Lord of Life Lutheran Church Plano, Texas

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit

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Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

† reaching up to God in worship and prayer,

† reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &

† reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

A Prayer before Worship

Dear Heavenly Father, faithful God, I pray, by all means accomplish Your good and gracious will in me, and break and hinder the evil and contrary will of the devil, the world, and my own flesh. And give me, O Father, Your Holy Spirit, that at all times I may resign myself to this Your will, that in all eternity I may praise and glorify You, O Father, for your great faithfulness. Amen.

(C. M. Zorn 1846-1928)

Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

Nursery/Cry Room

A staffed nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

For Those Desiring Holy Communion, Please Read:

"Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." 1Corinthians 11:27-29

Being admonished to receive Christ's Body and Blood in a worthy manner, let us prepare our hearts for reception of this sacrament by privately answering the following:

- 1. Do I believe that I am a sinful person without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
- 2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my Savior?
- 3. Do I believe that He is present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His Body and Blood?
- 4. Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a godly life?

AS YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that you believe His Body and Blood are present, and that you desire to serve Him as a disciple in the fellowship of His church. If you are not an active member of an LCMS congregation, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

The Day of Pentecost

June 5, 2022 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM Divine Service I – *LSB 151*

Prelude

Stand

Entrance Hymn

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In" LSB 913



Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

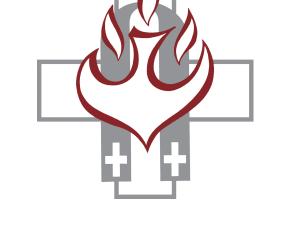
- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. С Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **G** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** 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.

[John 20:19-23]

- 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.



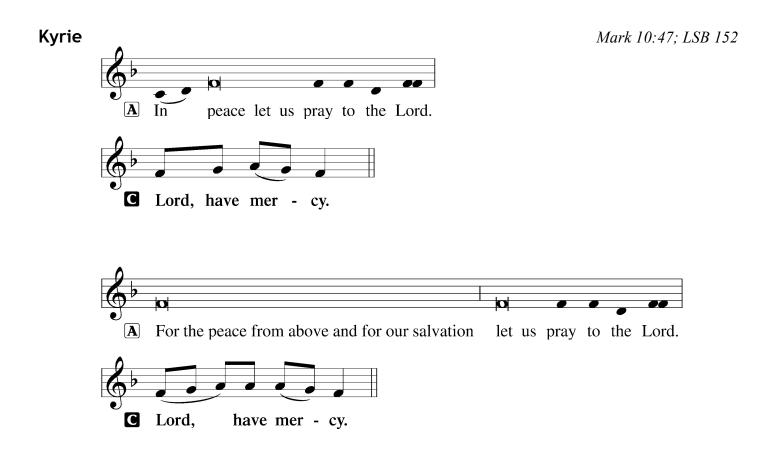
1 John 1:8–9

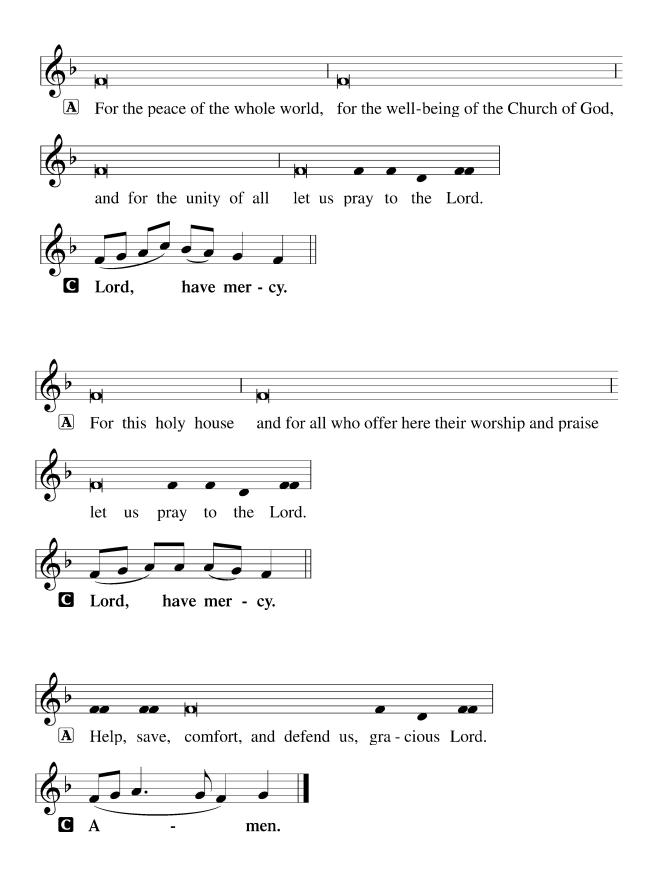
Matthew 28:19b, [18:20]

