

“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

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*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? If this is your first time worshipping at St. John, please fill out the visitor information card stapled to your bulletin.

*Everything you need to follow worship can be found in this bulletin. As you are comfortable, please rise when there is an * and join in the congregational responses, noted in **bold**. All songs are marked with numbers. The red book in the pew has all the songs. Look for the large number in the upper corner of the page to find the correct song.*

*During the time of **Peace**, you are invited to turn to those around you and offer a word of peace. We suggest a handshake and saying, "Peace be with you." You are also welcomed to offer another gesture of peace (wave, fist-bump, smile, etc.). Hand sanitizer is available in each pew.*

*At the time of **Offering**, you are invited to share a gift. Envelopes are available in the pews if you prefer. Online gifts may be made using the QR code below:*



*You may also offer updates to our ongoing prayer list using the yellow cards in the pews and placing them in the offering plates. **Guest information cards** and member attendance cards (attached to the front of the bulletin) may also be placed in the offering plates.*

*As Lutherans, we believe Christ is truly present in the elements of the Lord's Supper. At the time of **Holy Communion**, all baptized individuals are welcome to come forward via the center aisle, receive the elements, and return via the side aisles. We begin at the front of the right side, commune all on the right side, then we will invite the left side forward. When you come forward, you may receive the bread from the pastor (gluten free wafers are available), then pre-filled cups with wine or grape juice from the assisting minister. You may consume the elements after receiving them then place the empty cup in the tray held by the acolyte. Those who do not receive Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

*If you need a **restroom**, restrooms are located on the bottom floor at the far side of the building from the elevator. Restrooms may be accessed either via the stairs in the rear of the sanctuary, the stairs by the Greeting Area, or the elevator.*

*A **playroom** is available downstairs for children who need a break from the worship service. This room is by the elevator on the lower level. An adult must remain with the child. Children are also welcome to utilize the books and puzzles available in the Greeting Area on the top level by the elevator.*

As you prepare for worship, you are invited to fill out the blue prayer request forms located in each pew. The cards will be collected during our hymn of the day, and prayers will be offered during the prayers of intercession.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps 118:24)

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving, give thanks and bless God's holy name!
(Psalm 100:4)

*GATHERING HYMN *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* (ACS 942)

Refrain



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing



in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the



spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.



1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

Refrain



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Creating God, blessed are you. You are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Redeeming God, Jesus Christ, blessed are you. You are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We praise you for joining us in sorrow and joy.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Sustaining God, Holy Spirit, blessed are you. You are the breath of life.

Who calls us, gathers us, and declares us holy.

We ask you to fill us with the breath of peace and break down barriers that divide us.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

People of God, in our baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are joined to Christ and born anew, called 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.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Take from me the way of lying; let me find grace through your teaching. I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set your judgments before me. I hold fast to your decrees; O Lord, do not put me to shame. (Psalm 119:29-31)

Give us new life, shaped by your grace and emboldened to witness to your resurrection.

Living God, we give you thanks, for in these waters, you promise welcome, forgiveness, and life everlasting. In these waters, you claim us as your beloved children.

I will run the way of your commandments for you increase my heart's capacity. (Psalm 119:32)

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen .


Let us sing for joy at God's victory over death!

*THIS IS THE FEAST


Refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be




peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain




hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of




vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and




join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

*GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL (ELW 164)

The cantor will sing the leader part, the congregation is invited to join in the "all" parts and all group parts.

Leader



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

All



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Leader



To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!

All



To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

***GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-22**

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Jesus says “Peace be with you” twice in this short post-resurrection reading perhaps because the disciples were still struggling with his death, still living in fear, still worried about the future, and then shocked and surprised to see Jesus.

What do you think it was like to have Jesus offer peace in this space? Have you ever experienced the Peace of Christ in a surprising time or place?

Silence for reflection

***GOSPEL RESPONSE (ELW 172)**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:1-24

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

A reading from Acts.

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ 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.

¹⁸ Even 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.' "

²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

When have you experienced community and connection through the Holy Spirit across differences such as the disciples experienced in this reading?

Silence for reflection

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY *As the Wind Song* (ACS 943)**

(Blue prayer cards are collected)



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -



breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,
gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the voice with - in the
as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .



storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing pow'r to the world,
true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

***NICENE CREED**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

**Or, "who proceeds from the father." The phrase "and the son" is a later addition to the creed.*

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. *A brief silence for reflection*

O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name especially Geneva, Cherry, Henry, Harry, Sally, Debi, Karen, Nan, Beverly, those on our prayer list and all whom we remember aloud or in our hearts. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of place and presence, we offer the prayer we bring into this space on this day (*blue prayer cards are read*). Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love. Use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

You are invited to turn to those around you and offer a word of peace. We suggest a handshake and saying, "Peace be with you." You are also welcome to offer another gesture of peace (wave, fist-bump, smile, etc.). Hand sanitizer is available in each pew.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING

You are invited to share a gift to support the ministries of this congregation during the following song. Envelopes are available in the pews if you prefer. Prayer requests, connection cards, and communion records are also collected at this time.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Loving Spirit* (ELW 397)

**Rise on verse 5*



- 1 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
- 2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
- 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
- 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
- 5 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

*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.**

*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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the church of all times and places and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join the unending hymn:



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

God, you are indeed holy and wholeness. You give us the gift of faith, surrounding us with such a great cloud of witnesses who accompany us on our baptismal journey, strengthening and nourishing us in word and sacrament.

