

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE DAY OF PENTECOST
SUNDAY, May 19, 2024 11:00 AM

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WEEKEND WORSHIP TIMES

5:00 pm Saturday Worship

8:30 am Sunday Worship

9:45 am Sunday School and Bible Class

11:00 am Sunday Worship (Contemporary Music)

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AS WE GATHER

We are people of the Word and people of the Spirit. The Word is where the ministry of the Spirit is at work leading and guiding the church and each of us as members of that church by Baptism and faith. The Spirit leads us to Christ so that Christ may present us to the Father, washed in His blood and wearing the white robes of His righteousness. This is not good news for the few but the message God has called us to proclaim to all the peoples!

PRESERVICE

Instrumental

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: OUR GOD Tomlin

Water You turned into wine, Opened the eyes of the blind.
There's no one like You, None like You.

Into the darkness You shine, Out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You, None like You.

CHORUS: Our God is greater, Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer, Awesome in power
Our God . . . our God

Into the darkness You shine, Out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You, None like You. CHORUS X2

And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us then what could stand against
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INVOCATION *Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
C and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

P O Spirit of God,

C **we confess that we have dishonored Your Holy Word through our lives of disobedience. By what we do and what we fail to do, we have not allowed Your message of truth to rule in us. Forgive us, faithful God. By Your grace, draw us to the cross of Jesus. Through faith in His promises, enable us to receive the restoring mercy that You alone can give. 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.**

(or)

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12; Philipians 1:6*

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 to us the same Spirit so that we may joyfully receive the message of Christ, who has come for us all; through the same 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)

✠ **WORD** ✠

FIRST READING *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."

¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 37:1-14

1 परमप्रभुको हस्त ममाथि पन्यो, अनि उहाँलाई परमप्रभुको आत्माद्वारा पल्लुनुभई हड्डी-हड्डी भएको बँसीमोर रज्जुभयो। 2 उहाँलाई ती हड्डीहरू भरिएको बीचमोटल-माथि लम्नुभयो, र मैलाप्यस बँसीको जमिनमोथुप्रै हड्डीहरू दखें। ती हड्डीहरू असाध्य सुकक्योथिए। 3 उहाँलाई सोध्नुभयो, "हाम्रानिसको छोरो, क्ययी हड्डीहरू फेरि जीवित हुन सक्छन्?"

मैलाजवाफा दिएँ, "हाम्रपरमप्रभु परमश्वर, यो त कखल तपाईंलाई जन्मुहुन्छ।"

4 तब उहाँलाई भन्नुभयो, "यी हड्डीहरूलाई अगमवणी गरख भन्, 'हाम्रसुकक्योहड्डी हो, परमप्रभुको वचन सुन!' 5 यी हड्डीहरूलाई परमप्रभु परमश्वर यसो भन्नुहुन्छ: म तिमीहरूमोसास हलिदिनछु, र तिमीहरू जीवित हुनछौ। 6 म तिमीहरूमोसासहरू टाँसिदिनछु, र तिमीहरूमोसास बढादिन्छु, र छलाखामोकिदिनछु, र तिमीहरूमोसास हलिदिनछु, र तिमीहरू जीवित हुनछौ। तब तिमीहरूलाई नै परमप्रभु हुँ भनी ज्ञानछौ।"

7 यसैलाख उहाँलाई आज्ञा गर्नुभएझैँ मैलाअगमवणी गर्ने। जब मैलाअगमवणी गर्दैथिए, तब त्यहाँकयकुरुक आवाज भयो, र ती हड्डीहरू एक-अर्कोसित जोडिन लाग्यो 8 अनि मैलाहड्डीहरू तिनमोसासो मासु भरिए र ती छलाखामोकिए, तर तिनमोसासचहिँ थिएन।

9 तब उहाँलाई भन्नुभयो, "हाम्रानिसको छोरोसलाई अगमवणी गर्। अगमवणी गर्, र त्यसलाई भन्, 'परमप्रभु परमश्वर यसो भन्नुहुन्छ: हाम्रस, चरै दिशाखट आओ, र यी मारिएकहरूमाथि फुकिदार ती जीवित भएर उठून्।'"

10 तब उहाँलाई आज्ञा गर्नुभएझैँ मैलाअगमवणी गर्न लागो, र सास तिनमोपस्यो। तिनीहरू जीवित भएर आ-आफ्नोखुट्टामो उभिए, र त्यहाँक अत्यन्तै ठूलो सन्नोभयो।

