

WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH!

God brought you here for a reason today! Trust the Lord, he cares for you. You can greet pastor after the service outside the main doors. **VISITORS & MEMBERS please at least put your name on the connection card and turn it in** with any other info and place in the offering plate in back. You can also do this online on your phone with this QR Code:



SURVEY QUESTION:

No survey question this weekend.

TAKING COMMUNION: We celebrate the Lord's Supper at most of our worship services. We believe that when Jesus said this "is" my body...and blood, "is" means "is". We receive the Body and Blood of Christ. He is truly present and gives himself for the forgiveness of our sins. If you have faith in these words of Jesus and have been baptized, you are welcome to receive. Questions, instruction, or examination in these beliefs occurs with first communion, confirmation, new member classes or meeting with pastor. You may come to the altar and receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. *Non-alcoholic wine is in the center of tray and gluten-free wafers are available.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: You may light a candle and enter the sanctuary in reverence, find a seat and take a moment to pray and be still. Please keep all social dialogue in the Narthex.

FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED: We are equipped with a personal hearing assistance system. If you would like a receiver for the service, please see an usher.

WE CAN PRAY WITH YOU: If you would like someone to pray for you or with you, the pastor, deacons or one of the Elders will join you at the Chancel rail following the worship service.

GIVING Your: tithes and offerings can be placed in the offering plates in back of church with your connection card. You can also give online with your phone using this QR Code:



The Day of Pentecost

May 18, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME, CONNECTION CARD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: 1 John 1:8 & 9 says, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive
ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he
is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from
all unrighteousness.”

(pause to for silent confession)

All: **Heavenly Father, we confess that 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. Have mercy on us, forgive us, renew us and
lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in
your ways, in Jesus Name. Amen.**

Pastor: Now that you have confessed your sins, I proclaim God's
grace to you. In the place of our Lord Jesus Christ and by his
command to me, a called and ordained servant of the Word, I
forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23].

All: **Amen.**

Please stand and share the peace with someone.

OPENING SONG #1 “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

1. We are one in the Spirit,
 We are one in the Lord,
 We are one in the Spirit,
 We are one in the Lord,
 And we pray that all unity
 may one day be restored.

Refrain And they’ll know we are Christians
 By our love, by our love,
 Yes they’ll know we are Christians
 By our love.

2. We will walk with each other,
 We will walk hand in hand,
 We will walk with each other,
 We will walk hand in hand,
 And together we’ll spread the
 news that God is in our land. **Refrain**

3. We will work with each other,
 We will work side by side,
 We will work with each other,
 We will work side by side,
 And we’ll guard each man’s dignity
 and save each man’s pride. **Refrain**

4. All praise to the Father,
 From whom all things come,
 And all praise to Christ Jesus,
 His only Son,

And all praise to the Spirit,
Who makes us one. **Refrain**

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PASTOR'S PRAYER

OPENING SONG #2 "Holy Spirit"

Verse 1, Solo

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.
No thing can compare; You're our living hope.
Your Presence.

Verse 2, ALL

**I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,
where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone,
in Your Presence, Lord.**

Chorus, Solo

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here;
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
Your glory God, is what our hearts long for,
to be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.
Your presence, Lord.

Chorus, ALL

**Holy Spirit You are welcome here;
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
Your glory God, is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.
Your presence, Lord.**

Verse 1, ALL

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Your Presence.**

Verse 2, ALL

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where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone,
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Chorus, ALL

**Holy Spirit, You are welcome here;
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
Your glory God, is what our hearts long for,
to be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.
Your presence, Lord. (repeat)**

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VIDEO

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 11:1-9

¹Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." ⁵And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶And the

LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-21

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.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:23-31

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John,
the fourteenth chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

²³Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me. ²⁵“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things

and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PASTOR'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Let us now pray the prayer our Lord taught us.

All: 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.

JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

All: Amen.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated until the usher releases your pew for communion.

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THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG #1

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

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1 Holy Spirit, 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 Spirit, pow'r divine,
 Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
 In Thy mercy pity me,
 From sin's bondage set me free.
- 4 Holy Spirit, joy divine,
 Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
 Yield a sacred, settled peace,
 Let it grow and still increase.
- 5 Holy Spirit, all divine,
 Dwell within this heart of mine;
 Cast down ev'ry idol throne,
 Reign supreme, and reign alone.

CLOSING SONG #2 "Holy Spirit"

Verse 1

Holy Spirit living Breath of God.
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord.
Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your word to come alive in me.
Give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Verse 2

Holy Spirit come abide within.
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin.
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least.
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace.
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Verse 3

Holy Spirit from creation's birth.
Giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth.
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice.
That in unity the face of Christ.
May be clear for all the world to see.

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