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PENTECOST

When the Helper
comes... He will
bear witness
about Me.



John 15:26 ESV



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Pentecost Sunday

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *Dear Holy Spirit, Comforter from on high, Who has always gathered and protected the company of believers, we thank You that You have graciously made us members of Your Church on earth. Fill us with love and zeal for the Gospel, cause our faith to increase, and make us diligent in the spreading of Your saving Word. Help all of us to live according to Your will, and in the hour of death, take us into heaven, Amen.*

Today's Order of Service

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 496 *Holy Spirit, Light Divine*

*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.*

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

C Amen!

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to

be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray:
 Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me
 from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect
 life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed
 your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you
 strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie – Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
 on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis – Latin for “Glory in the Highest (to God).” A hymn glorifying and praising our God.

Glo-ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
 Lord Je-sus Christ, the Fa-ther's on-ly Son, You
 A-lone, O Christ, You on-ly are the Lord, At
 heav'n-ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship
 bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
 God's right hand in maj-es-ty most high: Who, with the
 You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-
 God, Your glo-rious vic-t'ry won, Re-ceive our
 Spir-it wor-shipped and a-dored, With all the
 might-y Fa-ther, heav'n-ly King.
 prayer, grant us Your peace with-in.
 heav'n-ly host we glo-ri-fy.

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

- P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading: *Ezekiel 36:22-28*

"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³ And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalm 51 Selected Verses*

- P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- C** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my
- P** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- C** Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- P** Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- P** Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- C** Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

devote yourself to the
public reading of Scripture,
to preaching and to teaching.

1 Timothy 4:13

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:1-8,14-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? . . .

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But 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; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

The Apostles' Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

Hymn 693 *O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace*

*1 O Holy Spirit, grant us grace That we our Lord and Savior
In faith and fervent love embrace And truly serve Him ever,
The hour of death cannot bring loss When we are sheltered by the cross
That cancelled our transgressions.*

*2 Help us that we Thy saving Word In faithful hearts may treasure;
Let e'er that Bread of Life afford New grace in richest measure.
O make us die to ev'ry sin, Each day create new life within,
That fruits of faith may flourish.*

*3 And when our earthly race is run, Death's bitter hour impending,
Then may Thy work in us begun Continue till life's ending,
Until we gladly may commend Our souls into our Savior's hand,
The crown of life obtaining.*

The Sermon: *John 15:26-16:4*

"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

16:1 "I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ² They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³ And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴ But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

Theme: HELP IS ON THE WAY!

- I. The Holy Spirit gives us faith in Jesus' saving work.
- II. The Holy Spirit helps us stand up for Jesus' saving Word.

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we pray for spiritual healing through the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn 768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

**1 To God the Holy Spirit let us pray For the true faith needed on our way
That He may defend us when life is ending
And from exile home we are wending. Lord, have mercy!**

**2 O sweetest Love, Your grace on us bestow; Set our hearts with sacred fire aglow
That with hearts united we love each other,
Ev'ry stranger, sister, and brother. Lord, have mercy!**

**3 Transcendent Comfort in our ev'ry need, Help us neither scorn nor death to heed
That we may not falter nor courage fail us
When the foe shall taunt and assail us. Lord, have mercy!**

**4 Shine in our hearts, O Spirit, precious light; Teach us Jesus Christ to know aright
That we may abide in the Lord who bought us,
Till to our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mercy!**

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by using the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's \$cashtag is "\$clcmztzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse

**(788:1): Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.**

Prayer of the Church – The Lord’s Prayer

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.

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
C Amen!

Closing Hymn 913:1 *O Holy Spirit, Enter In*

*1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be
Truly living,
To You giving
Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

If the LORD wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain our beliefs and teachings. Where & when? Your convenience.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped at the church workday yesterday! We all benefit from your service to beautify the Lord's house. The property looks great!

UPDATE ON PROPERTY RELOCATION: Following last Sunday's congregational meeting, the voters voted unanimously to sign a listing agreement with *Real Estate Professional Services* (www.churchrealestatesales.com). This is being taken care of by our Board of Trustees and our property should be officially listed for sale later this week. Our real estate agents will also be helping in our search for a new property. Please keep these things in your prayers and feel free to bring your questions and comments to Pastor Tom, President Randy, or Trustee Chairman Nicholas Jakel. May God bless us in this important endeavor!

LOWER MICHIGAN YOUTH CAMP: The 21st Annual Lower Michigan Youth Camp will be held July 15-18 (Mon-Thurs) at Pigeon Creek County Park, West Olive, MI. The camp is open to students entering grades 6-12. The cost is \$60 per camper. The deadline for registration is July 10. Information and registration can be found at mtzionlutheran.info/lowermichiganyouthcamp.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Vacation Bible School at Mt. Zion is August 5-8, Monday-Thursday, 6:00-8:00pm. We need volunteers to teach, organize and lead crafts, oversee snacks, and run recess. Please speak to Pastor if you can help (even if only for a day).

MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

Tue. 5/21	8pm	Compensation Committee Meeting
Thu. 5/23	8pm	Property Search Committee Meeting
Sun. 5/26	9am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10am	Divine Worship Service
	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Wed. 5/29	8pm	Board of Education Meeting
M-Tu. 6/3-4		Great Lakes Delegate Conference (Markesan, WI)
Tue. 6/11	7-9pm	Church Meetings (Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach)
Th-Su. 6/20-23		CLC Convention (Eau Claire, WI)
Mo-Thu 7/15-18		Lower Michigan Youth Camp (West Olive)

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Randy Wittorp Church Cleaning: Ryans

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL *Offerings numbers are from 4/28/24

Last Sunday Attendance = 27 Bible Class/Sunday School = 18

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD: \$35,771.20	Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted: \$2,384.62
General Fund Offerings Received YTD: \$37,869.00	Last Week's General Fund Offerings Received: \$1,331.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings): \$3,787.00	
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund: \$121,974.00	

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Jackie McGruder remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus. We continue to search for a **new building** for our church and future school.

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION SYNODWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton, WI, **is still considering the call** to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ **has returned the call** to be principal and teacher of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI.

2024 CLC CONVENTION PROSPECTUS: The CLC Convention is June 20-23 in Eau Claire, WI. The *Prospectus* provides an excellent platform from which to share and expand individual members' knowledge of the work we are blessed to do together as a larger fellowship. These discussions are also helpful for gaining input at the congregational level for more profitable discussion at Convention. Find it online here: <https://bit.ly/3WDimuH>

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