



Be **filled** with the
Holy Spirit

June 8, 2025

Pentecost

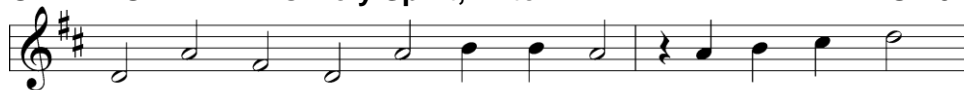
PRELUDE: "Fantasia super "Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott", BWV 651
~J. S. Bach

Organ

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

LSB 913



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: Prior to the first Pentecost, Jesus told His disciples that they would receive the Holy Spirit's empowerment to go into the world as His witnesses.

Father of Your children and Lord of Your Church, grant us Your people anguish over the lost and the erring; and hearts that yearn to share the love You have for all with all we know and meet,

People: **so that we may be vehicles through which faith and freedom in Christ are received and experienced.**

Leader: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: As the Church we worship and serve the God whose name we bear:

People: **God the Father,**

Leader: Who sent His Son to be our Savior and Brother and Friend.

People: **God the Son,**

Leader: Who gave Himself for us on the cross, rose from the grave, ascended into heaven and lives within us.

People: **God the Holy Spirit,**

Leader: Who gave birth to the church and through baptism has brought us into a living faith.

People: **Amen.**

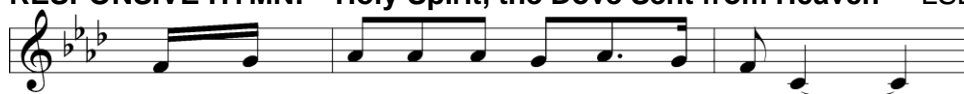
CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Let us confess that we have not always embraced the new life the Spirit has given, nor with zeal sought the renewal of the church to which the same Spirit gave birth.

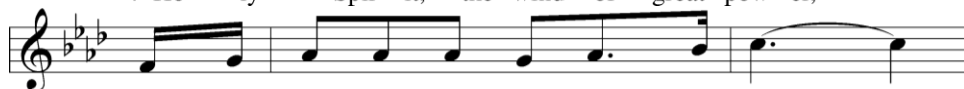
People: **Gracious God we confess that we have failed to love You above all things, we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves, and we have failed to share Your love as we ought, let alone as You have commanded us to do; for the sake of Jesus Christ forgive us our sins, restore us to Yourself, kindle in us the flame of Your Spirit and move us to proclaim Your goodness and graciousness in the Crucified, Risen and Ascended Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Through the power of the Spirit, God has made you alive in Christ, when you were dead in your transgressions. As a called servant of Christ and by His authority I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Now that same God fill this room as He filled that room on the first Pentecost with His Spirit of power and transform us, the body of Christ here, to reflect and share the love of Jesus. Amen.

RESPONSIVE HYMN: "Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven" LSB 502



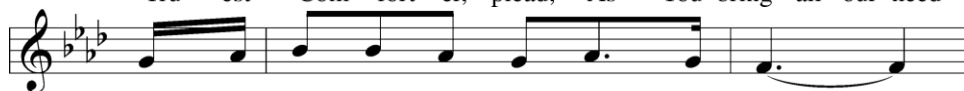
1 Ho - ly Spir - it, the dove sent from heav - en,
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, the fire — ce - les - tial,
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, the wind of great pow - er,



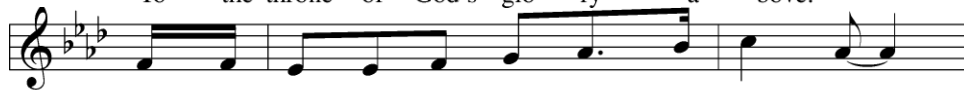
Ev - er one with the One who is Three,
 Who on Pen - te - cost came as fore - told,
 Source of strength and of peace and of love,



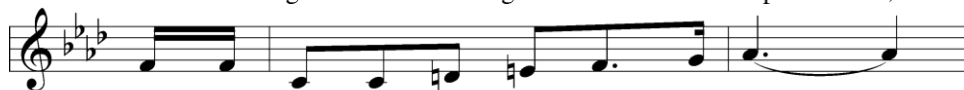
From the Fa - ther You came, Words of peace to pro-claim,
 To de - scend from on high And the Church oc - cu - py
 Tru - est Com - fort - er, plead, As You bring all our need



Come and com - fort us, speak ten - der - ly.
 As the cloud filled the tem - ple of old;
 To the throne of God's glo - ry a - bove.



