

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMNCreator Spirit, by Whose Aid*

LSB 500

1. **Creator Spirit, by whose aid The world's foundations first were laid,
Come, visit ev'ry humble mind; Come, pour Your joys on humankind;
From sin and sorrow set us free May we Your living temples be.**
2. **O Source of uncreated light, The bearer of God's gracious might.
Thrice holy fount, thrice holy fire, Our hearts with heav'nly love inspire;
Your sacred, healing message bring, To sanctify us as we sing.**
3. **Giver of grace, descend from high; Your sev'nfold gifts to us supply,
Help us eternal truths receive And practice all that we believe;
Give us Yourself that we may see The glory of the Trinity.**
4. **Immortal honor, endless fame, Attend the almighty Father's name;
The Savior Son be glorified, Who for all humankind has died;
To You, O Paraclete, we raise Unending songs of thanks and praise.**

***OPENING SENTENCES AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **✠ Amen.**

L: God the Father, Creator and Preserver:

C: **Have mercy upon us.**

L: God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

C: **Have mercy upon us.**

L: O God the Holy Spirit, Teacher of all things, who governs and sanctifies the whole Christian church:

C: **Grant us Your outpouring of charity, peace and joy.**

L: Holy Spirit, Ray of heavenly Light, Author of all good, Ever-burning love, Spirit of wisdom and understanding:

C: **Mercifully hear us, O Spirit of truth and power, of grace and prayer, of sanctification and the fear of God.**

L: Spirit of sorrow and repentance, Spirit of gentleness and purity:

C: **Absolve us of our sins and pardon our iniquity for the sake of our mediator and advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.*****THE ABSOLUTION**C: **✠ Amen.*****THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)C: **✠ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*****THE KYRIE**C: **✠ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*****THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (Taken from LSB pages 187-189)

✠ Glory be to God on high, And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of

God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **✠ And with thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **✠ Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for Pentecost is from Isaiah 57:15-19, page 617:

¹⁵For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. ¹⁶For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry; for the spirit would grow faint before me, and the breath of life that I made. ¹⁷Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry, I struck him; I hid my face and was angry, but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart. ¹⁸I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners, ¹⁹creating the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to the far and to the near," says the LORD, "and I will heal him."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **✠ Thanks be to God.**

COMMISSIONING (8:00) of Alaska Mission Participants

THE SECOND READING is from Acts 2:1-11, page 909-910:

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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

*ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C: **✠ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*THE HOLY GOSPEL - according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter, verses 26-27, and the sixteenth chapter, verses 4b-15, page 803: C: **✠ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²⁶"But 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. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. "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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***THE CONFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength 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. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. 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.

CHILDREN'S SONG (Sung as the children come forward) 8:00 & 10:30

Holy Spirit, Hear Us

TLH 229

1. Holy Spirit, hear us On this sacred day;
Come to us with blessing, Come with us to stay.
2. Up to heav'n ascending, Our dear Lord has gone;
Yet His little children Leaves He not alone.
3. To His blessed promise Now in faith we cling.
Comforter, most holy, Spread o'er us Your wing.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 8:00 & 10:30

Marilyn Wiesehan

SERMON HYMN

Holy Ghost, with Light Divine

TLH 234

1. Holy Ghost, with light divine Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.
2. Let me see my Savior's face, Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me Which are only known to Thee.
3. Holy Ghost, with pow'r divine Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.
4. See, to Thee I yield my heart, Shed Thy life through every part;
A pure temple I would be, Wholly dedicate to Thee.

THE SERMON "Spirit, Sin, Righteousness, and Judgment"

(John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15)

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. Please pass cards down to center aisle. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

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***THE OFFERTORY** LSB page 192

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***LORD'S PRAYER** (Found on inside back cover of hymnal)

***THE BENEDICTION**

C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.

***THE CLOSING HYMN**

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

TLH 225

1. **Come, Holy Spirit, come! Let Thy bright beams arise;
Dispel the sorrow from our minds, The darkness from our eyes.**
2. **Convince us of our sin, Then lead to Jesus' blood,
And to our wond'ring view reveal The mercies of our God.**
3. **Dwell therefore in our hearts; Our minds from bondage free;
Then shall we know and praise and love The Father, Son, and Thee.**

*SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Organist: 5:00 & 8:00 - Alice Kastens; 9:20 & 10:30 - Kendra Ruesler

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Alan Hopfer/Rick Goodman

NEWS AND NOTES:

PENTECOST

MAY 15, 2016

TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): I John

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Grade Youth: led by Rick Goodman 7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES.