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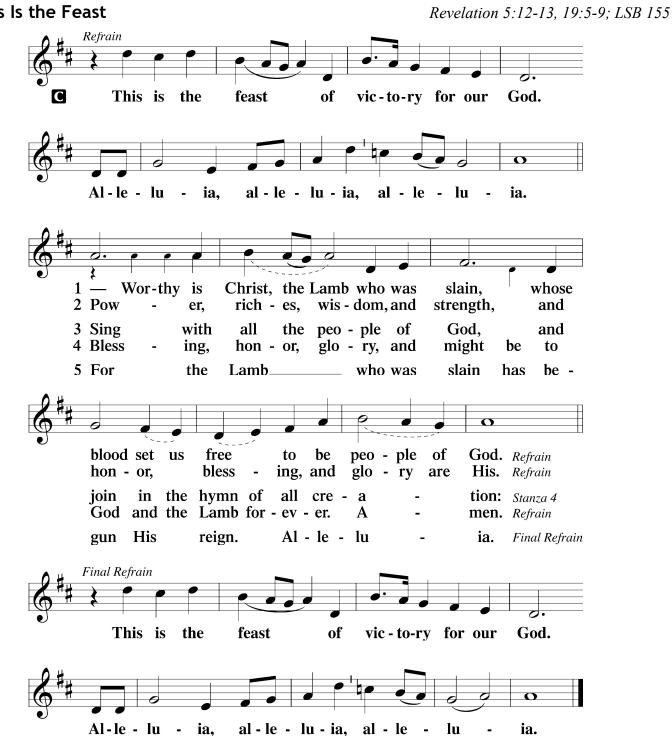
+++Service of the Word+++











This Is the Feast

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

- **P** Let us pray.
- O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

С Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

¹Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." ⁵And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

"Come, Holy Ghost, Our Soul Inspire," by Theodore Beck

Come, Holy Ghost, our soul inspire, and let our song find room in every heart; Breath of all life grant us your heavenly fire, so with zeal your saving Gospel we impart. Come shine through us as the morning sun spreads out its light each day; Open our heart and enter in that we may walk in truth and love always, Shine through us as the morning sun spreads out its light each day; Open our heart and enter in that we may walk in truth and love always.

2 Timothy 4:22; LSB 156

Genesis 11:1–9

Second Reading

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and 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, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"And in the last days it shall be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit on 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 on my male servants and female servants

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

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.""

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 14:23-31

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



²³Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here."



Hymn of the Day

Sit

"Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" LSB 498



Text: attr. Rabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt. Tune: Geistliche Lieder auffs new gebessert, 1533, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug

- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, And You, from both, as Three in One That we Your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.
- △ 7 Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One, And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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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.

Prayer of the Church

Sit

(Ordinarily, this is the time to collect our offerings. As we are forgoing passing a plate, an offering plate has been placed at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also mail your offerings or contribute online from our website's "Giving" link or with this QR code.)

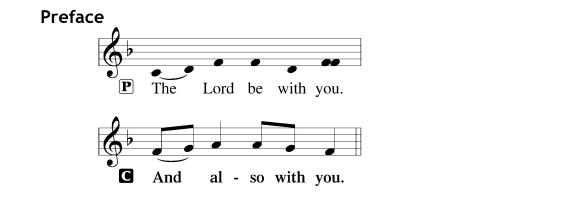
(8:00 AM New Member Welcome)

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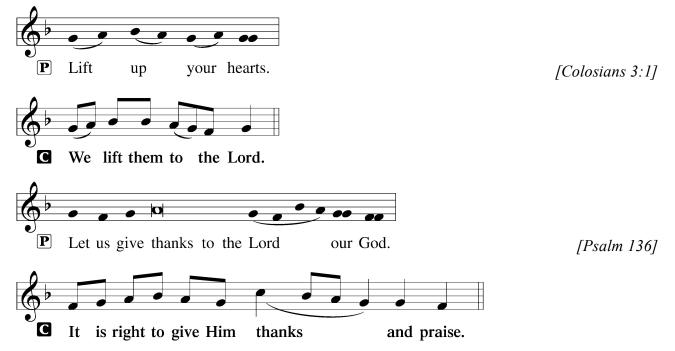