11 तब उहाँलाई भन्नुभयो, "हाम्रानिसको छोरो यी हड्डीहरू जम्मै मोसलको घरमाओ। तिनीहरू भन्छन्, 'हाम्रो हड्डीहरू सुकिसक्यो र आशो नै हरयो। हामी त्यगियो।' 12 यसकारण अगमवणी कहख तिनीहरूलाई भन्: परमप्रभु परमश्वर यसो भन्नुहुन्छ: हाम्रमोप्रजो म तिमीहरूकोचिहामहरू खोलख तीबट तिमीहरूलाई बाहिर निकाल्नुछु। म तिमीहरूलाई मोसलकोदशामोफेरि ल्याउनुछु। 13 तब हाम्रमोप्रजो जब म तिमीहरूकोचिहामहरू खोलख तीबट तिमीहरूलाई बाहिर निकालख ल्याउनुछु, तब तिमीहरूलाई नै परमप्रभु हुँ भनी ज्ञानछौ। 14 म मशो आत्मोतिमीहरूमो हलिदिनछु र तिमीहरू बाँज्नुछौ। म तिमीहरूलाई तिमीहरूको आफ्नै दशामोबसाल्नुछु। तब तिमीहरूलाई ज्ञानछौ, कि म परमप्रभुलाँ यो भनको हुँ, र मैलाँ यो गरको हुँ, परमप्रभु भन्नुहुन्छ।"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Acts 2:1-21

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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Acts 2:1-21

1प्रिय थियोफिलस, येशूले गर्न र सिकाउन थाल्नुभएका सबै कुराका विषयमा मेरो पहिलो पुस्तकमा मैले लेखेको छु। 2आफैले छान्नुभएको प्रेरितहरूलाई येशूले पवित्र आत्माद्वारा आज्ञादिनुभएपछि उहाँ स्वर्गमा उचाली लगिनुभएको दिनसम्मको सबै कुरा त्यस पुस्तकमा लेखिएका छन्। 3आफ्नो दुःख-भोगपछि धेरै अकल्प्य प्रमाणाद्वारा तिनीहरूको सम्मुख उहाँले आफैलाई जीवित प्रस्तुत गर्नुभयो। चालीस दिनसम्म उहाँ तिनीहरूकहाँ देखापर्नुभयो अनि परमेश्वरको राज्याको विषयमा तिनीहरूलाई बताउनुभयो। 4तिनीहरूसँग भोजनमा बस्नुहुँदा उहाँले तिनीहरूलाई यस्तो आदेश दिनुभयो, "तिमीहरू यरूशलेमबाट कतै नजाओ, तर पिताले गर्नुभएको प्रतिज्ञाको प्रतीक्षा गर। यसबारे तिमीहरूले मबाट सुनिसकेका छौ।" 5किनभने यहाँले त पानीले बप्तिस्मा दिए, तर अबका थोरै दिनमा पवित्र आत्मामा तिमीहरूको बप्तिस्मा हुन्छ।"

6यसकारण जब प्रेरितहरू भला भए, तब तिनीहरूले उहाँलाई सोधे, "हे प्रभु, के तपाईंले एसाएल राज्यको पुनर्स्थापन गरिदिनुहुनेछ?"

7उहाँले तिनीहरूलाई भन्नुभयो, "पिताले आफ्नो अधिकारद्वारा तोक्नुभएको बेला वा समय जान्ने तिमीहरूको काम होइन। 8तर पवित्र आत्मा तिमीहरूमा आउनुभएपछि तिमीहरूले शक्ति पाउनेछौ, र तिमीहरू यरूशलेममा, सारा यहूदियामा, सामरियामा र पृथ्वीको अन्तिम छापसम्म मझ साक्षी हुनेछौ।"

9उहाँले यो कुरा भन्नुभएपछि, तिनीहरूले हेर्दाहेर्दै उहाँ उँभो उचालिनुभयो, र बादलमा उहाँ तिनीहरूका दृष्टिबाट लोप हुनुभयो। 10जब तिनीहरूले उहाँ जाँदै गर्नुभएको एकटक आकाशतिर हेरिरहेका थिए, तब अचानक सेतो पोशाक लाएका दुई जना मानिस तिनीहरूका नजिक खडा भए। 11तिनीहरूले भने, "गालीलका मानिस हो, तिमीहरू किन आकाशतिर

हेर्दै उभिरहेका छौ? यही येशू, जो तिमीहरूबाट स्वर्गमालगिनुभयो, अहिले जसरी तिमीहरूले उहाँलाई स्वर्गमा जानुभएको देख्यौ, त्यसरी नै उहाँ फेरि आउनुहुनेछ।”