HEARING ASSIST TRANSMITTERS are available from the ushers. Ear pieces are available although we suggest you bring your own.

FOOD & DRINK consumption should be kept inside the Gym.

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Harry & Janet Watson in celebration of their wedding anniversary on May 19th; from Neil & Maryann Van Dermeulen in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on May 14th; from Grace Roenfeldt in memory of what would have been Harold & Grace's 63rd wedding anniversary on May 16th; and from Bruce & Merrily Goldsmith in honor of granddaughter Madeleine Lauer's birthday.

JOB OPPORTUNITY Green Park Lutheran School is filling two positions for the 2016-17 school year—a part-time art teacher for grades 3-8, and a full-time Kindergarten teacher. If interested, please mail a cover letter and resumé to Green Park, Attention: Mr. Stephen Eggold, 4248 Green Park Road, St. Louis, 63125.

LADIES GUILD The May meeting will be on the 19th. Dessert will be served at noon, meeting at 12:30. Pat Bernthal will be sharing information on St. Trinity Food Pantry. Those planning to attend are asked to bring canned goods donation. Election of officers will be conducted.

MOTHER'S DAY FOOD DRIVE Thank you for your generous donations! Over 200 bags of food were collected for Feed My People.

BEREAN CARECIPLES will meet May 23, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commons Conference Room, before they break for summer. - W. Brune

VBS DECORATION We are in need of an approx. 6 foot garden "Windmill" to borrow and use as a Vacation Bible School prop. Please contact Christina.

YOUTH NEWS: Jr. Youth to lead Bethesda worship service today from 10:30-11:30. Jr. Youth will be going to Six Flags on Wed., June 8th. Sign up at the Youth Ministry Bulletin Board. We will need a few Parent Drivers/Chaperones.

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED We are looking for (17) prayer partners for our National Youth Gathering youth and adults. This consists of praying for your assigned NYG participant during the event in July and providing them with a few notes of encouragement for the six days. If you would be interested in this ministry, please talk to Christina.

THE BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION is seeking individuals who would be interested in serving as Sunday School Superintendent and Assistant. Please talk with Pastor Furgeson, Christina Stackle or Alexia Arensmeier if interested.

COMMENCEMENT 8th grade graduation at GPLS 7:00 p.m. this Thurs. May 19.

FLAG CEREMONY On Thursday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m., Boy Scout Troop 584 will conduct a flag ceremony at St. Trinity Cemetery. Following the ceremony, they will place American flags on the known veterans' graves. All members of the congregation are invited, especially our veterans who will be recognized during the ceremony.

170th ANNIVERSARY OF LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD APPROACHING IN 2017

1839 - 750 Saxon immigrants arrive in St. Louis with desire to practice their religion freely. Some move to Perry County and open a log cabin college which becomes Concordia Seminary.

1841 - Dr. C.F.W. Walther becomes leader of St. Louis Lutheranism and in

1844 launches Der Lutheraner, a newsletter linking Midwest Lutheran churches.

1847 - The LC-MS is founded in Chicago. The initial 12 congregations have grown to over 6,000 congregations, 2,000 schools and preschools, 70 high schools, 10 universities and 2 seminaries, and a denomination doing mission work in over 30 nations.

1868 - First Lutheran orphanage west of the Mississippi is opened in Des Peres.

1869 - CPH is founded in St. Louis.

1878 - Synod's first black congregation opened in Little Rock, Arkansas.

1894 - Mission work begins in India, followed by work in China in 1911.

1917 - The L.L.L. is organized in Milwaukee and eventually moves to St. Louis.

1983 - Synodical headquarters locate in Kirkwood.

LUTHERANS, with over 60 million members world-wide, form the third largest Christian denomination (after Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox)

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MAY 15, 2016:

Mon: 6:30 Cub Scout Meeting
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
6:00 Property Management
6:30 Preschool Closing Program
Wed: 9:00 TPL Assembly
11:00 South County Senior Citizens
4:50 Celebration Ringers
5:30 Glocken Ringers
7:00 Alleluia Ringers
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study
Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
6:30 ESL Classes
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 Memorial Day Choir Rehearsal
Sat: 5:00 Worship Service
Sun: 7:00 Peter Careciples - Bierwagens