



*Our mission, as God's people, is to **gather** in worship, **grow** in faith, and **go** in service in the name of our Risen Lord.*

*Our vision – Sharing God's love, hope and healing.*

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**  
**Day of Pentecost**

**Prelude:** “Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit” arr. by John Carter

## **Welcome to Worship and Announcements**

### **\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

**C Amen.**

**P** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**C Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

**P** Satisfy the world’s need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,  
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**C Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn "Spirit of Gentleness" ELW 396**

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*Refrain*

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness

call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

*Refrain*

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940  
Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley  
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## \*Greeting:

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

## \*The Prayer of the Day

**All** **O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Kids Word:** Pastor Jerry O'Neal

## **Our first reading is from Acts 2:1-21**

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

<sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

<sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b:** (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation.)

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

**Our second reading is from 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.*

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to an-

\*Please stand as you are able.

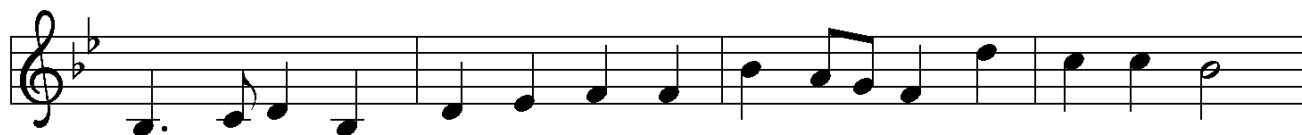
other prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation** (setting 10 in the ELW)



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**\*Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23**

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

P The holy gospel according to John the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**\*Hymn of the Day "O Living Breath of God" ELW 407**



1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;  
2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;  
3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:  
O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:  
O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

*Refrain*



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923  
Music: VÅRVINDAR FRISKA, Swedish folk tune  
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**\*Apostles' Creed:**

**P&C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**\*Prayers:** (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "Hear us, O God" and your response is, "**Your mercy is great.**"

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort, especially those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of renewal, be with Pr. Jerry while he is on sabbatical, open his heart to your spirit so that he may come back to his ministry at Holy Trinity refreshed and energized. Be with Pr. Libby, as she shares your Word with us all during Pr. Jerry's sabbatical. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**\*Sharing the Peace:**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**Offering:**

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**Offertory Music:** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" arr. by Robert A. Hobby

HTLC Choir

**Offertory Presentation:** "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" ELW 362 (verses 1-4)

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1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his  
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—  
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go  
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.  
Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

\*Please stand as you are able.



**\*Offering Prayer:**

L Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P God of surprises...

...singing the hymn of your unending praise.

“You Are Holy” ELW 525 (Sung in canon. Sing through the first time as is and then the second time sing either 1 or 2 first and then the other.)

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1\*

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

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 Music: DU ÄR HELIG, Per Harling  
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 South America, and Central America, including the Caribbean.

\*Please stand as you are able.

P God of comfort and strength...

...the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

*(The Words of Institution will be said in Spanish, then English.)*

P La noche en que fue entregado,  
nuestro Señor Jesús tomó pan y dio gracias;  
lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, diciendo:  
Tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo, dado por ustedes.  
Hagan esto en memoria mía.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

De igual manera, después de haber cenado, tomó la copa,  
dio gracias y la dio a beber a todos, diciendo:  
Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre,  
derramada por ustedes y por todo el mundo para el perdón del pecado.  
Hagan esto en memoria mía.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P ...Great is the mystery of faith.

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P God of dreams and prophecy...

...Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ever one God.

**C Amen.**

**\*Lord's Prayer:**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)  
**All 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.**

## Invitation to Communion

P Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

## Communion Hymn: "Lamb of God" (setting 10 of the ELW)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## Distribution:

*This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. We extend to you all that we have in the Lord Jesus and invite you to his Holy Supper. Those communing with us who haven't been baptized and desire God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation in Holy Baptism are invited to talk to the Pastor. Communion is continuous as we kneel at the altar. White grape juice is offered as an alternative to wine. Communicants come to the altar down the center aisle, fill in the communion rail from left to right and return by the side aisles.*

## Communion Hymn: "Loving Spirit" ELW 397

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- 1 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
- 2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
- 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
- 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
- 5 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.  
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.  
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.  
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.  
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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### \*Post Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**All Amen.**

### \*Post Communion Prayer

L Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**C Amen**

**\*Commissioning for Sabbatical:**

L On the seventh day God rested and celebrated all of creation. God surveyed all that God had made and said, "It is good."

**C Pastor Jerry, we work together in ministry here at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and have much to celebrate. We celebrate your encouragement, direction, and leadership in our work together as God's people in this place. Of this ministry together we say with confidence, "It is good."**

L We send you now on this Sabbatical journey confident that God will bless your every step, refresh your spirit, renew your mind, strengthen your body, and return you to us empowered for our continued task of ministry in Muncie and in the world.

**C We will miss you, even as we faithfully carry out with joy and hope the ministry to which we are called. As you attend to your Sabbatical, please know that our thoughts and prayers will be with you, that we support you in every way, and that we look forward with joy to your return.**

P I, too, look forward to that day when I will return and share in our ministry together. I will miss you as well, and I will pray for you whenever you come to mind. Thank you for creating this opportunity for a time of Sabbath rest in my ministry.

**C Go, now, with our blessing, and with the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*Sending Call and Response:**

L God's work!

**C Our hands!**

L God's love!

