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Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

Stand

GATHERING HYMN

56 To God Be the Glory



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BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.
- C Amen.
- P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel, sit or stand

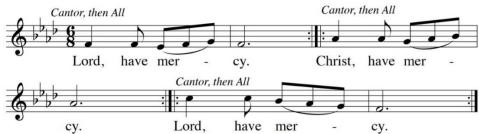
- P Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C Amen.

Stand

GREETING

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

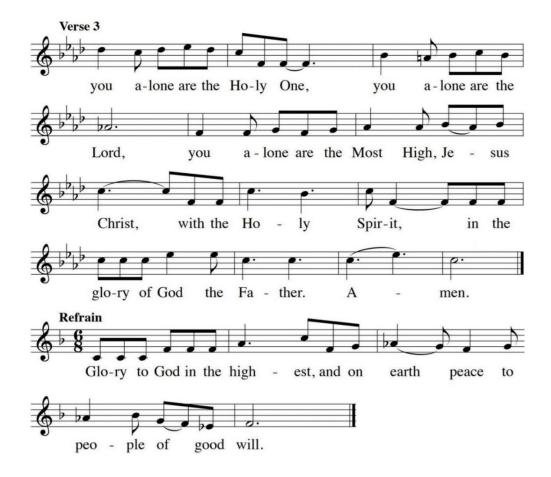
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HYMN OF PRAISE







PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Pastoral Prayer
- C Amen.

Be seated

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 23:1-3, 6-8

When you sit to dine with a ruler, note well what is before you, ² and put a knife to your throat if you are given to gluttony.

- ³Do not crave his delicacies, for that food is deceptive.
- ⁶Do not eat the food of a begrudging host, do not crave his delicacies:
- ⁷ for he is the kind of person who is always thinking about the cost.
- "Eat and drink," he says to you, but his heart is not with you.
- ⁸ You will vomit up the little you have eaten and will have wasted your compliments.
- R The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 101:1-8

- R ¹I will sing of your love and justice; to you, LORD, I will sing praise.
- C ² I will be careful to lead a blameless life—when will you come to me?
 I will conduct the affairs of my house with a blameless heart.
 - ³ I will not look with approval on anything that is vile.
 - I hate what faithless people do; I will have no part in it.
 - ⁴ The perverse of heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with what is evil.

⁵ Whoever slanders their neighbor in secret, I will put to silence; whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, I will not tolerate.



⁶ My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; the one whose walk is blameless will minister to me.

⁷ No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house; no one who speaks falsely will stand in my presence.

8 Every morning I will put to silence all the wicked in the land;
I will cut off every evildoer from the city of the LORD.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:17-21

¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:25-33

- P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Re seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Must Tell Jesus 636



TEXT: Elisha A. Hoffman MUSIC: Elisha A. Hoffman ORWIGSBURG 10.9.10.9. with Refrain

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

C 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 into hell.
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.

Kneel/sit/stand

THE PRAYERS

- A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need:
- A Majestic God, we give you thanks and praise for your Holy Spirit, through whom we pray, worship, and live. Continue to fan the flames of faith in our hearts and in our minds. Help us to proclaim with power the Good News of Jesus Christ. Particularly we pray for the work of our ministry partner, His Hope Teen Challenge. May all whom they serve know the joy of being free from the tyranny of addiction. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, save us from every vice that would conspire against us and strengthen in us every virtue. Help us to be sober and vigilant as we contend against the evils of our day. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Loving Lord, you are the source of all peace and healing for our lives. Grant us peace no matter our circumstances. Grant us your healing power whether we are ill in body, mind, or spirit. [We pray especially for ...] Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Sovereign King of all, bestow your wisdom, strength, protection, and courage upon all who serve in our armed forces. Grant also these virtues to all elected representatives of our republic. Guard them from corruption and temptation. Conform their wills to your will and enable them to lead according to your statutes. Assist them to ensure the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to all, from first heartbeat to last. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Head of the Church, bless the leaders of our denomination: our bishop Dan Selbo; his assistants Amy, Gemechis, Phillip, Andrew, Eric, Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky; and the staff and faculty of our North American Lutheran Seminary. Raise a new generation of pastors to shepherd your flock. Enhance the missional efforts of all congregations that faithfully proclaim your word. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen

