

# DAY OF PENTECOST

05 June 2022



Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

# Service of Holy Communion

## *Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3*

*The liturgy is in the front of the ELW with numbers at the bottom of the pages. The hymns begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.*

### **Prelude / Ringing of the Bell**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Confession and Forgiveness (pages 94-96)**

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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*(There is a time of silence for reflection.)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn # 396 “Spirit of Gentleness”**



**Greeting** (page 138)

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.**

**Kyrie** (pages 138-139; spoken responsively)

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

**C: Amen.**

♩ **This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Sing with all the people of God  
and join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing, honor, glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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**For the Lamb who was slain  
has begun his reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: God, our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **First Reading: Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not

drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

L: The Word of the Lord.    C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 104:24-34, 35b**

How manifold are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

**Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
with its swarms too many to number,  
living things both small and great.**

There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

**All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**

You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return to their dust.**

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

**May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
O Lord, rejoice in all your works.**

You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will praise my God while I have my being.**

May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the Lord.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

**Hallelujah!**



## **Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17**

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

L: The Word of the Lord.    **C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

♫ **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **Gospel**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **John 14:8-17 [25-27]**

Philip said to [Jesus], "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot

receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Sermon**

**Hymn # 818 "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"**

## ***Affirmation of Baptism***

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Dalton, Alex, Kalloway and Macailah, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

R: I present Dalton Will, who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

R: I present Alex Rickertsen and Kalloway Whitman, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

R: I present Macailah Jacobsen, who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Dalton, Alex, Kalloway and Macailah, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**C: Amen.**



## **Profession of Faith**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Confirmands:* I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Confirmands:* I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Confirmands:* I renounce them.

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## **Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly**

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Confirmands:* I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Dalton, Alex, Kalloway and Macailah and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

## **Prayer of Blessing**

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*Baptismal sponsors, parents, and spiritual mentors are invited forward for the laying on of hands.*

P: Stir up in [Dalton/Alex/Kalloway/Macailah] the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence,  
both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us rejoice with Dalton, Alex, Kalloway and Macailah in Christ.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*(Each petition ends: P: God, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)*

### **Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

### **Offering**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

#### **Great Thanksgiving**

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right....and join their unending hymn:

♩ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Words of Institution**

#### **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.**

## ***Holy Communion is celebrated today.***

*All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited to receive Holy Communion  
Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.*

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

**Hymn # 399 “O Holy Spirit, Root of Life”**

**Hymn # 856 “How Great Thou Art”**

**Hymn # 785 “When Peace like a River”**

**Post Communion Blessing & Prayer**

**Blessing**

**Hymn # 810 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”**

**Dismissal**

**P: Go in peace. Share the good news.**

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Ringing of the Bell / Postlude**

**Please join us for a reception in the fellowship hall.**

**Pastor:** Rev. Roberta Pierce

**Organist:** Jason Boussetot or Linda Whitman

**Acolyte:** David Burke

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**This Week At A Glance**

Tuesday 7:00 pm Meet and greet at Our Savior's

Wednesday 10:00 am Naomi Circle at Diane Christensen's

Sunday 8:00 am Worship service at Faith  
9:30 am Worship service at Our Savior's  
12:00 pm Grill out at Grau's for JH/HS youth

**Those to keep in prayer:** Ruth Braet, Denise Balster, Heather Grau, Lucy Lee Petersen, Velma Jensen, Megan Mineck Wentland, Ryan Dick, Neil Mason, Tim Burke, Jim Goddard, Barb Johnson; the homebound: Betty Schau, Carol Christensen, Bus Seastrand, Rusty Porth, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Norman Boussetot, Joan Shelton, and Myrna Kay Petersen; and those serving in the military.

**Pastoral Candidate**

Six members of the Parish Coordinating Committee interviewed a full-time pastoral candidate on April 26. At the May joint council meeting, the PCC recommended that the candidate be considered for call to Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Faith Lutheran Church. The joint council agreed and is recommending the call to the individual congregations.

The next step in the call process is a meet-and-greet event. All members of Faith and Our Savior's are encouraged to attend that meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, at Our Savior's. Leah Holloway-Nilsen will introduce herself and there will be time for questions and answers. Light refreshments will be served.

Special congregational meetings to vote on extending a call are set for Sunday, June 19, following 8:00 a.m. worship at Faith and 9:30 a.m. worship at Our Savior's.

