



Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

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Pentecost Sunday
June 8, 2025 9:15 a.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Come Down, O Love Divine

**by Mark Sedio
(1965-)**

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

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. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

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.
Amen.

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.**

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

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

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the



morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ '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.

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

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

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ 'Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b



- ²⁴ How manifold are your | works, O LORD!
 In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.
- ²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,
 living things both | small and great.**
- ²⁶ There go the ships | to and fro,
 and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.
- ²⁷ **All of them | look to you
 to give them their food | in due season. R**
- ²⁸ You give it to them; they | gather it;
 you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.
- ²⁹ **When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
 when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**
- ³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
 and so you renew the face | of the earth.
- ³¹ **May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;
 O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. R**
- ³² You look at the earth | and it trembles;
 you touch the mountains | and they smoke.
- ³³ **I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
 I will praise my God while I | have my being.**
- ³⁴ May these words of | mine please God.
 I will rejoice | in the LORD.
- ^{35b} **Bless the LORD, | O my soul.
 Hal- | lelujah! R**

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ 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!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ 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.

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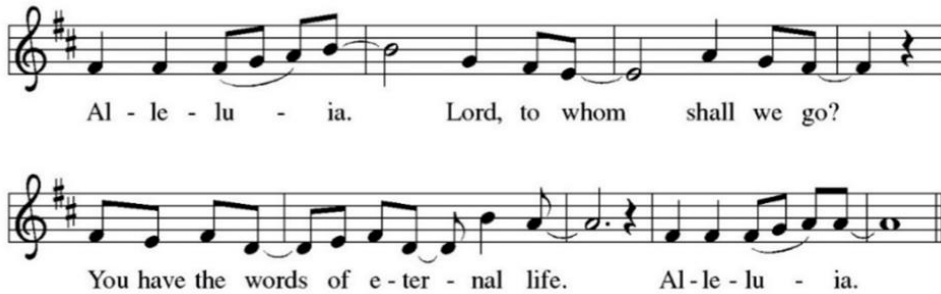
Children’s Message

Please stand.

Annette Dittman

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 6



Gospel: John 14:8-17 [25-27]

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to John, the 14th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

⁸ Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ 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’?” ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ 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. [

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ 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.**

Please be seated

Sermon: I believe in the Holy Spirit.....

Pastor Littleton

HYMN of the DAY: Loving Spirit

ELW 397

PRAYERS

To the petition “Hear us, O God,” please respond: “Your mercy is great.”



GREETING OF THE PEACE

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

Please be seated.

OFFERING

The ushers will pass the offering plates at this time.

Music at the Offering: There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

**by Doris Akers
(1923-1995)**

OFFERTORY

ELW Setting 3

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

A. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **C. Amen.**

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 God thanks and praise.

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW Setting 6

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C. Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.

Invitation to Communion

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

Unity Mass, Norah Duncan

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins_ of the world, have mer - cy on us, have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins_ of the world, have

mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sins_ of the world, grant_ us_ peace, grant_ us_ peace.

Communion Hymn: Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

ELW 403

Please stand.

TABLE BLESSING

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **C. Amen.**

Blessing

P. The Triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **C. Amen.**



SENDING HYMN: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

ELW 582

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve as Christ. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Litanies

**by Jehan Alain
(1911-1940)**

We will hold our first informational Question and Answer meeting concerning 'What's Next' immediately after the worship service.

Serving today – Thank You!!

Preacher and Presider, Rev. Dr. Littleton

Minister of Music, Susanna Faust

Lector: Barb Hess

Ushers: Bob Smyrl & Don Capanear

Communion Assistant: Jaime Kaler

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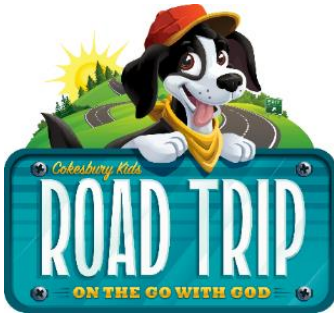
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Please Note: Communion Change

Beginning this Sunday, we will start continuous communion with one station at the center of the chancel; Pastor Littleton will give the bread. This change is being made because of Pastor's mobility limitations. If folks want to spend a moment or two in private prayer at the chancel step, they are encouraged to do so. Pastor Littleton is happy to discuss this change with you.



Grace will be partnering with other area churches for Vacation Bible School this year. Join us on July 28-31 for a "Road Trip - On the go with God" at Little Zion Church in Franconia. Volunteers are needed and Little Zion Church ***does not require background checks for volunteers.*** Check registration details by following the link: <https://bit.ly/Roadtrip2025>

PASTORAL CARE For urgent prayer needs, illnesses or hospitalizations, convey these to Pastor Dee Littleton by email or text at drdee3@gmail.com or 610-213-9725.



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