मतियासको नियुक्ति

12तब तिनीहरू जैतून भनिने पहाडबाट यरूशलेम फर्के। यरूशलेमदेखि यो पहाड प्रायः एक किलोमिटर जति टाढा पर्छ। 13सहर भित्र पसेपछि तिनीहरू माथिल्लो तलाको आफू बस्ने कोठामा उक्ले। तिनीहरूचाहिँ पत्रुस, यूहन्ना, याकूब, अन्द्रियास, फिलिप र थोमा, बारथोलोमाइ र मत्ती, अल्फयसको छोरो याकूब र उग्रपन्थी दलको सिमोन र याकूबको छोरो यहूदा थिए। 14कति जना स्त्रीहरू र येशूकी आमा मरियम अनि उहाँका भाइहरूका साथ यिनीहरू सबै एक मनका भएर निरन्तर प्रार्थना गरिरहन्थे।

15ती दिनमा भाइहरूका बीचमा पत्रुस खडा भए (यी मानिसहरूको संख्या प्रायः एक सय बीस थियो), र भने, 16“भाइ हो, धर्मशास्त्रको वचन पूरा हुनुपर्दथियो, जुन वचन येशूलाई पक्रनेहरूको अगुवा यहूदाको विषयमा दाऊदको मुखबाट अघिबाटै पवित्र आत्माले बोल्नुभएको थियो। 17किनकि त्यसको गणना हामीसँगै भएको थियो। र यही सेवामा त्यसले हिस्सा पाएको थियो।”

18त्यस मानिसले अधर्मको कमाइबाट एउटा जग्गा किन्यो, र उँधोमुन्टो भई खस्यो र त्यसको भुँडी फुट्यो, र त्यसका सबै आन्द्रा-भुँडी निस्के। 19यो कुरा यरूशलमका बासिन्दाहरू सबैलाई थाहा भयो। त्यो जग्गाको नाउँ तिनीहरूको आफ्नो भाषामा आखडामा राखियो, अर्थात् रगतको खेत।

20पत्रुसले भने, “किनकि भजनको पुस्तकमा यसो लेखिएको छ,

‘त्यसको वासस्थान उजाड होस्,

र त्यहाँ वास गर्ने कोही नहोस्,

र त्यसको कर्ण पदाधिकार अर्कोलाएलिओस्।’

21यसैकारण हाम्रा साथमा रहने मानिसहरूमध्ये यस्तो एक जना छान्नु आवश्यक छ, जुन व्यक्ति प्रभु येशू हाम्रा बीचमा रही भित्र-बाहिर गर्नुहुँदा सधैं हामीसँग थियो, 22अर्थात् यस्तो व्यक्ति जो यूहन्नाको बप्तिस्मादेखि लिएर उहाँ हामीबाट उँभो लगिनुभएको दिनसम्म हामीसँग थियो। त्यो मानिस हामी सँगसँगै उहाँको पुनरुत्थानको साक्षी हुनुपर्छ।”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus said:] “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. . . .

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

26 “जब सल्लाहकार आउनुहुन्छ, जसलाई म पिताको तर्फबाट तिमीहरूकहाँ पठाइदिनेछु, अर्थात् सत्यका आत्मा, जो पिताबाट आउनुहुन्छ, उहाँले नै मेरो विषयमा गवाही दिनुहुनेछ। 27तिमीहरू सुरुदेखि नै मेरो साथ रहेका हुनाले, तिमीहरू पनि मेरा साक्षी हो।”

4तर यी कुरा मैले तिमीहरूलाई बताएको छु, कि जब त्यो समय आउँछ, तब तिमीहरूलाई के भनेथेँ सो तिमीहरूलाई स्मरण हुनेछ। पहिले नै मैले तिमीहरूलाई यी कुरा भनिँ, किनकि म तिमीहरूसँग थिएँ।

पवित्र आत्माको काम

5 “अब म मलाई पठाउनुहुनेकहाँ गइरहेछु, तर ‘तपाईंहरूहाँ जाँदैहुनुहुन्छ?’ भनी तिमीहरू कसैले मलाई सोध्दैनौ। 6तापनि मैले तिमीहरूलाई यी कुरा भनेको कारण तिमीहरूको हृदय शोकले भरिएको छ। 7तापनि म तिमीहरूलाई सत्य कुरा भन्दछु, म जानुमा नै तिमीहरूको हित छ। किनभने म गइँ भने, सल्लाहकार तिमीहरूकहाँ आउनुहुनेछैन। तर गएँ भने म उहाँलाई तिमीहरूकहाँ पठाइदिनेछु। 8अनि जब उहाँ आउनुहुन्छ, उहाँले सञ्चारलाई पाप, धार्मिकता र न्यायको विषयमा दोषी ठहराउनुहुनेछ। 9पापको विषयमा, किनभने तिमीहरू ममाथि विश्वास गर्दैनन्, 10धार्मिकताको विषयमा, किनभने म पिताकहाँ जान्छु, र तिमीहरू मलाई फेरि देख्नेछैनौ। 11र न्यायको विषयमा, किनभने यस सञ्चारको शासकलाई दण्डाज्ञा भइसकेको छ।

