

**Pentecost**  
**Sunday, May 28, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.**



**Welcome!**

**To our guests and visitors:**

We are glad that you are here with us today!

If you have no church home, why don't you consider joining us? Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service and enjoy a special gift for visiting with us today!

## Opening Hymn    I Love To Tell The Story

TOSB 93

1. I love to tell the story Of unseen things above  
Of Jesus and his glory Of Jesus and his love  
I love to tell the story Because I know 'tis true  
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do

Refrain        I love to tell the story 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love

2. I love to tell the story; How pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story, For some have never heard  
The message of salvation From God's own holy Word. (Refrain)
3. I love to tell the story For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest  
And when, in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song  
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long (Refrain)

## Confession and Absolution

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P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

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**C To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P:** O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant to us the same Spirit so that we may joyfully receive the message of Christ, who has come for us all; through the same

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **The Old Testament Reading**

## **Jeremiah 29:1,4-7**

This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

<sup>4</sup>This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:

<sup>5</sup>“Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup>Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. <sup>7</sup>Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **The Second Reading**

## **Acts 17:16-21**

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, “What is this babbler trying to say?” Others remarked, “He seems to be advocating foreign gods.” They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.

<sup>19</sup>Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean.” <sup>21</sup>(All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia

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C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

## The Gospel Reading

**Matthew 9:35–38**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter.

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

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Nicene Creed

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C **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, begotten, not made, 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. 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.**

**Sermon Hymn**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

**LSB 790**

- 1     Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
      O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
         Let all who hear  
         Now to His temple draw near,  
      Joining in glad adoration!
- 2     Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
      And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
         Have you not seen  
         All that is needful has been  
      Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- 3     Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
      Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
         What need or grief  
         Ever has failed of relief?  
      Wings of His mercy did shade you.
- 4     Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
      Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
         Ponder anew  
         What the Almighty can do  
      As with His love He befriends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!

## **Sermon      Developing Passionate Disciples of Jesus      Matthew 9**

### **The Offering**

### **Prayer of the Church**

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
**People: and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

Pastor: Confident in Christ our Savior and in the promised intercession of the Holy Spirit, let us lift up our hearts and voices in prayer to our Father above. Faithful Lord, Your mercies are new every morning. Even when we stray from Your presence through disobedience to Your commands, You reconcile and restore us through the Spirit of the message, who is Christ Himself, our hope of glory.  
**People: Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.**

Pastor: Redeeming Savior, You prepare a place for us in Your Father's kingdom and promise to all who trust in You the inheritance of life forever in Your presence. Help us with our hearts to believe and with our mouths to confess Your saving name.  
**People: Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.**

Pastor: Sanctifying Spirit, You fill the lives of all who trust in Jesus. Grant restoration and peace to those who are broken in heart and mind, body and soul. Grant that each one of us find refreshment in Your presence. Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors, for in them we see You and, in serving them, we give our service to You.  
**People: Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.**

Pastor: Sovereign King, You are Lord of all things in heaven and on earth. Watch over the community, the state, and the nation in which we live, guiding all public servants to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You as their God. Enable us to dwell in security and peace, giving witness to the message of Christ with both boldness and gentleness so that those who have yet to receive You as their Savior may be brought to saving faith.

**People: Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.**

Pastor: Great Physician, You give healing to those who cry to You for mercy. Today we lift up before You [*names*]. Whatever issues we may be facing, help us to look to You and remember that in Christ alone we receive the fullness of who we are called to be.

**People: Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.**

Pastor: Receiving the fullness of Your Spirit and offering these prayers to You, O gracious Lord, we trust that You hear and answer us according to Your good and gracious will.

**People: In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

## **Preface**

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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 Him thanks and praise.**

P 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 sends to us Your Holy Spirit that with our hearts we believe in You and with our mouths we confess Your saving name. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## **Sanctus**

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**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

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**P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach 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**

## **The Invitation**

**P:** This morning we have another opportunity to encounter God's real, tangible grace for us in this meal; that in, with, and under these simple elements of bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus Christ given to us for the forgiveness of sins.

And so, we become what we eat. We are the body of Christ to be sent out into the world. So it's necessary and good that we partake of this meal; that we experience God's love for us in this way, that we share this family meal together. So if this is your confession I would invite you to join me as we confess together our faith.

**C: I understand and admit that I have sinned against God, that I recognize my sin and humbly ask God to forgive me. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior and that He is my only hope against sin, death, and the devil.**

**I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and under the form of the bread and wine I receive this true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life to the Lord and His Church by faithfully worshipping Him, cheerfully giving my time and resources, and joyfully sharing the Good News of Jesus with others.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

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Pastor: 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."

## **Pax Domini**

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

## **Agnus Dei**

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C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## **Distribution Hymn To God The Holy Spirit Let Us Pray**

*LSB 768*

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,  
Every stranger, sister, and brother  
Lord, have mercy!
- 3 Transcendent Comfort in our every need,  
Help us neither scorn nor death to heed  
The 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 Spirt, Precious light;  
Teach us Jesus Christ to know aright  
That we may abide in the Lord who brought us,  
Till to our true home He has brought us.  
Lord, have mercy!

## **Nunc Dimittis**

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- C O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'n-ly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

## **Post-Communion Collect**

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- P** 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 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.
- C Amen.**

## **Benediction**

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- 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.
- C **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

## **Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling**

*LSB 650*

1. Holy Spirit, ever dwelling  
In the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding  
O'er a world of gloom and night;  
Holy Spirit, ever raising  
Those of earth to thrones on high;  
Living, life-imparting Spirit,  
You we praise and magnify.
2. Holy Spirit, ever living  
As the Church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving  
Through us in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming  
In the Church the mind of Christ;  
You we praise with endless worship  
For your gifts and fruits unpriced.
3. Holy Spirit, ever working  
Through the Church's ministry;  
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,  
Setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding  
Age to age and soul to soul  
In communion never ending,  
You we worship and extol.