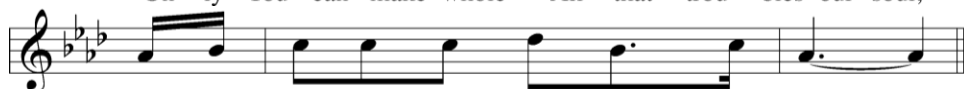
You, the fra - grance of life we are seek - ing;
 All the bap - tized You seal with Your prom - ise,
 Be the light that en - light - ens the Scrip - tures;



Fill Your tem - ple, Your al - tar make clean.
 All be - liev - ers Your gift there re - ceive,
 Keep our feet from each dev - il - ish snare;



Joy - ous shel - ter of love, Gra - cious friend from a - bove,
 So that all the e - lect— All in Christ—may ex - pect
 On - ly You can make whole All that trou - bles our soul;



In Your care we are rest - ing, se - rene.
 To en - joy what by grace they be - lieve.
 By Your chris - m, Christ's tri - umph we share.

THE ACCOUNT OF THE FIRST PENTECOST:

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ***All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.***

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, ***I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.***

I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *Third Article of the Apostles' Creed & Meaning according to Luther's Small Catechism*

ALL: 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.

Leader: What does this mean?

ALL: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength
believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him;
but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel,
enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.
In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens,
and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth,
and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.
In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins
and the sins of all believers.
On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead,
and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.
This is most certainly true.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "Spirit, Let Me Know Thee" Bethany Choir
~Benjamin M. Culli

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 8:00 & 9:30

HOLY GOSPEL: *John 14:23-31*

Jesus answered him, "Those who love Me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will go to them and make our home with them. A person who doesn't love Me doesn't do what I say. I don't make up what you hear Me say. What I say comes from the Father who sent Me.

"I have told you this while I'm still with you. However, the helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything. He will remind you of everything that I have ever told you.

"I'm leaving you peace. I'm giving you my peace. I don't give you the kind of peace that the world gives. So don't be troubled or cowardly. You heard Me tell you, 'I'm going away, but I'm coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would be glad that I'm going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I am.

"I'm telling you this now before it happens. When it does happen, you will believe. The ruler of this world has no power over Me. But he's coming, so I won't talk with you much

longer. However, I want the world to know that I love the Father and that I am doing exactly what the Father has commanded Me to do. Get up! We have to leave.”—GW®

SERMON HYMN: “Come Down, O Love Divine”

LSB 501



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, Till world - ly pas - sions turn
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear,
And let Thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,
No soul can guess His grace Till it be - come the place

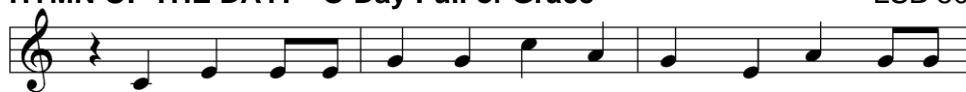


And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "O Day Full of Grace"

LSB 503



1 O day full of grace that now we see Ap - pear - ing on
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, Our Lord on the
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own, When He on the
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, His Spir - it new
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go That Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, Bring light from our God that we may be
 earth ar - riv - ing; Then came to the world that light sub - lime,
 cross was hang - ing; And then He a - rose and moved the stone
 life re - veal - ing, That we might no more from Him be lost,
 us pre - par - ing, We'll gath - er in song, our hearts a - glow,



Re - plete in His joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
 Great joy for us all re - triev - ing; For Je - sus all
 That we, un - to Him be - long - ing, Might join with an -
 All dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the
 All joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, And walk in the



now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
 mor - tals did em - brace, All dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.
 gel - ic hosts to raise Our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
 mark of sin ef - face And bring to us all His heal - ing.
 light of God's own place, With an - gels His name a - dor - ing.

OFFERING: *There is a plate in the Narthex for your gifts. If you so desire, TEXT GIVING is available by texting GIVE to 562 210-0463. You can also mail in your gifts to the church office.*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

***** For our 8:00 a.m. worshippers, the service continues on page 10
with Announcements.**

***** For our 9:30 a.m. worshippers, the service continues with the Celebration of
Holy Communion:**

✠ Holy Communion ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

To prepare for communion you can find prayer prompts on the front page of the burgundy hymnal. Or simply pray: "Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation, You invite me to come to You; to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacred meal. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts. Amen."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

For those communing, who so desire, center cups in each tray are alcohol free.

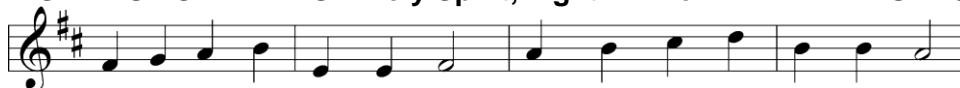
The wafers next to the Christ candle are gluten free:

for those with dietary restrictions, please take a gluten free wafer.