12 “मैले तिमीहरूलाई भन्ने कुरा अझ थेरै छन्, तर अहिले तिमीहरू ती कुरा सहन सक्दैनौ। 13जब उहाँ, अर्थात् सत्यका आत्मा आउनुहुनेछ, तब उहाँले तिमीहरूलाई सबै सत्यतामा डोऱ्याउनुहुनेछ। उहाँ आफ्नो तर्फबाट बोल्नुहुनेछैन। उहाँले जे सुनुहुन्छ, त्यही बोल्नुहुनेछ, र हुन आउने कुराहरू तिमीहरूलाई घोषणा गरिदिनुहुनेछ। 14उहाँले मेरो महिमा गर्नुहुनेछ, किनभने जे मेरो हो, त्यो मबाट लिएर तिमीहरूलाई सो घोषणा गरिदिनुहुनेछ। 15जे-जति पितासँग छन्, ती मेरा हुन्। यसैकारण मैले भनँ, जे मेरो हो त्यो मबाट लिएर आत्माले तिमीहरूलाई घोषणा गरिदिनुहुनेछ।

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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C 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.**

नायसिन धर्मसिद्धांत - Nicene Creed

सर्वसमर्थ एकच देव जो पिता, आकाश व पृथ्वी आणि सर्व दृश्य व अदृश्य वस्तू यांचा उत्पन्न करता, त्याजवर मी विश्वास ठेवितो.
आणि एकच प्रभू येशू ख्रिस्त, जो देवाचा एकुलता एक पुत्र, जो सर्व युगांपूर्वी आपल्या पित्यापासून जनित झाला, देवापासून देव, प्रकाशापासून प्रकाश, खऱ्या देवापासून खरा देव, जो जनित आहे कृत नाही, जो पित्याच्या तत्वाचा आहे, ज्याकडून अवघे झाले, जो आम्हा मनुष्यांसाठी व आमच्या तारणासाठी स्वर्गातून उतरला आणि पवित्र आत्म्याच्या योगाने कुमारी मरीया, हीजपासून देहधारी होऊन मनुष्य झाला, आणि पंत पिलाताच्या वेळेस आम्हांसाठी ज्याला कृशी दिले, ज्याने दुःख भगिने व ज्याला पुरिते, जो शास्त्राप्रमाणे तिसऱ्या दिवशी पुन्हा उठला आणि स्वर्गात चढला आणि पित्याच्या उजवीकडे बसला आहे आणि जो जिवंताचा व मेलेलेल्यांचा न्याय करायला गौरवाने पुन्हा येणार आहे. ज्याच्या राज्याचा अंत होणार नाही, त्याजवर मी विश्वास ठेवितो.
आणि पवित्र आत्मा जो प्रभू व जीवनदाता, पित्यापासून जो निघतो आणि पिता व पुत्र ज्याची आराधना व गौरव होते जो भविष्यवाद्यांकडून बोलत असे, त्याजवर मी विश्वास ठेवितो, आणि एक पवित्र सार्वत्रिक व प्रेषितीय मंडळीविषयी मी विश्वास धरितो, पापांच्या क्षमेसाठी एक बाप्तिस्मा आहे, असे मी पळवितो आणि मेलेल्यांचे पुनरुत्थान व परलोकीचे जीवन, यांची मी प्रतीक्षा करितो.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: JESUS LOVES ME

LSB 588 v. 1

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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SONG OF THE DAY: HOLY SPIRIT, THE DOVE SENT FROM HEAVEN

LSB 502

Holy Spirit, the dove sent from heaven,
Ever one with the One who is Three,
From the Father You came,
Words of peace to proclaim,
Come and comfort us, speak tenderly.
You, the fragrance of life we are seeking;
Fill Your temple, Your altar make clean.
Joyous shelter of love,
Gracious friend from above,
In Your care we are resting, serene.