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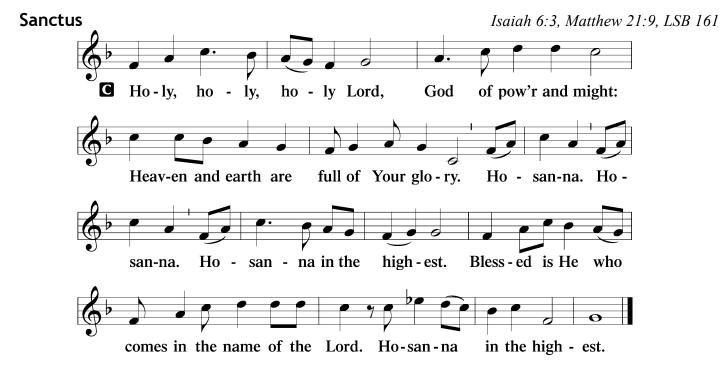
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2 Timothy 4:22



Proper Preface

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 ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20 1 Corinthians 11:23-25; LSB 162

- **P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- **P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Revelation 22:20

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:



John 20:19; LSB 163

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.

Pax Domini

Sit

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.C Amen.



Distribution

Communicants are asked to hold their hand open to receive the bread so the elder may discern who is confirmed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center circle of individual cups for those who prefer it. If you take an individual cup, please keep it visible; otherwise the Pastor will offer you the common cup.

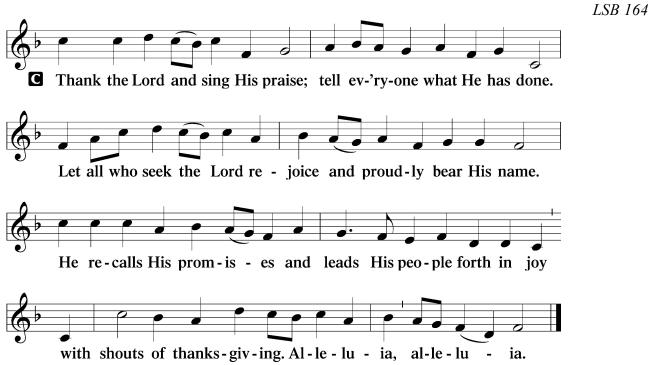
Distribution Hymns

The Lutheran Service Book is located in the basket underneath the chair in front of you.

O Day Full of Grace	
Come Down, O Love Divine	

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Post-Communion Canticle



Post-Communion Collect

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LSB 503 LSB 501

"Thank the Lord,"

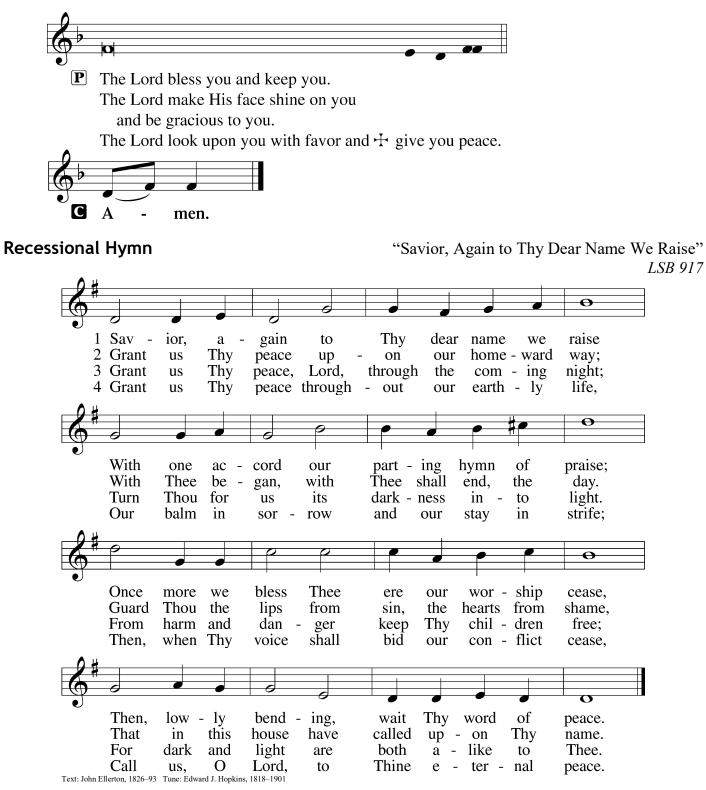
P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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

LSB 917



Announcements

Dismissal

- **P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Postlude



We are pleased to be receiving into membership during the 8:00 AM worship service this morning:

AJ and Tasie Kade with their daughter Hannah Chad Reese Janet Sanders

Please join us in welcoming them.

