

# LARGE PRINT EDITION



## HOLY COMMUNION

*Day of Pentecost*

*Affirmation of Baptism: Confirmation*

Sunday May 19, 2024 + 9:30 am

*Christ sends the Spirit of truth*

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### *The Spirit of resurrection blows free throughout the world*

*Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

"I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" arr. Chuck Marohnic

*At the sound of the bell please stand and face the worship leaders.*

### EASTER PROCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A We are illumined by the brightness of his rising.

**C Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

P Death has no more dominion over him.

**C The Spirit of resurrection fills the earth.**

A Dying he destroyed our death.

**C Rising he restored our life.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*(hymn)* ELW 526

“God Is Here”

- 1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**
- 3 Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**
- 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

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## GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE TO THE RISEN CHRIST *(hymn)* ELW 525

“You Are Holy”

*twice, in canon*

C **You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more  
than we ever understand. You are always at hand.  
Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised  
from dead.**

**You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present.**

**Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!**

**Sing hosanna in the highest!**

**Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!**

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in North America, South America, and Central America, including the Caribbean.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending  
the gift of your Holy Spirit. Look upon your people gathered in  
prayer, open to receive the Spirit’s flame. May it come to rest in  
our hearts and heal the divisions of word and tongue, that with  
one voice and one song we may praise your name in joy and  
thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, and by the power of your  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*The presider continues with words of welcome.*

# WORD

## CHILDREN'S WORD -

*Children are invited forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.*

## READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

*Filled with the Spirit*

Acts 2:1–21

*Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.*

*Luke writes:*

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

<sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ‘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.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and  
glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

... Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

## **C Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

*Praying with the Spirit*

Romans 8:22–27

*By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God’s future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.*

*Paul writes to the church at Rome*

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first

fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & PROCESSION**

*tune: ELW 386*

*The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:*

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus gave his life for us, Rose from death victorious.**

**The Advocate he sends upon us. Alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

*Christ sends the Spirit of truth*

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

*When speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and described the difference the Spirit would make in their lives and in the world.*

The gospel according to John.

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

*Jesus says:*

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup> I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

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

The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ!**

*The refrain is repeated as the gospel procession reverses. ELW 386*

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**SERMON**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 396

“Spirit of Gentleness”

### *Refrain*

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."**

### *Refrain*

- 2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.**

### *Refrain*

- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.**

### *Refrain*

- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise.**

### *Refrain*

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# AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

## *Confirmation*

### PRESENTATION AND PRAYER

Asher James Carlson Lee  
Frida Helen Benedict  
Greta Margaret Sylvia Kutzer  
Nora Clementine Benedict  
Owen William Pudney  
Tessa Lily Gurney  
Zoe Hope Labandz

### P PROFESSION OF FAITH

...Do you renounce evil and all the forces that defy God?

**C I renounce them.**

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

**C I renounce them.**

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

**C I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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.

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 OF BAPTISM**

**P** People of God, do you promise to support these dear Christian friends and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

*Come Holy Spirit is sung twice... each time while a new group of confirmands and their families are coming to the chancel rail.*

**C Veni Sancte Spiritus  
Holy Spirit, Come to us**

## **PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT**

### **LAYING ON OF HANDS**

“You Belong to Christ”

*sung seven times*

**C You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## WELCOME

A Let us rejoice with these dear friends 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.**

*The assembly may offer acclamation of those making public  
affirmation with applause.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Prayers are offered for the Church, the earth, the nations, and those in any need.  
each petition concludes:*

God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

## MEAL

## PEACE

P The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*The assembly is invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.*

## OFFERING

*When bread and wine are broken and shared in the Lord's Supper an offering is  
gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*Please leave your offerings in the baskets in the aisles or give online. During  
this time, the table is set. Please stand as the offering procession reaches the  
chancel. Thank you for your generosity.*

“Let Your Light Shine”

*Don Besig*

**Offertory Prayer**

A Let us pray together.

