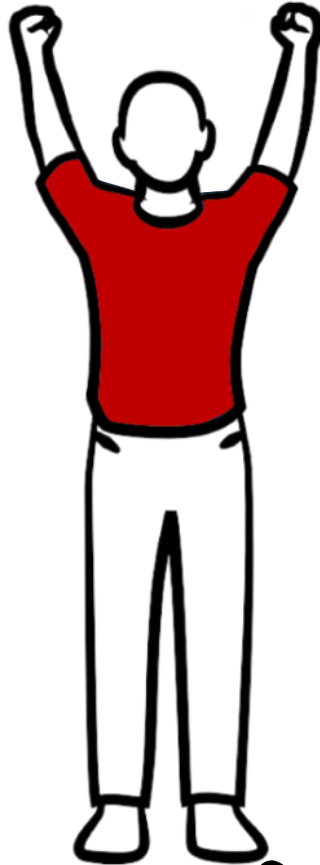


FORGIVING

CHALLENGE



SANCTIFICATION

❧ WELCOME TO WORSHIP ❧

We are glad you are here today! Please fill out our friendship book and come back to join us again. If you have children we'd encourage you to take a risk. Try sitting up front. We love having children in worship! Children also love to see the action. In the event your child becomes **overly** "restless" and begins to disturb either you or the people around you, we have a nursery available during worship services and the education hour. An usher can help you locate the nursery. **Thanks for being here!**

❧ PENTECOST ❧

The Day of Pentecost is more connected to Easter than to the Sundays after Pentecost. It is the fiftieth day of Easter, marking the new dawn under the guidance of the Spirit. The Lord works through the preached Gospel and our life together as the baptized around His Table to deliver what He has promised. Thus the ministry of the Spirit is not some ethereal reality experienced in our feelings but the concrete reality of the Word spoken into our ears to bring forth faith and the body and blood of Jesus received by faith in Holy Communion. This is the way the Spirit continues to work in us and for us and we continue to receive His ministry by faith and to celebrate this with great joy.



PENTECOST
MAY 19, 2024
DIVINE SETTING 2

WELCOME & THEME

✠ **PREPARATION** ✠

stand

OPENING HYMN

“O Day Full of Grace”

LSB 503, vv. 1-3

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

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

C Amen.

sit

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Holy Spirit of Truth,

C we confess our alienation from You both by nature and by choice. We have not allowed Your love to have free reign in us, and so our love for You, for ourselves, and for other people keeps on faltering. Dishonesty and image-protection often characterize our way of being, and we forget who we are and where we belong. Kindle within us the fire of Your love. Blow over us with Your wind of transformation. Heal us with forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

We silently reflect on God's Word and our need for God's forgiveness.

ABSOLUTION

P Come, Holy Spirit! Breathe over and ignite the love of God both within and among us! Our gracious heavenly Father in mercy has given the Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Speaking in the Lord's behalf as your pastor, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

ANTHEM OF PRAISE

“Cantate Domino”
CK JAM

arr. Becki Slagle Mayo
Keaton Connell, *director*

*Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord all the earth.
Worship the Lord with music. Worship the Lord with song.
Cantate Domino - sing unto God.*

✝ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✝

THE FOUNDATION

- P** The Bible, we hold, is God’s Word from cover to cover;
- C** it makes me wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ;
- P** it is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training us how to live;
- C** I need to read, listen, and learn from this foundation of truth laid forth by God.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-4, 42-47

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. ...

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

¹Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ³so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

¹Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ²For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. ⁸Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives His Holy Spirit to you.

⁹Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, ¹⁰for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, ¹¹and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, ¹²so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



stand

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:12-17

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ¹²“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are My friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

MARTIN LUTHER’S EXPLANATION OF THE THIRD ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLE’S CREED

- C** 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.
- P** What does this mean?
- C** 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.
- P** 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.
- C** 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.

All: This is most certainly true.

sit Children’s Message in A202 for children age 3 through second grade. (Parents: Please keep your phone near you on vibrate so that we can contact you quietly if needed.)

SERMON HYMN

“O Day Full of Grace”

LSB 503, vv. 4-5

OFFERING *(See page 11 for offering information.)*

HYMN

“Borning Cry”

by Helgen & Ylvisaker

“I was there to hear your borning cry. I’ll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.”

