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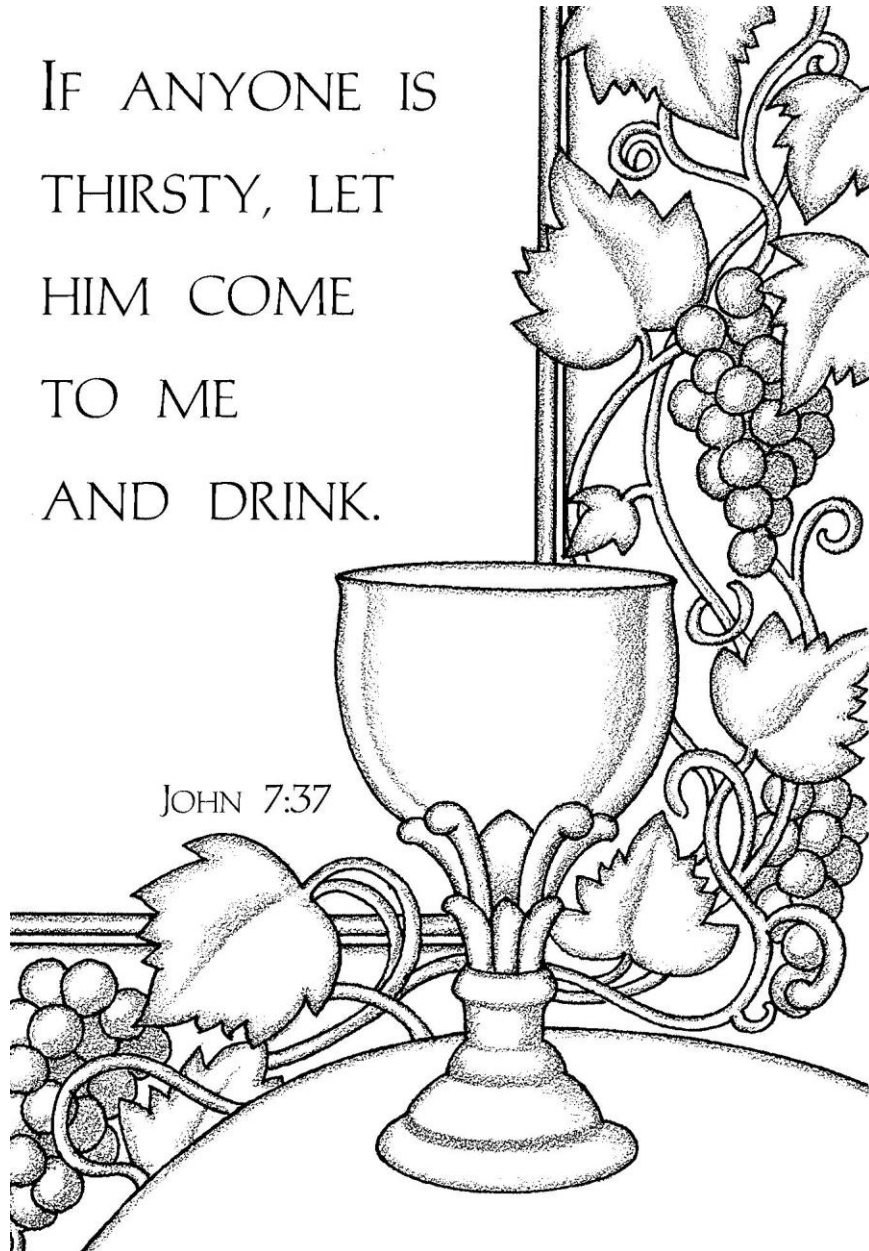
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The Day of Pentecost

May 28th, 2023

IF ANYONE IS
THIRSTY, LET
HIM COME
TO ME
AND DRINK.

JOHN 7:37



HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 5:30PM & 9:00AM SERVICES

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason, we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service.

AS WE GATHER

Pentecost proves for God's people that Jesus remains at work in our midst. As we read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2, we see that the ascension departure of Jesus some ten days beforehand is not the end of His work in this world. Far from it! Jesus continues His saving work through the Spirit, whom He poured out upon the lives of His earliest followers. This same Spirit of Jesus enables us to carry His message into all the world. We are the messengers who spread the Good News of Him who was crucified for us, who rose again, who reigns on high, and who will one day return to this world in His full, heavenly glory. We listen to His message today as the Spirit brings it into our midst and are assured that as we are brought to faith in Christ, we receive the fullness of who we've been called to be.

