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*We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church. We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning. Should you have no permanent church-home in this community, why not consider making this one your own? Please sign the guest book as you leave worship today or the attendance pad in the pew. You are most welcome here at St. John! Most elements of our service can be found in the bulletin, everything else is in the hymnal. Page refers to the numbered pages towards the front of the hymnal, hymns are bold and towards the back. Please rise when there is an *, congregational responses are in **bold**, and underlined elements of the service are found in the hymnal.*

HOLY COMMUNION
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Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. The baptized have become "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." By the power of the Spirit we have seen the face of the Father in his only begotten Son and been saved by him. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

PRELUDE: Prelude on 'Down Ampney' - Henry G. Ley (Come Down, O Love Divine - ELW #804)

Chorale on 'Komm heiliger Geist, Herre Gott' - Johann Pachelbel (Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord - ELW #395)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Let us come into the light,
the revealing and healing light of God.

God of grace and glory,
**you have brought us through the night of sin
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**
Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.
Make us alive in Christ, O God.
Make us new as you make all things new.
Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,
renew us in grace,
and restore us to living in your holiness,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!
The light of the risen Christ
puts to flight all evil deeds,
washes away sin,
restores innocence to the fallen,
casts out hate, brings peace,
and humbles earthly pride.
Jesus Christ loves you
and + frees you from your sins by his blood.
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: #396: *Spirit of Gentleness

***GREETING**

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

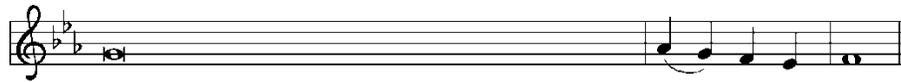
***KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



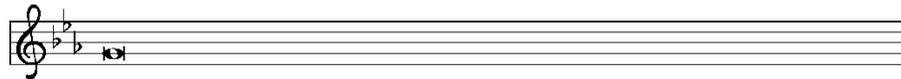
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

***THIS IS THE FEAST**

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:14–17

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive new names in our adoption: brother, sister, child of God.

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

***THIRD READING: Acts 2:1–21**

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, surrounded by signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages in their midst, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

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

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

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

**¹⁷In 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.**

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

- in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.**
¹⁹**And I will show portents in the heaven above**
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
²⁰**The sun shall be turned to darkness**
and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
²¹**Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY #401:** *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*

*** AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (10:30 only)**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Zachary, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of his baptism.

I present Zachary Claus, who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for this brother, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called him to yourself, enlightened him with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished him in the community of faith. Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

*** PROFESSION OF FAITH (8 & 10:30)**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*** AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (10:30 ONLY)**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support this brother and pray for him in his life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in Zachary the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever.

Amen.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake,
stir up in Zachary the gift of your Holy Spirit;
confirm his faith,
guide his life,-
empower him in his serving,
give him patience in suffering,
and bring him to everlasting life.

Amen.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Filled with the promised Holy Spirit, let us pray in confidence for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Pour out your Spirit upon the church, that we may be filled with the proclamation of your grace for the sake of the whole

world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out your Spirit upon the earth to renew the face of the ground, that all may be fed and nourished by the abundant resources you provide for all your people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out your Spirit upon the nations, that leaders, judges, and peacekeepers may stand against oppression and seek peace throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out your Spirit upon those who suffer, that they may know healing, hope, and joy especially Raymond, George, Wanda Jean, Helen, Margaret, Francis & Grace, Kathryn, Ed, Fred & Jane, and David & Ellen. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out your Spirit upon this congregation, that we may keep your commandments and reveal your grace through ministries that serve this community and the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out your Spirit upon all who mourn, that your promise of everlasting life and peace make our hearts sing even in the face of death. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In resurrection hope we commend to you all for whom we pray, trusting in the promise of new life; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN #397: *Loving Spirit*

