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Pastor Rich & Bridgette

The Day of Pentecost

June 8, 2025

Welcome to God's house! Please allow us to keep in touch with you by signing the register in the foyer/narthex. Thank you!

Altar Flowers are placed today in thanksgiving to God for the gift of 14 years of marriage with which he has blessed Pastor Rich and Bridgette.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus our Savior, in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

The Apostle Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 set forth, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."

If you are concerned about having a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper, we urge you to speak with pastor. Questions and answers that may aid your understanding of and preparation for Holy Communion are on pages 329-330 in the pew hymnal.

Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

† PREPARATION †

HYMN "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" LSB #913

Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *John 7:37–39; 15:26–27; 16:12–14, 16*

Pastor: Blessed be the kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

now and to the end of the ages.

People: Amen. Alleluia!

Pastor: On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If

anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink."

People: Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, "Out of his heart will

flow rivers of living water."

Pastor: Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to

receive.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the

fire of your love.

Pastor: 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.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the

fire of your love.

Pastor: And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the

beginning.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the

fire of your love.

Pastor: 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.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the

fire of your love.

Pastor: 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. A little while, and you will see

Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the

fire of your love.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins.

(Pause for reflection)
Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—

the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver

and restore me that I may rest in peace.

Pastor: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are

forgiven. 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.

People: Amen.

†WORD †

INTROIT Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Pastor: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;

People: the earth is full of your creatures.

Pastor: These all look to you,

People: to give them their food in due season.

Pastor: When you give it to them, they gather it up;

People: when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

Pastor: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,

People: and you renew the face of the ground.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

People: and to the Holy Spirit;

Pastor: as it was in the beginning,

People: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Holy Spirit, Light Divine" LSB #496

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: O blessed Lord, You have called, gathered, and enlightened us with the

Holy Spirit and His gifts that we may believe, and that by believing we may confess the saving name of Jesus to all people. As we receive Christ, make us bold to make known His death and resurrection to the world that all people might be saved; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 11:1–9

¹Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. 4Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." 5And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." 8So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Acts 2:1–21

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.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But 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;

¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants

in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE Liturgical Text

Pastor: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 14:23–31

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

²³Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED Apostles' Creed

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" LSB #497

SERMON

MEDITATION

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(After each petition...)

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

OFFERTORY "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" LSB #782, verses 1 & 4

Gracious God, You send great blessings

New each morning all our days. For Your mercies never ending, For Your love we offer praise.

Lord, we pray that we, Your people who Your gifts unnumbered claim, Through the sharing of Your blessings may bring glory to Your name.

Heav'nly Father, may our caring Bear the imprint of Your grace; With the Son and Holy Spirit, Praise be Yours in ev'ry place!

Lord, we pray that we, Your people who Your gifts unnumbered claim, Through the sharing of Your blessings may bring glory to Your name.

† SACRAMENT †

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: In every place and at all times we rejoice to give thanks to You, holy Lord,

almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for You kept

Your promise and sent forth the Holy Spirit to fulfill His bidding and bestow power upon the disciples and emboldened their witness so that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. In this time and in this place, we join our voices with the angels and archangels and with all those who have gone before us with the sign of faith and join in their unending hymn of praise:

SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB #507, verse 1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor:

Holy are You, O Father, and Your only-begotten Son, and Your Holy Spirit, holy and magnificent is Your glory, for You so loved the world that You gave Your only-begotten Son that all who believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Remembering His incarnation to the virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit, His sacrificial death for our sins upon the cross, His mighty resurrection from the dead, and His ascension to the right hand of the Father, we give You thanks and praise.

Send down upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine Your Holy Spirit that they may be to us the body and blood of Christ, as His Word proclaims:

THE WORDS OF OUR LORDMatthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST 1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death

until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: We give You thanks for the forgiveness of sins, for fellowship with the Holy

Spirit, for the fullness of the Kingdom, and for boldness of faith to confess the saving name of Jesus. We recall before You all who rest in faith—patriarchs, prophets, apostles, evangelists, martyrs, confessors, and all the saints—even as we long for that day when we shall be united in Your presence to praise Your glory forevermore. Until that day grant us unity of doctrine that with one mouth and one heart we may glorify Your holy name and give You

eternal praise: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in the name and with the words He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

People: 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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" LSB #633 verses 1 & 4

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread; With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Come Down, O Love Divine" LSB #501

"Light the Fire" Bill Maxwell

I stand to praise You,
But I fall to my knees.
My spirit is hungry,
But my flesh is so weak.

Men:: Light the fire – Women: (echo)
Men: In my soul, Women: (echo)
Men: Fan the flame, Women: (echo)
Men: Make me whole. Women: (echo)
Men: Lord, You know Women: (echo)
Men: Where I've been, Women: (echo)
All: So light the fire in my heart again.

