and daughters of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons and daughters, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

RESPONSE

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for the Alleluia and Verse and the reading of the Holy Gospel.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Isaiah 40:8

L: Alleluia! The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

C: **The word of our God will stand forever. Alleluia!**

ACCLAMATION

L: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And He told them many things in parables, saying:

"A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no

root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.”...

“Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

RESPONSE

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Please be seated.

HYMN # 583 “God Has Spoken by His Prophets” *Please use the hymnal for the tune and lyrics.*

MESSAGE “The Power and Promise of God’s Words” text: Isaiah 55:10-13

Please stand, as we support each other in declaring our faith.

STATEMENT OF FAITH ~ THE NICENE CREED

ALL: 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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in 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!

Please be seated for the prayers.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

In July, we pray with open hearts for those persecuted for their Christian faith.

Please stand for the Preface.

HOLY COMMUNION ~ PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

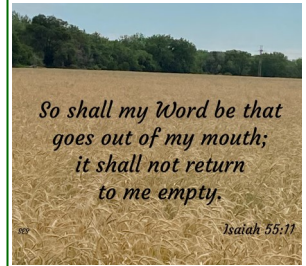
P: Lift up your hearts!

C: We lift them to the Lord!

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake, He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Preach you the Word
and plant it home
and never faint;
the Harvest Lord
who gave the sower
seed to sow
will watch and tend
His planted Word.
~Martin H. Franzmann,
1907-76

The **Nicene Creed** is historically connected with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, because it stresses more fully the Biblical teaching that Jesus Christ is true God, which is intimately connected with Christ's true body and blood being present in Holy Communion. It dates back to 325 AD.

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

One should examine himself before he eats the bread and drinks the cup; one who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1 Corinthians 11:28-29
Since those who take Christ's body and blood without understanding His true presence do so to their harm, and since the sacrament of Holy Communion is a faith statement confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or hold a confession differing from that of this church and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and desire to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with a pastor.



Given, with
great love,
for you!

Sanctus is Latin and means "holy is." The Sanctus is a hymn of praise to the Trinity; very often we see words repeated three times to emphasize this. The Sanctus is one of the highest points and has some of the grandest music in the Divine Service, because we are joining our voices not only with our own church family but with all Christians all over the world, with the saints in heaven, and with all the angel hosts.

Agnus Dei means "Lamb of God." Ancient believers ate the sacrificial lamb at the Passover. We partake of Christ, who was sacrificed for us to make full atonement for all our sins. Christ is our Good Shepherd, the Lamb of God, and the Priest who offers the sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins.

In this Divine Service, by faith the Holy Spirit has opened our hearts and minds to receive His graces. We now leave this house of worship to share the love of Jesus and **HIS**tory!

Lord, lay some soul
upon my heart
and love that soul
through me;
and may I gladly
do my part
to win that soul
for Thee. Amen!

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SANCTUS ~ HOLY

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Revelation 4:8

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

ALL: 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!

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19,20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ THE PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

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

C: And also with you!

AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29

P: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

C: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

ALL: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Grant us Your peace.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

- ◆ You will be ushered forward for Communion.
- ◆ When receiving the bread, please extend your hand palm up.
- ◆ If you are not communing but wish to come up and receive a blessing, you may keep your hands folded.
- ◆ Wine without alcohol is in the center of each tray; you may also request a gluten-free wafer.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

545 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God the Father, fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen!

BENEDICTION ~ GOD'S GOOD-CREATING WORD OF BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen!

HYMN # 923 "Almighty Father, Bless the Word" *Please use the hymnal for the tune and lyrics.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