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray,

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

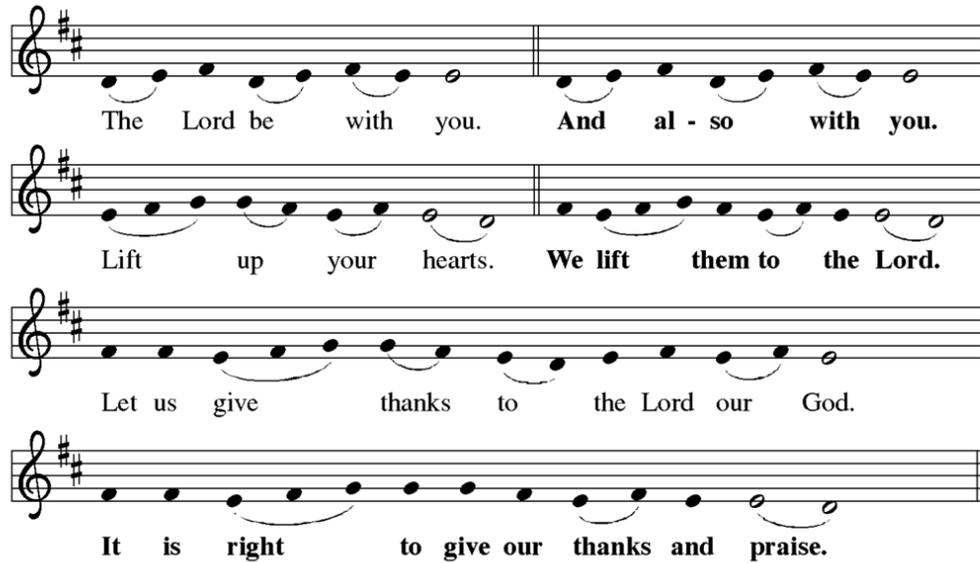
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,

give us glad and generous hearts,

ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

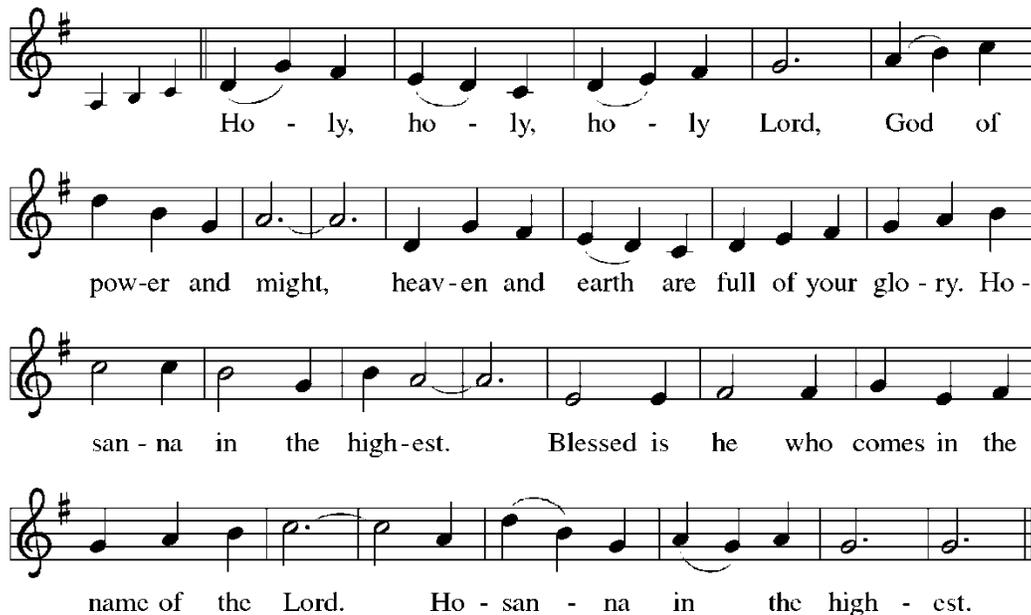
Amen.

***DIALOGUE**


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God,
 Breath of life and Fire of love:
 with a mighty wind you brought creation into being,
 and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom.

We praise you for the gift of your Son,
 who poured out your Spirit on his disciples of every race and nation.

In the night in which he was handed over,
 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.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
 his death, resurrection,
 and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit,
 we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth.

Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal:
 anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love,
 that, with thankful hearts,
 we may be witnesses to your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
 in your holy Church,
 both now and forever.

Amen.

***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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

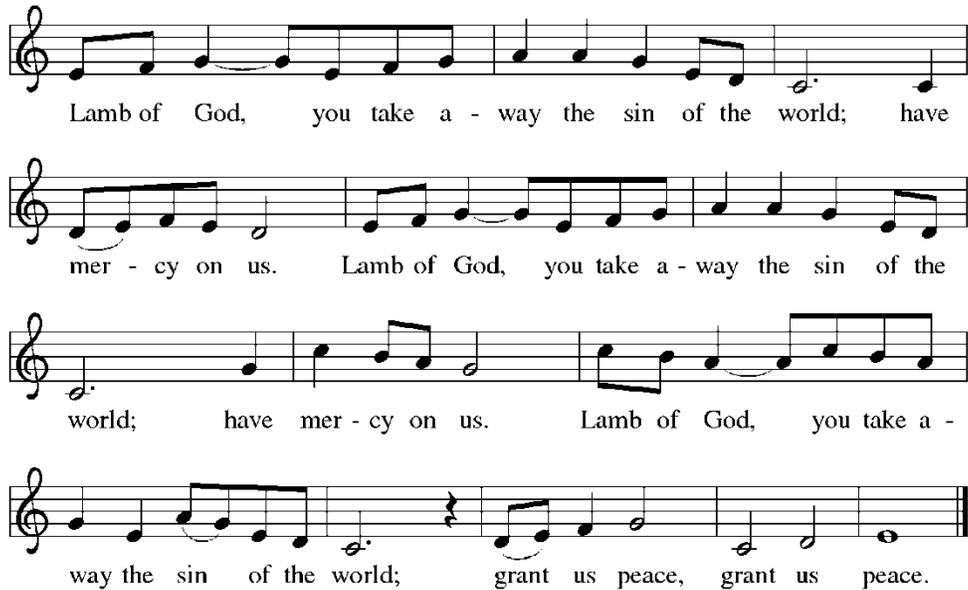
The table of life is spread before you.
 Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

In response to Jesus' invitation, all are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine of communion. Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. All are invited forward for communion or a blessing. The inner ring of individual cups has grape juice.

COMMUNION SONG


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN #405: O Spirit of Life***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in grace. **Amen.**

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**


Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,
that you make your home with us,
bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal.
Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here,
that we may wipe away tears,
tend to those in mourning and pain,
seek the healing of the nations,
and bring to earth the presence of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***BLESSING**

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty,
the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG #400: *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE: Chorale on '*Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist*' - J.S. Bach (Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove – ELW #578)

We welcome John Thickey as our guest organist today and thank him for sharing his talents with us.

The altar flowers from this morning are from Cindy Knauff's garden. The flowers are in honor of Andy's college graduation.

Assisting Minister (8:00 a.m.): Matt Claus

Ushers (8:00 a.m.): Jim & Davena Hopson

Acolyte (8:00 a.m.): Laura Greb

Communion Assistant (8:00 a.m.):

Counters: Ruth Ann Tully & Cindy Knauff

Attendance Last Week (wk 2 of May): 70

Budgeted Weekly Need: \$2,669.62

(2013 Annual Budget of \$138,820 divided by 52 weeks)

YTD Budgeted Expenses: \$53,392.40 (Weekly Expense
Need multiplied by 20 weeks - as of 5/19/13)

Assisting Minister (10:30 a.m.): Sally Foster

Lector: Frieda Carbo

Ushers (10:30 a.m.): George & Jan Leikauf

Acolyte (10:30 a.m.): Madison Cardinal

Communion Assistant (10:30 a.m.): The Cardinals

Attendance Last Year (wk 2 of May 2012): 63

Last Week's Giving: \$2,647 (this includes \$73 from
Thrivent Choice). Earmarked \$123

Year to Date Receipts: \$65,499.05

YTD Actual Expenses: \$46,151.14

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