

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

~John 14:27

# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Day of Pentecost – June 5, 2022

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Rev. Katie McNeal, Presiding Minister Maizy Fisher, Director of Music Ministries We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning! Know that you are welcome here just as you are.

If you are looking for a church to call home, why not consider making this one your own? As you are comfortable, please rise when there is an \*, congregational responses are in **bold**.

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Today, our service includes an affirmation of baptism. In our baptism we are named and claimed as God's beloved children. As we affirm our role as children of God, we renounce the powers that defy God's goodness, and we affirm our beliefs and our support of one another in our baptismal journeys. To further remember your baptism, you are invited to dip your fingers in the water of the baptismal font and make the sign of the cross on your forehead, tracing the lines made in oil and in love at your own baptism.

If you have not yet been baptized and would like to be, please contact Pastor Katie.

#### **PRELUDE**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

(inspired by Acts 2:1-13)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We come together from different places, but today we are here together. In different voices, but in one spirit, let us sing a new song of worship and praise.

Today is a day of promise fulfilled.

With joy we celebrate Pentecost.

Pentecost - a day when power and comfort flowed.

Pentecost – a day of hope and inspiration.

A day when the Holy Spirit was revealed in fire and glory and the Spirit moved in and through all people.

#### \*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.** 



### \*AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

We give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of our baptism into Christ.

## Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants 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.

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.

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 and pray for one another in your 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 your people 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.

## \*GATHERING SONG Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading (ELW 401)



- turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty. Refrain
- Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. Refrain

### \*LITANY OF PRAISE

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord fills the world.

Let us be glad and rejoice before God. Alleluia!

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we pray for peace and unity of all.

We pray for all who offer their worship and praise.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we pray for God's comfort and strength. We pray the Holy Spirit fills our hearts with fire and love.

With tongues of fire, the Spirit kindles our praise with the apostles'! In all tongues God's wonderful works are declared.

Alleluia! Today, the fire of the Holy Spirit lives on in us. Sing praises! We sing praises, indeed! Alleluia!

# \*THIS IS THE FEAST



#### \*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.

#### FIRST READING: Genesis 11:1-9

A reading from Genesis

<sup>1</sup>Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup>And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup>And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then 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; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup>The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup>So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup>Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b



<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your | works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number, living things both | small and great.

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships | to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>All of them | look to you

to give them their food | in due season. R

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they | gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, | they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created; and so you renew the face | of the earth.

31May the glory of the Lord en- | dure forever; O Lord, rejoice in | all your works. R

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth | and it trembles; you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the Lord as long | as I live; I will praise my God while I | have my being.

<sup>34</sup>May these words of | mine please God. I will rejoice | in the Lord.

35bBless the Lord, | O my soul. Hal- | lelujah! R

### **SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21**

A reading from Acts

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

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

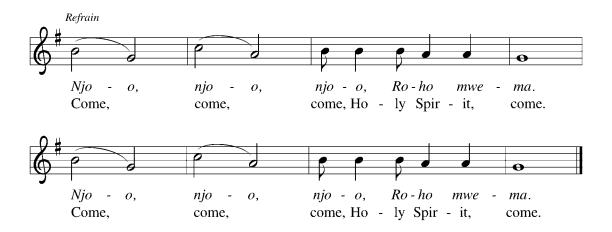
17'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
18Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
19And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
20The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
21Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### \*GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

As the gospel processional is sung, individual candles will be lit to remind us of the Holy Spirit's abiding and living presence in the Word of God. The candles may remain lit for the duration of the reading of the gospel.



# \*GOSPEL READING: John 14:8-17 [25-27]

The holy gospel according to John.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. [

<sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."]