**C Our hearts!**

L God's story!

**C Our voices!**

**\*Benediction:**

P "Barocha" - Michael Card

**C Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn: "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" ELW 400**

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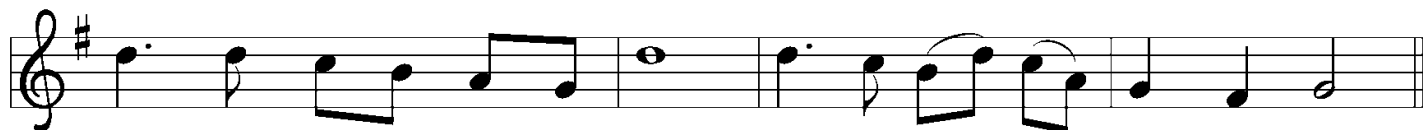
1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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**\*Dismissal:**

L Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C **Thanks be to God.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

## Announcements for May 28, 2023

**This week's Prayers:** Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Shirley Foster  
Bill and Cathy Cox  
Linda Cougill  
Chuck Cook  
Stephanie and Rich Thompson  
Amy O'Neal  
Gwen Carey  
Maria and her family in Ukraine  
Arlene Murphy, Mike Metzcar's sister  
Dan Haynes  
For all who are sick and suffering  
Roberta Debolt  
Sue Metzcar  
John Paul Metzcar  
Liam, 2 year-old great grandson of Nancy Brown  
Mary Broughton  
For the people of Ukraine

### **Serving in Worship Today:**

**Acolyte:** Micah Smith  
**Usher:** John Huff and Jim Suding  
**Greeter:** Marla Suding  
**Lay Worship Leader, Communion Assistant and Lector:** Becke Bly  
**Altar Guild:** Jan Segedy

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries for May 28 - June 3, 2023:**

Birthdays:  
May 30 - Ryan Van Pelt  
June 1 - Chuck Gallatin

Anniversaries:  
May 31 - Jim and Nancy Thompson

### **Calendar of Events for the Week of May 28:**

**Sunday, May 28** - Bible Study and Sunday School (9am) and Worship (10am)  
**Monday, May 29** - Church Office Closed - Memorial Day  
**Tuesday, May 30** - Walking Group meets (9am), Staff Meeting (9:30am), and Binding Ties Group Meets (10am)  
**Wednesday, May 31** - Better Together Wellness (6pm) and Riverside/Normal City Association (7pm)  
**Thursday, June 1** - Building Usage - Becke Bly  
**Friday, June 2** - Better Together Wellness (8:30am and 10am)  
**Saturday, June 3** - Quilting Day (9am) and Step Aerobics (9:30am)

### **Church Office:**

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.



**Flowers at the Altar:**

*(If you would like to purchase a \$10 flower arrangement to decorate the altar, please fill out the flower chart on the closet door in the lobby/narthex and make sure to fill out a slip and put the slip in the envelope with your check or money and put it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Thank you.)*

**HTLC Art Gallery:**

The month of May we welcome Laurie Lunsford to the HTLC Art Gallery! Please, stop by and enjoy her art work this month!

**Quilting Days in June and August:**

Quilting friends - Put June 3rd and August 12th on your calendars for us to finish "sandwiching" the quilts for this year. We need your help. We'll meet those Saturdays from 9am-12 Noon.

**Volunteers Needed for VBS at Lutheran Church of the Cross:**

Here is a link (see below) to a sign up form online to help with food, crafts, music, sign in/out, and games during this year's Vacation Bible School, June 19-22, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Cross, 4401 N. Wheeling Ave. Or you can let the HTLC church office know if you can assist and what day(s).

[Vacation Bible School 2023: Vacation Bible School Volunteer \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

We will need food volunteers from 5-6:30 p.m. The rest of the volunteer times are from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Volunteers DO NOT need to come each day (so, you can sign up for only one day). Please, please consider sharing your time with these kids!! They truly appreciate the attention. No skills required!

**On The Case Vacation Bible School at Lutheran Church of the Cross:**

We are partnering with Lutheran Church of the Cross and Community of Hope for Vacation Bible School June 19-22 at Lutheran Church of the Cross. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact us in the church office. If you would like to register your kids, please use the link below.

Welcome, detectives! Get ready to explore and investigate the meanings behind Bible stories from 5:30-7:30 p.m. June 19- 22, at Lutheran Church of the Cross, 4401 N. Wheeling Ave.

Each evening, our little special agents will enjoy dinner before singing sleuthy songs, playing puzzling games, and engaging in mysterious crafts. On the final day of VBS, we invite family and friends to attend a celebration for the children to show and share all they learned.

All children, ages preschool to 99, are welcome to participate in this welcoming and free experience. Participants do not need to be members of or attend any of the participating churches.

**REGISTER:** <https://forms.gle/DsZZNuF4NweEw5BS7>

If you are not able to register online, please email Kate Elliott at [kelliott@bsu.edu](mailto:kelliott@bsu.edu) or private message us here on FB!

Here's a brief overview of the week:

Monday: Spending time with God helps us grow. Parable of the Sower (Luke 8: 4-15)

Tuesday: Using our gifts is how we serve. Parable of the Bags of Gold (Matthew 25: 14-29)

Wednesday: Spending time with others is how we care. Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37)

Thursday: Sharing our story is how we love. Parable of the lost coin, sheep and son (Luke 15: 1-32).