

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Observing the Feast of Pentecost

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OPENING HYMN

“O Day Full of Grace”

LSB 503

**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.**

**O day full of grace, O blessed time, Our Lord on the earth arriving;  
Then came to the world that light sublime, Great joy for us all retrieving;  
For Jesus all mortals did embrace, All darkness and shame removing.**

**For Christ bore our sins, and not His own, When He on the cross was hanging;  
And then He arose and moved the stone That we, unto Him belonging,  
Might join with angelic hosts to raise Our voices in endless singing.**

**God came to us then at Pentecost, His Spirit new life revealing,  
That we might no more from Him be lost, All darkness for us dispelling.  
His flame will the mark of sin efface And bring to us all His healing.**

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

*Acts 2:1-4; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Colossians 1:13-14*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

**C: Amen.** [*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*]

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.** [*Psalm 124:8]*

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.** [*Psalm 130:3-4]*

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. [*Luke 18:13]*

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.** [*John 20:19-23]*

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.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia. 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 gather it up; when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things. When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, 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 beginning, 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. Alleluia. *Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

KYRIE [*Mark 10:47*]

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS [*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*]

**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 heavenly 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 heart-felt 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: 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,

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

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, "Prophecy 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, "Prophecy 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.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

THE ALLELUIA

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. [John 20:31]**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

[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.

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

## APOSTLES' CREED

**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. 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.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

LSB 650

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

*Genesis 1:1-2; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; Ephesians 3:7-9*

SERMON: “A Glorious Hope and Promise” Sermon text: Ezekiel 37:1-14

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

#### PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.** [*Colossians 3:1*]

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

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** [*Psalm 136*]

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto You O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored,  
Heaven 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.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In these last days, You poured out Your Holy Spirit on Your Church that Your sons and daughters might proclaim the wonders of Your salvation in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your gathered people that, faithfully eating and drinking the body and blood of Your Son, we may go forth to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth.

Here us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

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

C: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI *John 1:29*

**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

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“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

LSB 700

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest:  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its Beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be:  
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, 'Til in heav'n we take our place,  
'Til we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

*Ps. 85:7-8; 1 Jn. 4:10 Rev. 7:9-17; 2 Cor. 5:17*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

NUNC DIMITTIS *Luke 2:29–32*

**O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly 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

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

**C: Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

LSB 643

**Sent forth by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended. O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

*Luke 8:39; Colossians 3:17; Numbers 6:26; 1 Corinthians 10:16*