You come into the space of the locked room and fearful hearts, offering a word of peace and grace. We learn from Thomas and all the disciples to hear your Word. **Amen.**

You meet the disciples along the road, making yourself known in the breaking of the bread. We learn from them to share together in the Lord's Supper. **Amen.**

You are the Good Shepherd who calls us by name and gathers us together. We learn to live among your faithful people in your care. **Amen.**

You emboldened Stephen to care for those in need, even at the expense of his own safety. We learn from Stephen to serve all people following in the example of Christ, striving for justice and peace in all the earth. **Amen.**

You dwelt in Paul as the Spirit of truth as he brought your Gospel to new ears. We learn from Paul to proclaim your Good News in Christ through word and deed. **Amen.**

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people.

Blessed are you, Lord God, for coming near in this bread and wine.
Alleluia! Amen.

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**

Every one of us are invited to the table God has prepared before us just as we are. For here we are gathered with the cloud of witnesses of all times and places, here we are fed with the body and blood of Christ, here we know God's overflowing grace for us. Now come. Not because you must, but because you can. Come. Taste and see that the Lord is good. This meal is for you. **Thanks be to God!**

Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life, and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. In response to Jesus' invitation, all baptized individuals are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are invited to come forward for a blessing. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available upon request. Communion may also be brought back to the pews for those who are unable to come forward.

COMMUNION SONG *Lamb of God* (ELW 198)



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

COMMUNION HYMN *O Living Breath of God* (ELW 407)



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
 O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
 O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

Refrain



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together* (ELW 471)



- 1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise* (ELW 207)**



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



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.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.

**Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me. (Psalm 31:3)**

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***BLESSING**

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May the Creator of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

Alleluia! Amen.

***SENDING SONG *When You Send Forth Your Spirit* (ACS 945)**

Refrain — All



When you send forth your Spir - it, we are re -
 newed, we are re-newed. When you send forth your
 Spir - it, we are re - newed, we are re-newed.

Leader or All



1 Man - i - fold your works, O God of might:
 2 When we look to you to give us food,
 3 May the glo - ry of our God en - dure.
 4 Now may e - vil cease up - on the earth;



Mak - er of the earth, the air, the light.
 you o - pen your hand, fill us with good.
 May our God be glad, be strong, be sure.
 wick - ed - ness no more shall be of worth.



Wa - ters great and wide and all there - in,
 When you hide your face, we are dis - mayed;
 Un - to you, O God, our praise we give:
 Pleas - ing God shall be our on - ly goal.

Refrain



crea - tures that a - bide, let life be - gin.
 when you take a - way our breath, we fade.
 we will sing your glo - ry while we live.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Blest be God, my soul.

***DISMISSAL**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118: 23-24)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go forth in joy to love and serve the risen Christ!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

The flowers on the altar were supplied by Deb and Jeff Martin In celebration of Jeff's sister Susan's birthday.

Assisting in worship today:

Assisting Minister: Valerie C.

Acolyte: Ella N.

Offering: Ava N. and Ella N.

Attendance last week: 57 + 2 zoom

Notes for the day's texts:

It is the “first day of the week” (John 20:19), the day of the new creation, but to those locked away in the upper room in fear, the world is as it always has been. So entrenched are they in the ways of grief and guilt that the Risen One in their midst needs to offer his life-giving invitation twice: “Peace be with you.” The logic of the new age is peace, not retribution; forgiveness, not vengeance. With the invitation to new life comes also the means: the gift of the Holy Spirit, breathed upon them and within them. Just as the Father sent Jesus into the world, so now are these disciples sent as witnesses to God's saving work.

Pentecost is therefore the crowning achievement of the Jesus story. Now, more than ever, these huddled disciples would have just cause to sing the “Dayenu” (“It would have been enough”) verses from the Passover seder meal, but revised: It would have been enough for the Word and wisdom of God to have been born in the flesh . . . Dayenu! It would have been enough for the Word to grow to adulthood and share his stunning parables about God's gracious activity in the world . . . Dayenu! It would have been enough for this Word to say to his enemies, “Father, forgive them” . . . Dayenu! It would have been enough for this Word to have died on a cross for us . . . Dayenu! It would have been enough that he rose again in blessing, not vengeance . . . Dayenu! But now, beyond what we would even expect—the Word becomes our word and it is written on our hearts at Pentecost . . . Dayenu! It is enough, and more than enough to enflame our ministry of reconciliation in a world in need of a healing word.

Today's Music

Every Time I Feel the Spirit. Text: African American spiritual, Music: African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933. Augsburg Fortress.

As the Wind Song. Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931–2020, Music: Lim Swee Hong, b. 1963. Hope Publishing Company (ASCAP).

Loving Spirit. Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931, Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. hymnal version. Hope Publishing Company (ASCAP) / Augsburg Fortress.

O Living Breath of God. Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920–1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Music: Swedish folk tune. Public Domain / Augsburg Fortress.

Let Us Break Bread Together. Text: African American spiritual, Music: African American spiritual. Public Domain.

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise. Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927. Augsburg Fortress.

When You Send Forth Your Spirit. Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943, Music: Ray Makeever. Augsburg Fortress.

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Next Week's Readings

Genesis 1:1—2:4a *The creation of the heavens and the earth*

Psalms 8 *How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)*

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 *Paul's farewell to the church at Corinth*

Matthew 28:16-20 *Living in the community of the Trinity*