“I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”

“When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.”

“If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”

“In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun.”

“When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I’ll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.”

“I was there to hear your borning cry. I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.”

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

*stand*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - *after each petition:*

- P** Counselor Spirit, thank You for Your ministry among us through Your Law and Gospel.
- C** Use them to convict us of all the ways we turn away from your love and to comfort us with healing forgiveness through Jesus.
- P** Fire of Love, pour out the love of Jesus into the hearts of Your people.
- C** Create a receptive spirit in all who attend to Your Word that we hear and gladly follow Your voice.
- P** Spirit of Peace, there is much violence and turmoil in this world. Grant to the leaders of our communities, regions, and all nations courage to serve all who are marginalized, impoverished, and outcast;
- C** to listen to the voices of the voiceless; to put an end to warfare and violence; and to protect life in all its forms; that we may live in peace and quietness.

P Breath of God, breathe Your healing presence among all people who suffer any affliction of body, mind, or spirit, especially...

after each petition:

P Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

C His steadfast love endures forever.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray,

C 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.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P 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.”

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.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE *(We come to the altar at peace with one another.)*

P The peace of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

C And also with you.

sit

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION *(See page 11 for communion information.)*

ANTHEM

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell within Me”

arr. K. Lee Scott

CELEBRATION SINGERS

Keaton Connell, *director*

SONG/HYMNS

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

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.

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)*

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 one’s dignity and save each one’s pride. *(refrain)*

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)*

LSB 775 “Be Present at Our Table Lord”

LSB 496 “Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

stand

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift His countenance upon you
and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING ANTHEM

“My God Is So Great”

Public Domain

KIDS KLUB CHOIR/GLORY BOUND

Jennifer Bullock, *director*

We enter to worship; we exit to witness!

REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION:

Holy Communion is a very special time in our worship service. The Bible teaches that distribution of the Lord's Supper is an important ministry of the church, and that loving care should be practiced so as to guarantee that all who partake receive Christ's body and blood to their spiritual benefit. (See 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, Pew Bible, p. 812-813.) Members and guests please read the explanation below before attending communion today. If you have any doubts or questions, we respectfully ask you to refrain from participating until you've had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors. ***If you will not be receiving communion, please feel free to come forward to the communion rail to receive a blessing; indicate this desire by folding your hands.***

In accordance with Holy Scripture, and out of loving concern for all, we believe in the biblical practice of Close Communion. This means, those are welcome to the Lord's Table who believe the basic teachings of the Lutheran church listed below:

1. *Have been instructed in God's Word, especially the Apostles' Creed, Ten Commandments and Holy Sacraments;*
2. *Confess and repent of all their sins;*
3. *Believe that in and with the bread and wine, they receive in a miraculous way, not merely a symbol, but the true body and blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith;*
4. *Recognize that participation at His table indicates a public agreement with the Biblical teaching of the Sacrament as we teach and confess, and a oneness in faith with fellow communicants.*

REGARDING THANK OFFERINGS:

To our guests – Your gifts to the LORD are deeply appreciated, but please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

Offerings can be given in the following ways –

- Place in the offering plate as it is passed down the pew.
 - Place in the box found by the sanctuary door as you exit.
 - Drop off or mail to the church office.
 - Go to oursaviorbett.org and click on "Give."
 - Give offerings/donate from your smart phone.
- Scan the QR code to access the online giving page.



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THE FORGIVING CHALLENGE



PHASE 1:
SIN
APRIL 21



PHASE 2:
CONFESSION
APRIL 28



PHASE 3:
ABSOLUTION
MAY 5



PHASE 4:
RESTORATION
MAY 12



PHASE 5:
SANCTIFICATION
MAY 19

THOSE SERVING THIS MORNING:

Preacher.....	Pastor Keith Piotter
Liturgist.....	Pastor Gary Timm
Organist.....	Cathy Longerman
Reader	Barb Ehrmann
Children's Message.....	Eric Brei
Projectionist.....	Jim McCartney
Livestream/Sound Tech.....	Charles Buckelew

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