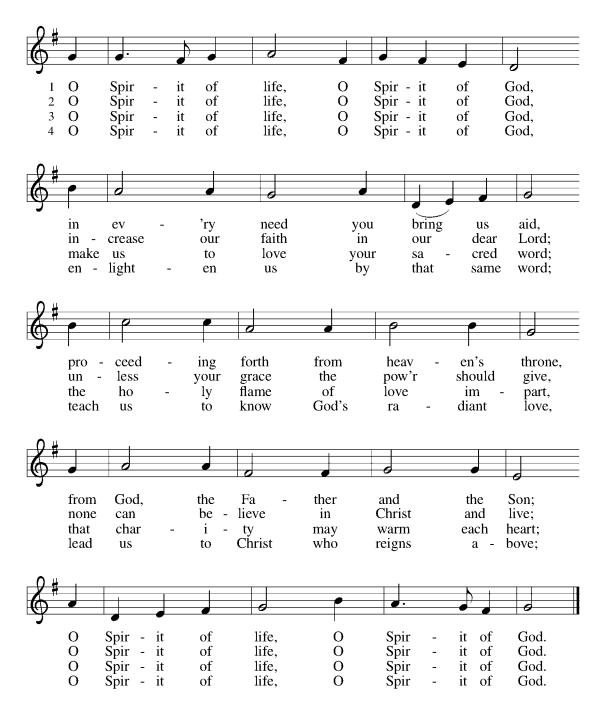
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

# **SERMON**

# \*HYMN OF THE DAY O SPIRIT OF LIFE (ELW 405)



#### \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy Living One, Holy Moving One, burst open our locked doors, and by your Spirit drive us out into the world proclaiming your mighty deeds. Direct our words and actions, trusting the Spirit abiding in and among us. God, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

Feed and care for creatures that remain hidden to us yet contribute to the vibrancy of your creation. Train us to interact with creation from a place of wonder, awe, and reverence. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Send your Spirit to places where language is a barrier to justice and mercy for those who seek it. Promote understanding for the sake of those longing for true freedom and peace. God, in your mercy,

### hear our prayer.

Comfort all who live in constant fear and any who are suffering especially Jeff, Bob, Katie, Marcia, Geneva, Cherry, Winnie, Chuck, Henry, Harry, Roy, Pastor Storm, Karen, Ellen, Ruth, Sally, and Denise, those on our prayer list, and all whom we remember aloud or in our hearts. Remind them that your Spirit has made them your children and that they are never far from your glory. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Guide all ministers of the gospel. Foster our relationships with local and distant ministry partners, that our visions and actions are Spirit-led and rooted in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. By your Spirit, bind us together with all the saints who have gone before us. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

#### Amen.

#### \*PEACE

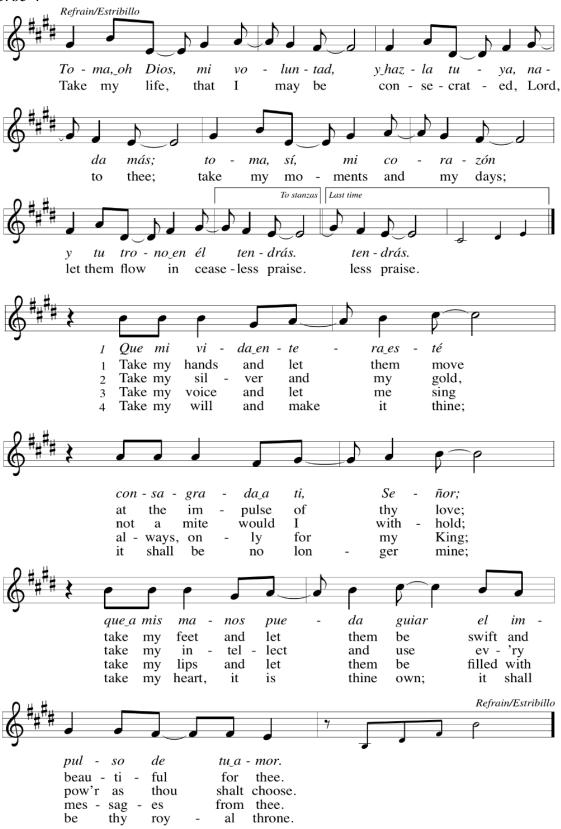
The peace of Christ be with you always.

