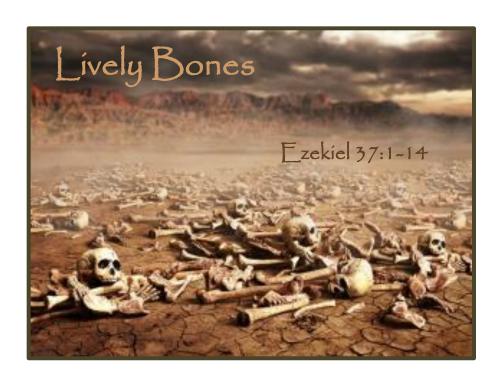
# **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

Divine Service One
The Day of Pentecost
May 23, 2021





# The Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021

8:00 and 10:30 AM

# **Prayer for the Day of Pentecost**

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, You breathe life into Your Church wherever the Gospel is proclaimed and the Sacraments are rightly administered. Without Your grace and power, our eyes are blind to the wonder of God's love. By nature our ears are deaf to the Scripture's pronouncement of salvation. O Holy Spirit, break through the barrier of our sinful nature which clouds our vision with doubt and fear. Enlighten us with Your gifts so that we may clearly see Jesus as our only Savior. Let us savor the sweet message of forgiveness proclaimed in the Word. Keep us faithful to Your divinely inspired Scriptures. Make us bold to publicly and privately confess the Word to others. In the name of Jesus, who kept His promise and poured out the Spirit. Amen.



**The Lord's Supper** is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink

for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



# **Confession and Absolution**

#### 497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



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

#### **Invocation** *Matthew* 28:19b: 18:20

- P In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

**Exhortation** 1 John 1:8–9

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

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

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

#### **Confession of Sins**

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

**Absolution** [John 20:19–23]

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.



# Service of the Word

#### Introit



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful,\* and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle- | luia.

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you | made them all;\* the earth is full of your | creatures.

These all | look to you,\*
to give them their food in due | season.

When you give it to them, they gath- | er it up;\* when you open your hand, they are filled with | good things.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are cre- | ated,\* and you renew the face | of the ground.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful,\* and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle- | luia.



Kyrie Mark 10:47





A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.







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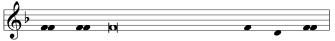




and for all who offer here their worship and praise For this holy house



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



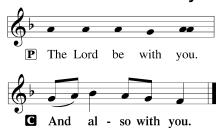
#### This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9





#### Salutation and Collect of the Day



#### P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### **Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1–14**

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



#### Gradual



I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,\*
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.
With the heart one believes and is justified,\*
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

#### Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

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? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—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 men 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:

"'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.

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."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

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#### **Alleluia and Verse**

John 6:68



#### Holy Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



[Jesus said:] "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. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning....

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.





#### 501 Come Down, O Love Divine



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#### Sermon

# "Lively Bones"

Text: Ezekiel 37:1-14

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#### **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man:

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

begotten, not made,

And the third day He rose again according to the **Scriptures** 

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

# **Prayer of the Church**

After each portion of the prayer:

Lord, in Your mercy,

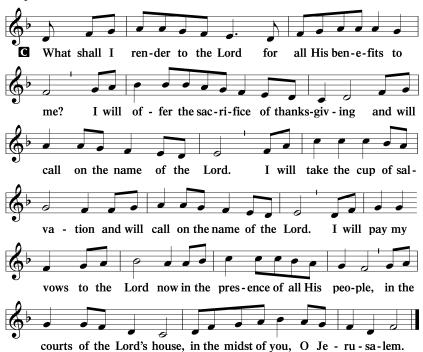
hear our prayer.



There is an offering plate in the back of the sanctuary where you can deposit your offerings.



Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19





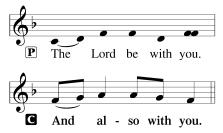
# **Service of the Sacrament**

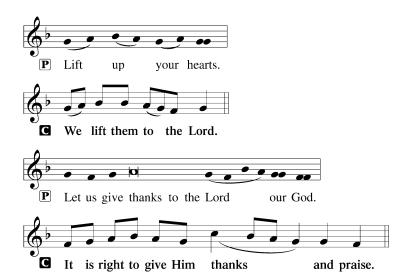
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Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.