**C Risen Christ, receive these gifts,  
with our hopes, dreams, and prayers.  
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread,  
that our eyes may be opened  
to see your presence among us,  
and our lives filled with the new life of your resurrection.  
Amen.**

*The assisting minister pours out the wine.*

## **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 ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the  
highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

*The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving:*

P ...we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P ...Come Holy Spirit.

**C Come Holy Spirit.**

P ...in your holy church, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer (1789)**

**C Our Father who art 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.**

**Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion**

**Communion**

**"Lamb of God"**

*setting10; ELW page 208*

**C O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save; have mercy now,  
we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave; have mercy now,  
we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made; give us your peace,  
we pray.**

*silence for reflection concludes the communion*

**Prayer after Communion**

**A Let us pray.**

**Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished**

our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. C Amen.

## SENDING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

#### BENEDICTION

P May the risen Christ bring you all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN

*(hymn)* W&P 22

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

**1 You are salt for the earth, O people:  
Salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people:  
Life in the Kingdom of God!**

#### *Refrain*

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!**

**2 You are a light on the hill, O people:  
Light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
Shine for the Kingdom of God! *Refrain***

**3 You are a seed of the Word, O people:  
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!**

**Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
Grow in the Kingdom of God! *Refrain***

**4 We are a blest and a pilgrim people:  
Bound for the Kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
Love is the Kingdom of God! *Refrain***

## DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

“This Little Light of Mine”

*arr. John Carter*

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## SERVING OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Contact the coordinator below if you can volunteer to accomplish these tasks:

| OPPORTUNITY                          | COORDINATOR            | DUE                                   |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Blow leaves out of front lawn shrubs | Pastor C               | this week                             |
| FMSC Pack at the Park                | Audrey Erickson        | May 22, morning                       |
| Salty Carmel teams                   | Pastor C               | Sign up in narthex                    |
| MCCC Board secretary                 | Brenda W; C Pudney     | open position                         |
| Annual budget team                   | Karen Moeller          | new team established by cong. council |
| “Dust the wallpaper”                 | Steve: spring cleaning | pick a room, any room                 |

## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Karen Moeller, *assisting minister*

Al Erickson, *reader*

Jo Alice Boatright, Confirmants, *Pentecost story readers*

Max Labandz, *crucifer*  
Children & Youth, *banners; wind chimes*  
Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*  
Sanctuary Choir  
Anna Matthes and Myrna Flatland, *technology desk*  
Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*  
Rich Feist and Jim Felicetta, *ushers*  
Nancy & Jim Felicetta, *salty carmel hosts*  
Al Erickson, *bus ministry*  
Labandz family and Council, *coffee hosts*

**Chancel flowers** this weekend are given by Kevin Ziegler  
in memory of Bonnie, Zigmund, and Nellie Ziegler.

*If you wish to donate flowers sign up in the narthex or call the church office.*

*Please join us for coffee fellowship on the lower level following worship.*

*This service is being streamed live on the internet.*

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## WELCOME

**Everyone is welcome.** We are a faith community participating in the life of God, a life that is a gift to us and in which we are actively engaged. That gift compels us to be actively engaged in the neighborhoods of Northeast Minneapolis as well. We are a multigenerational community that proudly celebrates our history while joining together with younger generations to follow where God is leading. We build our community through faith practices like prayer, dwelling in the Word and hospitality.

**Guests are welcome.** We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. If you would like more information about Mt. Carmel, please contact us at 612-781-2796, or email [pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org)

**Children are welcome** at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available outside the sanctuary.

**Welcome to the Lord's Table.** All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to you where you are seated if you require accessibility accommodation. Please inform the ushers. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. White grape juice is available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

**Welcome to the Holy Baptism.** All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. Our pastor will contact you.

### Friends of Mt. Carmel...Stay connected

Across the country and beyond there are many people who have a soft spot in their heart for Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church – people who feel a connection both to the history and the ongoing mission of this congregation. If you're one of them, we invite you to join a new network of Friends of Mt. Carmel. Email [pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org) for more information or to join.



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