I feel Your arms around me,
As the power of Your healing begins.
You breathe a new life right through me,
Like a mighty rushing wind.

Men: Light the fire - Women: (echo)
Men: In my soul, Women: (echo)
Men: Fan the flame, Women: (echo)
Men: Make me whole. Women: (echo)
Men: Lord, You know Women: (echo)
Men: Where I've been, Women: (echo)
All: So light the fire in my heart again.

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Men: Fan the flame, Women: (echo)
Men: Make me whole. Women: (echo)
Men: Lord, You know Women: (echo)
Men: Where I've been, Women: (echo)

All: So light the fire in my heart again.
All: Light the fire in my heart again,
All: Light the fire in my heart again.

CCLC # 332454 (1986 Bloodsmith Music)

Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

"O Day Full of Grace" LSB #503, verses 1 & 5

O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon, Bring light from our God that we may be replete in His joy this season. God, shine for us now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts emblazon.

When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us preparing, We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, all joy in the heavens sharing, And walk in the light of God's own place, with angels His name adoring.

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord God, almighty Father, we give You thanks and praise that You have bestowed upon us Your Holy Spirit and the gifts that flow from the Spirit. Grant that what we have here received we may keep in holy hearts and proclaim with thanksgiving throughout the world, that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord might be saved for Your mercy's sake; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: 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.

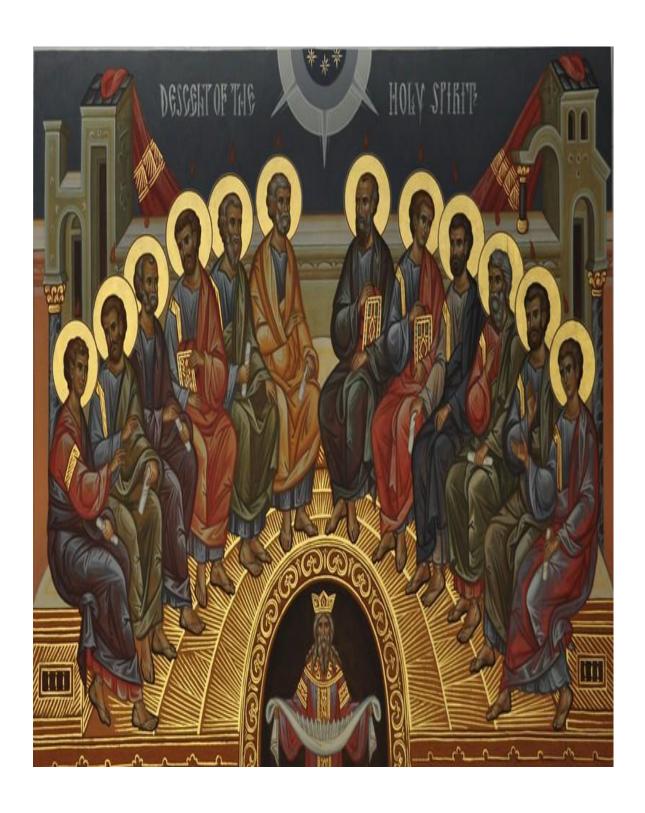
People: Amen.

HYMN "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" LSB #650

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This Week at Grace

Today 9:00 a.m. Worship

Coffee & LWML Baked Goods

10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Monday 6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday 1:00 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship 6:45 p.m. Prayer & Praise

For the week June 8–14, 2025

Birthdays Baptismal

Anniversaries

06/11 Vicotria Shroyer 06/13 Kara Kraus Zhain Shroyer 06/10 Mari Tabor 06/14 Diana Treuting

In the palm of God's Hands...

<u>PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS</u>: Carmen Cunningham, Cynthia Ratliff, Ethel Hamilton, Josephine Hebert and PC Cummins.

BATTLING CANCER: Beau Bourgeois, Helen Duplantis, Michael Hamilton and Nileen Nemeth.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY/INJURY: Jacqui Kaplan, Joe Deane, and Todd Cunningham.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Connie Oswalt, DeAnn Barrios, Donna Von Burgsdorff,

Eydie Richmond, Frank Alessio, James Hillman, Jaxon Greene, Jim Richmond, John Wegner, Kim Cape, Marilyn Beach, Mike Wallace, Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.

MOURNING A LOSS: The families of Ellen DeSoto, Les Nemeth and Renate Piotter.

<u>NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS:</u> Hailey & baby Crawford, Karoline and baby Cormier and Lei'Lyn and baby Hebert.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY: Austin Lirette, Haize Shroyer,

Jason Reid-O'neill, Julia Shroyer, Kyle Turcott, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Noah Scheufens.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alyssah Kinsella, Jonathan Dahl, Nicholas Scott,

Niyah Shroyer and Victoria Thalheim.