An offering may be placed in the offering plate as you exit.

A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday School - Children K - 5th Grade

Sunday school classes begin at 9:25 am in Room 116 for music. At 10:30 am parents may pick up K - 5th graders from Room 113.

IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 am with Scott Peters in Room 122 for a Bible study.

Adult Bible Class

Pastor Shaltanis leads a study over the Gospel of Mark.

Adult Bible Class Small Group Alternative

Mike Kunschke leads a study on the book of Philippians at 9:30 am in Room 114.

Active Shooter Presentation - June 7 at 7 PM

Come and learn what the Plano PD has to say about it. Lord of Life will host the presentation, "CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENT" on Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 PM. This is a power point presentation that is appropriate for all ages. The presentation will last about 90 minutes and then there will be time for questions at that end of the presentation. Please invite your friends, neighbors, etc. The Plano PD requires a minimum of 25 so do ask people you invite to please RSVP. You may email or call the church office or RSVP on our website: planolutheran.com/RSVP/

Sunday School Help

We are in need of a volunteer that would be willing to be a substitute Sunday school teacher on August 14. We are hoping to find someone other than the normal "go to subs" that help out during the school year. If you do not feel qualified to conduct a lesson, we have videos that can be played. We average about 6-8 kids on most Sundays. If anyone is interested or has questions, please contact Alyson at <u>alyson payne2@yahoo.com</u> or cell/text 214-289-8687.

LWML Mites

The focus for June is on the LWML grant **Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia Lutheran Hour Ministries Community** — **\$100,000** Lutheran Hour Ministries is sharing the Gospel with families and youth in Mongolia using audio Bibles, radio programming, outreach and discipleship materials in their language, and through youth camps. Hearing the Word of God in their language encourages and strengthens their faith. These believers share the Good News with family and friends in a country where western missionaries are not welcome. Your mites count! *Mite offerings will be collected on the second Sunday of each month or may be turned into the office. Each member of LOL is encouraged to collect their mites as the widow in the Bible, and prayerfully support the mission service projects of the LWML, Lutheran Women in Mission*. LOL contributed over \$488 to LWML Mites in 2021.

Frisco Rough Riders Game vs Tulsa Drillers (LA Dodgers affiliate)

Friday September 9, 2022 6:35pm game, \$20 per ticket includes premium seating, \$10 concessions credit and fireworks. (Dallas Stars Night) Parking is not included — \$5–\$10 depending upon where you park. See signup sheet in the narthex.

A Life Thought in the Church Year

The builders of Babel tried to grasp God's power and prestige for themselves. Their selfishness delivered only division. Physician-assisted suicide, embryo-destroying biotechnologies, and abortion also attempt to exercise God's authority over life and death. But keeping the Word of the Lord—including the encouragement to love even the least of our neighbors—brings people together (Acts 2:9-11) and receives Gospel peace (John 16:23, 27).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO

Study Acts 15-17 on Sharper Iron's "To the End of the Earth" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue studying Genesis on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and dig into Augsburg Confession Article XX: Good Works on Concord Matters (6/11 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find programs live and on demand at <u>kfuo.org</u> or the KFUO Radio app!

FRIEDRICH JOHANN CARL LOCHNER

Synodical Founder, Parish Pastor and Liturgics Professor

BORN: SEPTEMBER 23, 1822 Nuremberg, Kingdom of Bavaria DIED: FEBRUARY 14, 1902 Milwaukee, Wis.

R.C.G. LOCHNER WANTED HIS SON, Friedrich, to become a pastor but could not afford the kind of schooling that the Lutheran church in Germany required of its clergy. He apprenticed his son to a copperplate engraver since Friedrich had a talent for drawing. But when Friedrich's eyesight began to fail, he had to change course. Motivated by reports of spiritual conditions in America and especially by hearing a lecture of F.C.D. Wyneken, a missionary on furlough from the States and a future founder of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Lochner resolved to go to America and preach the Gospel.

At this time, Wilhelm Löhe, a pastor in Bavaria, was active in both recruiting and training men for the American mission. Lochner spent several months studying with him, and in the spring of 1845, he embarked upon a voyage to the New World along with four other Löhe missionaries. The trip was eventful: ocean storms, collision with another vessel, icebergs and a smallpox epidemic — not to mention a train wreck once they landed and continued their journey west. But Lochner made it, and in August, he was ordained and began his ministry in Toledo, Ohio.