DIVINE SERVICE FOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

OPENING HYMN

“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

LSB 497

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

LSB 203

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

“Glory to God in the Highest”

LSB 204

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit.

People: **Grant to us the same Spirit so that we may joyfully receive the message of Christ, who has come for us all;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 11:24–30

Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!” And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM ~ *Read Responsively*

Psalms 25:1-15

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

Leader: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

People: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Leader: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

People: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Leader: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

People: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Leader: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

People: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Leader: For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

People: Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

Leader: His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land.

People: The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

Leader: My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

All: Glory be the Father and to the ☩ Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1–21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and 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 Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” But 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. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: “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; even on my male servants and female servants in

those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA & VERSE

LSB 205

GOSPEL READING

John 7:37–39

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 7th chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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LSB 206

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

LSB 496

SERMON

“Thirsty? For What?”

John 7:37-39

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: **and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

Pastor: Confident in Christ our Savior and in the promised intercession of the Holy Spirit, let us lift up our hearts and voices in prayer to our Father above.
Faithful Lord, Your mercies are new every morning.

People: **Even when we stray from Your presence through disobedience to Your commands, You reconcile and restore us through the Spirit of the message, who is Christ Himself, our hope of glory.**

Pastor: Redeeming Savior, You prepare a place for us in Your Father's kingdom and promise to all who trust in You the inheritance of life forever in Your presence.

People: Help us with our hearts to believe and with our mouths to confess Your saving name.

Pastor: Sanctifying Spirit, You fill the lives of all who trust in Jesus. Grant restoration and peace to those who are broken in heart and mind, body and soul.

People: Grant that each one of us find refreshment in Your presence. Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors, for in them we see You and, in serving them, we give our service to You.

Pastor: Sovereign King, You are Lord of all things in heaven and on earth. Watch over the community, the state, and the nation in which we live, guiding all public servants to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You as their God.

People: Enable us to dwell in security and peace, giving witness to the message of Christ with both boldness and gentleness so that those who have yet to receive You as their Savior may be brought to saving faith.

Pastor: Great Physician, You give healing to those who cry to You for mercy. Today we lift up before You [names]. Whatever issues we may be facing, help us to look to You and remember that in Christ alone we receive the fullness of who we are called to be.

People: Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

Pastor: (Special Petitions that end in: Lord, in your mercy)

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Receiving the fullness of Your Spirit and offering these prayers to You, O gracious Lord, we trust that You hear and answer us according to Your good and gracious will.

People: In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

OFFERING



✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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HYMN

“Someone Special”

Words by Jaroslav J. Vajda, Tune by Carl Schalk

AGPS 217

1. Someone Special, I know who: That Someone, my
God, is You! Who could make a world like this
And a heaven full of bliss, Someone special
I must be, Since You made it all for me!
2. Someone Special, that You are, To create the
Christmas Star, Heralding the Savior’s birth,
Bringing peace and joy to earth. Someone special
I must be, Since You made that Star for me!
3. Someone Special, who would give His own Son that
all might live, And by Him would set us free
From all sin and misery. Someone special
I must be, Since You gave Your Son for me!
4. Someone Special, who would send His good Spirit
For a friend, Faith Creator, Light and Guide,
Always standing at my side. Someone special
I must be Since You gave that Gift to me!
5. Someone Special – God and man, You were there
when I began, You’ll be there when I depart,
For You live within my heart. Someone special
now I see, That someone is really me.

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HYMN

“We Are the Church”

AGPS 252

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Refrain: I am the church! You are the church!

We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus All around the world!

Yes, we’re the church together!

1. The church is not a building, The church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, The church is a people! **Refrain**
2. We’re many kinds of people, With many kinds of faces,
All colors and all ages, too, From all times and places. **Refrain**
3. And when the people gather There’s singing and there’s praying,
There’s laughing and there’s crying sometimes all of it saying: **Refrain**
4. At Pentecost some people Received the Holy Spirit
And told the Good News through the world to All who would hear it. **Refrain**
5. I count if I am ninety or Nine or just a baby;
There’s one thing I am sure about and I don’t mean maybe. **Refrain**

HYMN

“Creator, Spirit, By Whose Aid”

LSB 500

HYMN

“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”

LSB 498

NUNC DIMITIS

LSB 211

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 212

BENEDICTION

LSB 212

CLOSING HYMN

“O Day Full of Grace”

LSB 503

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OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:30PM SATURDAY

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Marie Rogers
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Sound

9:00AM SUNDAY

Kevin Callies
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Denise Edwards
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Josh Ternus
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