Stand

PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

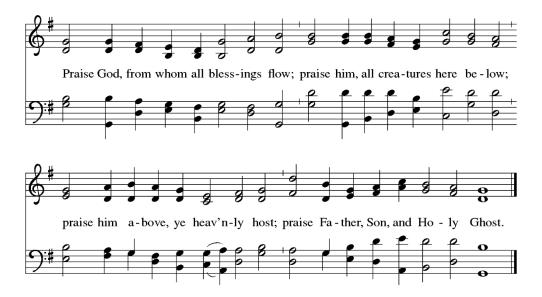
OFFERING

Special Music

Stand

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

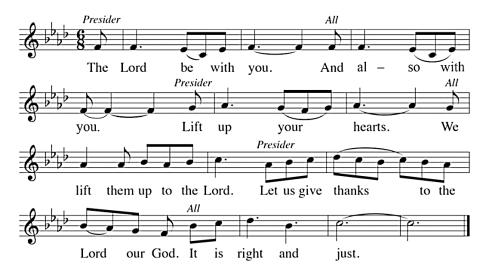


Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
- C Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE

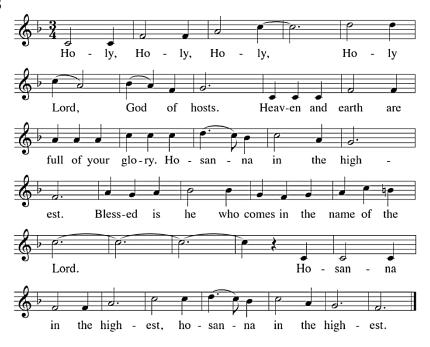


PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever living God. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.



SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

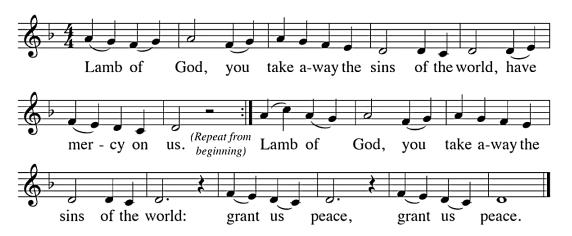
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Be seated AGNUS DEI





COMMUNION

*White grape juice is in the center of each communion tray. Gluten-free wafers available at the rail upon request.

We believe that Holy Communion is the sacrament of the real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As we partake of the *bread and the *wine, we trust Jesus' promise that we receive His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sin and strength to serve him. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, you are thereby publicly declaring your oneness in faith with us, and you too recognize the Lord's Body and Blood as fulfilling God's Covenant of Grace for us.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.

Stand

PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
- C Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING (V4 Only)

Thine the Amen



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BLESSING

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.



SENDING HYMN

648 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



TEXT: Charles Wesley

MUSIC: John Zundel; Last stanza setting and Choral ending by Bill Wolaver

A higher setting may be found at No. 93

BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.

DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

2024 GRADUATES:

Avery Hall, granddaughter of Donna Tucker Graduated from Mason High School, accepted at University of Cincinnati in the College of Nursing



Jackson Tucker, grandson of Donna Tucker Graduated from University of Cincinnati with a degree in Criminal Justice

Brianna Ralston, granddaughter Jerry and Jenny Kantzer Graduated from Michigan Technological University with a BS in Civil/Structural Engineering.

Natalie Clara Ravlin, granddaughter of Lea Ravlin, Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Texas Women's University.

Thomas Gary Ravlin, grandson of Lea Ravlin Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science from Wright State University.



Welcome to our guests!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to come and get to know us at the pace that fits who you are, where you are on your spiritual journey, and to explore with us what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, Tidings of Grace, please send an email to our administrative assistant, Brenda, at gracewcsecretary@yahoo.com.



Communion Servers

Shirley Gordon & Wanda Petrenio

	Assistant Minister	Lector
May 5	Shirley Schryver	Leslie Jackson
May 12	N'Anne Knight	Eric Spahr
May 19	Joe Costantino	Steve Gross
May 26	Sandy Rice	Deborah Ross

Sunday School

Young Learners (Prek—K)		Disciples (Early Elementary)	
May 5	Sally & Sandy	Chris	
May 12	Wanda & Steve	Heather	
May 19	Pam & Sandy	Cassie	





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As a congregation of the *North American Lutheran Church* we are guided by four core values:

- 1. Christ Centered
- 2. Mission Driven
- 3. Traditionally Grounded
- 4. Congregationally Focused



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