



WORSHIP FOLDER

Welcome Home

Saturday, June 7th, 2025

5:00 pm

Welcome / Opening Hymn Medley

"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

[LSB #496...vs. 1, 2, 4 and 5]

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.
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 every idol throne,
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

"O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near"

(LSB #599...vs. 1+2 / Alt Tune: - LSB #426)

1. O gracious Lord, with love draw near
To us, Your children gathered here;
The Spirit's gift in us renew:
The gift of faith that clings to You.
2. Sustain the work You have begun
In all united to Your Son,
For in that pure baptismal flood
We've been made clean by Jesus' blood.

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit...

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading - Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then 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." And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And 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. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all...

the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore 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.

Prayer of the Day

Reading for Pentecost

- Acts 2:1–21

[Cong. will join on selected verses]

P: 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 -- 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 people 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:

**ALL: "“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.**

P: 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.'

Hymn Response

♪ "O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near" (LSB #599...vs. 4+5 / Alt Tune)

Lord, keep us firm in our intent
To You, Your Word and Sacrament.
O make us bold, our faith to share
And keep us strong, each cross to bear.

O Father, grant that by Your grace
We may Your will each day embrace;
With fruits of faith our lives not bless,
Till we at death Your name confess.

Gospel - John 14:23-31

Jesus 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. Whoever 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.

"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But 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. Peace 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. You 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. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. I will no longer...

talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, but 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.

Hymn for the Day

"O Day Full of Grace"

[LSB #503...vs. 1, 3 and 4]

1. O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be replete in His joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
Your name on our hearts emblazon.
3. For Christ bore our sins, and not His own, When He on the cross was hanging;
And then He arose and moved the stone, that we, unto Him belonging,
Might join with angelic hosts to raise
Our voices in endless singing.
4. God came to us then at Pentecost, His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from Him be lost, All darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface
And bring to us all His healing.

The Message

"A LITTLE DIFFERENT... "

Offering / Hymn Response

"Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

[LSB #500...vs. 1 thru 3]

1. Creator Spirit, by whose aid... The world's foundations first were laid,
Come, visit ev'ry humble mind;
Come, pour Your joys on humankind;
From sin and sorrow set us free; May we Your living temples be.
2. O Source of uncreated light, The bearer of God's gracious might,
Thrice holy fount, thrice holy fire,
Our hearts with heav'nly love inspire;
Your sacred, healing message bring... To sanctify us as we sing.

3. Giver of grace, descend from high; Your sev'nfold gifts to us supply;
Help us eternal truths receive
And practice all that we believe;
Give us Yourself that we may see... The glory of the Trinity.

Prayers of the Church

Apostles' Creed

- C: 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.**
- And 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.**

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.**

Benediction

Closing Hymn

"O Christ, Our True and Only Light" [LSB #839...vs. 1, 2 4 and 5]

1. O Christ, our true and only light, Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice And in Your fold with us rejoice.

2. Fill with the ra-diance of Your grace The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
4. Shine on the dark-ened and the cold; Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart; Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
-- please rise -
5. That they with us may evermore Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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