## **Preface**

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]





#### **Proper Preface**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your onlybegotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### **Lord's Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

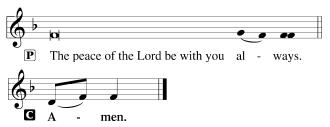
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.



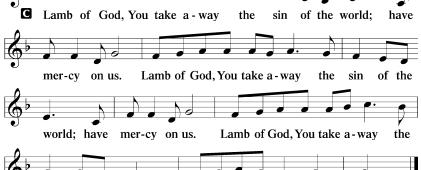
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ⅓ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

Pax Domini John 20:19



Agnus Dei John 1:29



grant

us

peace.





of the world:

sin

# Personal prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



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# Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

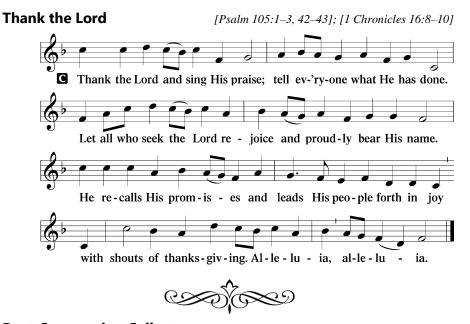
# 650 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling





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#### **Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**Benediction** Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



## 503 O Day Full of Grace



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# Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)



#### Pentecost

Fifty Days after Easter, on the Day of Pentecost, the curse of Babel is undone (Genesis 11:1-9). The Spirit of the Lord gives the apostles the gift of preaching the Good News of Jesus in all languages (Acts 2:1-4). All nations are brought together into the Church through Baptism (Acts 2:40-42).

At Pentecost, we worship the Lord, who gives life to His Church, by decorating the church in red (paraments and banners). Red represents fire and blood. We remember how the Spirit enlivens every Christian and gives strength to those martyrs who shed their blood for the faith.

Also, we focus on the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has been sent by Jesus from the Father to give life to His church through Word and Sacrament. In the Hymn for Pentecost, we sing praise for what the Holy Spirit does, and pray: "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" (LSB 497).

Taken from *Ordering Our Days in His Peace: An Introduction to the Christian Church Year* published by Concordia Publishing House, p. 38.

# **Announcements**



#### Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Steve White 10:30 a.m. – Gary Bartels



# Congregational Voters' Meeting TODAY, Sunday, May 23, 2019, at 9:15 a.m. between services



Julie Ann Zamora is looking for a ride to and from church on Sunday mornings. She lives at Wind Crest so it is close by. She can

compensate you for gas. If you can help her out please call her at 720-863-8688.



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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: study Jeremiah 6-8 on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear conversations about living out our Lutheran faith on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), and finish 1 Kings on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Download our new KFUO Radio iOS or Android app to listen live or on demand!



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And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.

**Petitions and Prayers:** We pray in response to God's loving invitation, "Call upon Me..." and "Ask, and it shall be given you."



#### **Health concerns:**

God of everlasting power, enable those people with illnesses to bear them with a measure of forbearance. Stay with them, granting them Your peace. Bless the efforts of the doctors and nurses involved in caring for them. We pray in the name of Your Son who helps us keep our eyes of faith focused on our eternal home. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Sonja Bowles Cancer
- Steve Hollis healing from a bad case of Covid
- Kevin Koessel (Karlee Shavlik's brother) cancer
- Harlan Kurtz (Lisa Oliver's father) finding right medications and healing from infections

#### Prayer of intercession:

#### The Day of Pentecost

O Holy Spirit, You once descended on Your apostles and kept our Savior's promise of Your coming. You enabled Your Word of grace and truth to be proclaimed in the earliest days of Your Church. Descend upon and among Your Church in our day so that the saving name of Jesus may continue to be proclaimed and that many more may come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved. In Jesus' name. Amen.

# "Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life May 23, 2021

"[W]e demand an end to the injustice of abortion. We demand an end to the injustice of human trafficking, pornography, slavery, and the separation of children from their parents. But we do so as confessors. We confess that we are sinners, great sinners, with the culture of death flowing in our veins and pulsing through our corrupted brains. And we confess that only in Jesus is the life we need."

Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Find Pastor Skelton's Bible Study based on First Samuel posted on facebook.com/holycrosshighlandsranch and click on videos to see the Bible Study and worship services.



# And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Acts 2:21

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