He arrived just in time to help with the founding of the Missouri Synod. Unhappy with the lax Lutheranism of the American synods, the Löhe men (now including Lochner) in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana determined to establish a church body fully committed to Lutheran doctrine and practice. That goal was the same as another group that included C.F.W. Walther from Saxony in Germany. They had founded congregations and a seminary in Missouri. Letters were exchanged, meetings were held and the new church body began in 1847. After one of the preliminary meetings, Lochner courted and then married Walther's sister-in-law, Lydia Bünger. He also drew sketches and painted pictures of places where synodical history was being made.

Lochner was very active in the first several decades of the Synod's history. He was a pastor for many years at Trinity, Milwaukee, where he helped to start the Synod's teacher training program. But in 1875, he accepted a call to Trinity in Springfield, Ill., to pastor the church and teach hymnody and liturgics to students at the synodical seminary there (now in Fort Wayne, Ind.). Two decades later, he published the fruits of those labors in The Chief Divine Service of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church, just one of several publications that Lochner composed.

In 1887, old age and ill health necessitated his resignation from Springfield. But he returned to Milwaukee and was able to serve as an assistant pastor until his death in 1902.

For more information about the 175th anniversary of the LCMS, visit *lcms.org/175*.



DISCOVER MORE

Otto Frederick Hattstädt, "The Life and Works of Pastor Frederick Lochner," *Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly* 21, no. 4 (January 1949): 166–74.

Kevin Hildebrand, "Friedrich Lochner and *Der Hauptgottesdienst*," *Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly* 84, no. 4 (Winter 2011): 10–39.

Cameron A. MacKenzie, "Appreciating Friedrich Lochner: A Founding Father of the Missouri Synod," *Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly* 84, no. 3 (Fall 2011): 36–50.





KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is "Pentecost"?

The word "Pentecost" (pronounced PEN-tuh-kost) comes from the Greek word *pentekostos* which means "fiftieth." Exactly 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in the form of flames of fire.

Why is Pentecost so important?

When Jesus died, the disciples were sad because they thought that their friend and Lord was gone forever. But Jesus rose again! Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus did finally ascend into heaven leaving the disciples below. However, before Jesus actually died, rose again and ascended into heaven, He made a promise to His disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit to them. He said that the Holy Spirit would come and guide them "into all the truth" (John 16:13). Jesus doesn't leave us alone to fend for ourselves. Jesus is here with us, and the Holy Spirit guides and leads the Church into the truth of the wonderful Gospel! We celebrate and remember this at Pentecost.

Parents:

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At home, read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2 to your children. Remind them that the Holy Spirit comes to us through the Word and Sacraments just as our Lord has promised. Encourage them to thank God for the gift of His Holy Spirit in their lives.

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Serving Our Worship Today:		
Pastor: Organist: Elder: Acolyte: Altar Guild: Greeters: Ushers: Sound:		Pastor Joel Shaltanis Paul Grabow Mike Kunschke, Doug Hite Robert Duff ank, Carol Nance, Charis Bennett Scarth Family, Duff Family Ben Scarth, Jeff Loewecke Kaitlyn Hacker, Doug Hite
This Week at Lord of Life-Today, June 5, 2022 Next Sunday's Readings		
8:00 am 9:30 am 10:45 am 12:00 pm	Early Worship Service Children's Sunday School (K-5 th Gr, Room 113) IMPACT Class (Room 122) Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) Adult Bible Small Class (Room 114) Late Worship Service College Bible Study	June 12, 2022 Old Testament: Prov. 8:1–4, 22–31 Epistle: Acts 2:14a, 22–36 Gospel: John 8:48–59
Tuesday, June 7 12:00 pm 7:00 pm Wednesday, June 8 10:00 am Friday, June 10 6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study Active Shooter Training Midweek Bible Study IMPACT Fundraising Diner	The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Mollie Manning in loving memory of Al Manning on his birthday; and by Larry & Judie Dibbern in celebration of their 60 th wedding anniversary.



About the Cover: The great sound, divided tongues as of fire, and variety of languages signify something greater than the signs themselves. Though some people who were present for this Pentecost misinterpreted the event, Peter clarified that these men were—in fact—filled with the Holy Spirit. This is no mere display of power. The Holy Spirit works through the Word—then and now—to bring people to faith in Jesus.