In our 9:30 a.m. service we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

LSB 496



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;
2 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.
In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.
Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.
Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”

LSB 811



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my
2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep
4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That throng the
5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore You To lis - ten



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has
earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -
to my earth - ly song Un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -
grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and
vo - tion, Help - me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most
dore You, To - geth - er with the an - gel throng And learn with



ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.
bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak - er's praise.
pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won - ders of His might.
choirs of heav'n to sing E - ter - nal an - thems to my King.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING:

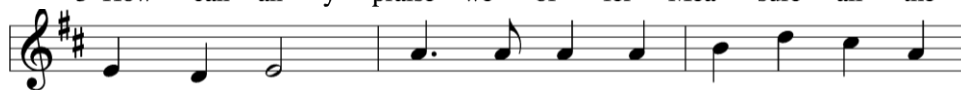
Leader: Now God Himself, Who through the resurrection of His Son has won life for you, by His Holy Spirit, kindle in you the fire of His love, empower your life for service and witness and give you a tongue to declare His praise, through Jesus Christ, your Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Voices Raise to You We Offer"

LSB 795



1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your
 3 Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -
 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer Mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,
 heav - en's grace, For Your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
 thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
 We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
 For Your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through our hands Your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!

POSTLUDE:

"Veni Creator Spiritus"
 ~Flor Peeters

Organ



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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Acolyte 8:00...Penelope Clevon

Liturgist...Pastor John Alwood

Director of Music & Worship Arts...Noah Freeman

Accompanist...Kevin Bowers

Sound and Livestream...Felix Rivera, Jon Widmann

Crucifer 8:00...Connor Clevon

Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Organist...Robert Bottoms

Children's Message...Alissa Brege

Pentecost Readers: Sheri Esswein 8:00...German

Elsie Rivera 8:00...Spanish

Emily Chartier 8:00 & 9:30...Tagalog

Chandara Lee 8:00 & 9:30... Khmer

Nutan Sunny 8:00 & 9:30...Hindi

Joelee Francos 9:30...German

Brody Clevon 9:30...Spanish

Brian Clevon 8:00 & 9:30...Norwegian

Dyna Sao 8:00 & 9:30...French

Ruth Kusel 8:00 & 9:30...Portuguese





Today's Flowers are given to the glory of God:

*~ In celebration of Morgyn Baca's 2nd birthday on June 8th –
Happy Birthday to our beautiful Granddaughter! ~*

~Love Grandpa and Grammy



Today's Flowers are given to the glory of God:

*~ In celebration of Mike and Marilyn Riordan's 49th Wedding Anniversary
on June 4th~*



If You're a Visitor, WELCOME! We are so glad you have joined us for worship today. If you would like more information about Bethany and its ministries, please scan the QR code to the right. You will be directed to Bethany's fillable information form.



Welcome New Bethany Members!

Glenda Achziger

Eleanor Blevins

Judith Christian

Ken Culley

Carol Doss

Les & Pamela Friend

Ellen Kobayashi

Ethel Lindenberg

Richard Staley

Andrew & Diana Barch

Dyna Sao

Isabella Fekjar

Janelle, Nathan & Samuel Fresenius

Lucas Lopez

Blake Oliver

Cheryl Baggs

Ethel, Ashlyn, Mikayla & Brody Bowman

David & Julie Cole

Ginny Davis

Haley, Lily, Kelly & Michael Ellis

Susan & Kurt Fuqua

Betty Koester

Rose McMillen

Frank Wantuch

Donna & Scott Engles

Sopie Wehrli

Parker, Clark & JJ Finch

Fresenius

Elliette Menefee

Kevin Rice

Velva Blackwell

James & Janet Coontz

Sharon Dietz

Sandy Giese

Jerry Kruse

Donna Miller

Victor & Lee Kofahl

Logan Brick

Joelee Francos

Sage Hungerford

Rebecca Neally

Mark Vilter





Worship Attendance:

Average weekly worship attendance Easter Season 2024: 430 per Sunday

Average weekly worship attendance Easter Season 2025: 460 per Sunday

Average weekly worship attendance May 2024: 396 per Sunday

Average weekly worship attendance May 2025: 470 per Sunday.

Budget:

Year to date (April 25) actual offerings \$1,179,533.49; same period last year \$1,047,899.76

Year to date (April 25) actual congregational income \$3,521,866.16; same period last year \$3,200,290.52

Year to date (April 25) actual expenses \$3,492,912.04; same period last year \$3,202,201.53

Year to date (April 25) actual income vs. expense \$28,954.12; same period last year (\$1,911.01)





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Flowers are used to decorate the altar every Sunday, for special seasons such as Christmas and Easter, as well as other important dates during the church calendar. You are able to make two types of donations to the Altar Flower Fund: a general donation and a special request with recognition.



- **A SPECIAL REQUEST WITH RECOGNITION*** is a special type of Altar Flower donation. This request will be printed in the bulletin. For example, it could be given in memory of a person who has gone before us, for a wedding anniversary, baptismal birthday or a birthday celebration, etc. **This recognition has a suggested donation of \$75.**
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