On **Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**, Our Savior's will hold a special congregational meeting following worship. There are two items on the agenda for the meeting: 1) to vote on extending a call to Leah Holloway-Nilsen and 2) carpet bids for the sanctuary, upstairs Sunday School rooms and stairs. No other business will be transacted.

The **Annual Grill-Out** will be held on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at Grau's House (1658 257<sup>th</sup> Street, Calamus). 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth and their families are invited to celebrate the end of school, say good-bye to our seniors and welcome the incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Meat and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and be ready to play yard games.

The **summer worship schedule** begins on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Faith will worship outside (weather permitting) at 8:00 am and Our Savior's will worship inside at 9:30 am.

The **noisy offering** will be collected on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. The 2022 recipient will be ELCA World Hunger.

# *The Promised Helper*

By William Barclay | [www.bibleportal.com/commentary/chapter/william-barclay](http://www.bibleportal.com/commentary/chapter/william-barclay)

*John 14:15-17 "If you love me, keep my commandments; and I will ask the Father and he will give you another helper to be with you for ever, I mean the Spirit of Truth. The world cannot receive him, because it does not see him or know him. But you know him because he remains among you and will be within you."*

To John there is only one test of love and that is obedience. It was by his obedience that Jesus showed his love of God; and it is by our obedience that we must show our love of Jesus. C. K. Barrett says: "John never allowed love to devolve into a sentiment or emotion. Its expression is always moral and is revealed in obedience." We know all too well how there are those who protest their love in words but who, at the same time, bring pain and heartbreak to those whom they claim to love. There are children and young people who say that they love their parents, and who yet cause them grief and anxiety. There are husbands who say they love their wives and wives who say they love their husbands, and who yet, by their inconsiderateness and their irritability and their thoughtless unkindness bring pain the one to the other. To Jesus real love is not an easy thing. It is shown only in true obedience.

But Jesus does not leave us to struggle with the Christian life alone. He would send us another Helper. The Greek word is the word *parakletos* which is really untranslatable. The King James Version renders it Comforter, which, although hallowed by time and usage, is not a good translation. Moffatt translates it Helper. It is only when we examine this word *parakletos* in detail that we catch something of the riches of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. It really means someone who is called in; but it is the reason why the person is called in which gives the word its distinctive associations. The Greeks used the word in a wide variety of ways. A *parakletos* might be a person called in to give witness in a law court in someone's favour; he might be an advocate called in to

plead the cause of someone under a charge which would issue in serious penalty; he might be an expert called in to give advice in some difficult situation; he might be a person called in when, for example, a company of soldiers were depressed and dispirited to put new courage into their minds and hearts. Always a *parakletos* is someone called in to help in time of trouble or need. Comforter was once a perfectly good translation. It actually goes back to Wicliffe, the first person to use it. But in his day it meant much more than it means now. The word comes from the Latin *fortis* which means brave; and a comforter was someone who enabled some dispirited creature to be brave. Nowadays comfort has to do almost solely with sorrow; and a comforter is someone who sympathizes with us when we are sad. Beyond a doubt the Holy Spirit does that, but to limit his work to that function is sadly to belittle him. We often talk of being able to cope with things. That is precisely the work of the Holy Spirit. He takes away our inadequacies and enables us to cope with life. The Holy Spirit substitutes victorious for defeated living.

So what Jesus is saying is: "I am setting you a hard task, and I am sending you out on a very difficult engagement. But I am going to send you someone, the *parakletos*, who will guide you as to what to do and enable you to do it."

Jesus went on to say that the world cannot recognize the Spirit. By the world is meant that section of men who live as if there was no God. The point of Jesus' saying is: we can see only what we are fitted to see. An astronomer will see far more in the sky than an ordinary man. A botanist will see far more in a hedgerow than someone who knows no botany. Someone who knows about art will see far more in a picture than someone who is quite ignorant of art. Someone who understands a little about music will get far more out of a symphony than someone who understands nothing. Always what we see and experience depends on what we bring to the sight and the experience. A person who has eliminated God never listens for him; and we cannot receive the Holy Spirit unless we wait in expectation and in prayer for him to come to us.

The Holy Spirit gate-crashes no man's heart; He waits to be received. So when we think of the wonderful things which the Holy Spirit can do, surely we will set apart some time amidst the bustle and the rush of life to wait in silence for his coming.