# And also with you.

### **OFFERING**

# OFFERTORY HYMN Take My Life, That I May Be (ELW 583)

\*Rise on verse 4



## \*OFFERING PRAYER

Living God,

you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

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,

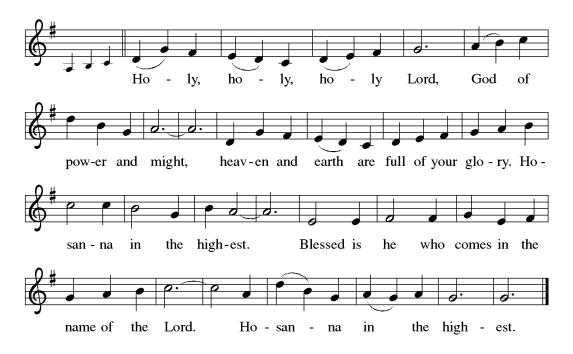
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,

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 God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water.
You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:



With this bread and cup we remember your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

We remember his life lived for others,

and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.

We await his coming,

when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

### Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,

send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,

whose breath revives us for life,

whose fire rouses us to love.

Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.

Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,

that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

## Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.



Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us 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,

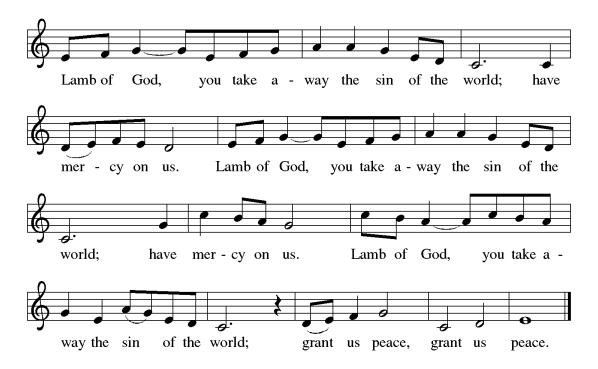
forever and ever. Amen

### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life, and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. 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. Those who do not receive the elements of bread and wine are invited to come forward for a blessing. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available upon request.

# \*COMMUNION SONG Lamb of God



### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**



## COMMUNION HYMN Spirit of Gentleness (ELW 396)



#### \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

#### \*BLESSING

May God, the creator of all life and love, create you anew this day and every day.

May God, the resurrected one, offer you an enduring peace that never dies.

May God, the source and sustainer of life, set your hearts on fire for love and mercy.

May God, the eternal three-in-one, one-in-three, + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

## \*SENDING SONG, We All Are One in Mission (ELW 576)



#### \*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

### Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Fueled by the fire of the Holy Spirit, go in peace. Tell what God has done.

#### Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

The flowers on the altar today are from Cindy and Dave Knauff in congratulations to all students and teachers for a completed year.

Assisting in worship today:

Assisting Minister: Matt Claus Ushers: Larry & Amy Werner

Offering: Abigail Cardinal & Ava Niklewicz

Attendance last week: 36 + 4 zoom

## *Notes for the day's texts:*

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world. In our reading from Acts, Luke presents a narrative to convey theological meaning. The fire and wind, associated with God's presence on Mount Sinai, are now experienced in the assembly of believers, and miraculous events, seen in the ministry of Jesus, occur now in the church. Acts is moving the church into all the ends of the earth, and Acts 2 begins this multilingual proclamation. Luke cites the apocalyptic vision of the prophet Joel to authenticate the power of God among the leaders of the church. By "tongues" Luke refers to actual languages that were spoken in the Greco-Roman world.

### Today's Music

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading. Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: Wilson Niwagila; arr. Egil Hovland, b. 1924. Augsburg Fortress.

O Spirit of Life Text. Johann Niedling, 1602–1668; tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, alt.

Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750. Public Domain.

Take My Life, That I May Be Text. Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, adapt.; Spanish text: Vicente Mendoza,

1875–1955 Music: William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954, Public Domain

Spirit of Gentleness. Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940 Music: James K. Manley, Text and music © 1978 James K. Manley.

We All Are One in Mission. Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955 Music: Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version, Text © 1986 Hope Publishing Company, Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

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