Holy Spirit, the fire celestial,
Who on Pentecost came as foretold,
To descend from on high
And the Church occupy
As the cloud filled the temple of old;

All the baptized You seal with Your promise,
All believers Your gift there receive,
So that all the elect—
All in Christ—may expect
To enjoy what by grace they believe.

Holy Spirit, the unction of blessing,
Sacred oil of the green olive tree,
Giving heat, giving light,
As the tent lamps ignite
And as Aaron praised God joyfully.
Blessèd living and life-giving water,
Now preserve us from evil within;
For in Jesus, God's Son,
All believers are one
In this washing that cleanses from sin.

Holy Spirit, the wind of great power,
Source of strength and of peace and of love,
Truest Comforter, plead,
As You bring all our need
To the throne of God's glory above.
Be the light that enlightens the Scriptures;
Keep our feet from each devilish snare;
Only You can make whole
All that troubles our soul;
By Your chrism, Christ's triumph we share.

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SERMON

Pastor Matt Kobs

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO SEMINARIAN JOEL HER

GRADUATION MILESTONE BLESSING

(Please Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Please see the News & Notes for a listing of those we are praying for by name)

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For an abundance of the fruits of the earth and for a plentiful harvest, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick, the suffering, and the dying, [especially . . .], let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For an increase of the Spirit and the work of witness, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For pastors, teachers, missionaries, church workers, and all who proclaim the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For unity in the congregations and for the unity of the church, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For a spirit of repentance and renewal, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for a spirit of reconciliation and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P In thanksgiving for those who have gone before and for our faithfulness unto death that we may receive the crown of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

(Special Petitions)

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

C **Amen.**

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GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Please place offerings in the wooden box located in the church narthex/lobby. Giving is also available online at ascensionstl.com. Your tithes and offerings shape the lives of people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ for now and eternity. Thank you for your generosity!

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

OFFERTORY GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

LSB 806



Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give
 thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be-cause He's giv-en—
 Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
 strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be-cause of
 what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
 weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
 rich," _____ Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.
 Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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✠ SACRAMENT ✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

How should we each examine ourselves before coming to Holy Communion?

1. *Be aware of our sins and be sorry for them*
2. *Believe in our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in His words in the Sacrament*
3. *Intend, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as God's forgiven people walking in newness of life*

PREFACE

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**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

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."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९-१३)
हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा बस्नुहुन्छ,
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।
तपाईंको राज्य आओस्,
तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ त्यस्तै यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।
हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्।
हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,
जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।
हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्।
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्।
आमिन्।

PAX DOMINI *John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen

AGNUS DEI LAMB OF GOD Maichel

Lamb of God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world.
Lamb of God, Lamb of God,
You Take away the sin of the world.
And have mercy on us. Have mercy on us,
And grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.
Have Mercy on us, O Lamb of God.
Grant us your peace we pray.

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‡ **DISTRIBUTION SONGS** ‡

GREAT ARE YOU LORD Ingram/Jordan/Leonard

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

CHORUS: It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only REPEAT SONG, CHORUS X2

Instrumental

BRIDGE: And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord REPEAT X3, CHORUS X2
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ALL MY HOPE Ingram/Morgan

Light in my darkness, peace for my soul,
You are my rescue, you never let go. REPEAT

CHORUS: All my hope is in You. All my strength is in You.
With ev'ry breath my soul will rest in You.

Here in my weakness, always the same.
Your love is my shelter. Your life is my way. CHORUS X2

Constant Savior, Friend forever, Lord, You have my heart.
Sure foundation, never failing, Lord, You have my heart. REPEAT, CHORUS

All the earth beneath You. All my life before You.
With ev'ry breath my soul will rest in You.
With ev'ry breath my soul will rest in You.

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(Please Stand)

DISMISSAL

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS *Psalm 103:1*

- P** We are people loved by Christ
C **Sharing Christ's love.**

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
C Amen

CLOSING SONG: THE LAMB HAS OVERCOME

Morton

The Lamb has overcome. The Lamb has overcome.
The battle's done, And the victory is won. For the Lamb has overcome

No grave could hold him down. No grave could hold him down.
Up from the ground. He is risen was the sound. No grave could hold him down.

CHORUS: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Glory be unto his name.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Glory be unto his name.

At God's right hand is he. At God's right hand is he.
Our perfect plea. How he lives to intercede. At God's right hand is he.

The day is drawing near. The day is drawing near.
He shall appear, And will wipe away each tear. The day is drawing near. CHORUS

The Lamb has overcome. The Lamb has overcome.
The battle's done, And the victory is won. For the Lamb has overcome

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POSTLUDE

Instrumental

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