

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



The Spirit Marches Victorious  
Through the Word

*Pentecost Sunday*

June 5, 2022



## Welcome To Worship

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. We are happy you are here. Please fill out a Connect Card to let us know how we might continue to serve you.

It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child becomes restless, you can use the Family Room to calm them. Quiet bags and children's bulletins are also available to keep little ones busy. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the worship space. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service folder and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers can help you find the restrooms or family room and answer any other questions.

## Service Notes For This Sunday



Jesus ascended into heaven. That does not mean the gospel has ceased to march victorious around the world! Jesus promised to send another advocate to represent God to the world: the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the constant companion of believers in these Last Days. This raises an important question. If God now reveals himself by his Spirit, where is the Holy Spirit found? God has not left the answer to that question in doubt. When Jesus promised to send the Spirit, he indicated that his work would be connected to words, specifically God's Word. As a result, we need never wonder where we can find the Spirit. He marches victorious through the Word

Today's service includes a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. For personal preparation, consider using the Questions for Examination on page 14 of this service folder or Christian Questions on page 295 of the blue hymnal.

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# The Service: Setting Three

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## Welcome

## Hymn

479 God's Holy Spirit Came

*Please join to sing beginning with the second verse.*

## 10:30 – Holy Baptism of Za’Kari Anderson and Oscar Weber

CW 151

*After the rite, the service continues with “Glory to God in the Highest” on page 5.*

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just**

**and will forgive us our sins**

**and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, 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 un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship 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.**

# Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to  
God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,  
and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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# The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace.  
Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell  
abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one  
God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Genesis 11:1–9

*At Babel, many languages confused the people; at Pentecost, many languages saved souls.*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

104A Lord, Send Out Your Spirit

*Please join to sing the refrain and the “Glory be...”*

*Refrain*



How many are your / works, LORD!

In wisdom you / made them all.

All creatures / look to you

to give them their food at the / proper time.

When you give it to them, they gather / it up;

when you open your hand, they are satisfied / with good things. **Refrain**

May the glory of the LORD endure for- / ever;  
 may the LORD rejoice / in his works—  
 he makes winds his / messengers,  
 flames of fire his / servants.  
 I will sing to the LORD / all my life;  
 I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.  
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**  
**and to the Holy / Spirit,**  
**as it was in the be- / ginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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## Second Reading

Acts 2:1–21

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit unleashed his power through the power of his Word.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

Antiphon for Pentecost  
 Please join to sing the refrain.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Tone

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful peo - ple,

and kindle in them the fire of your love. *Refrain*

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## Gospel

John 14:23–27

*Through his Word, Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit and gives us peace.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## Children's Message

## Hymn of the Day

585 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

## Sermon

**The Wind of God is Still Blowing!**

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church and Confession of Faith

*This prayer utilizes Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed.*

Praise to you, Holy Spirit! We worship you as Lord and adore you as the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to give life to all created things; as you enlightened the disciples on Pentecost by the baptism of fire; so by the baptism of water with the Word you made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord. We confess:

**I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

Spirit of truth and source of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful nature. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, and train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus.

**In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.**

Holy Spirit, you comfort and counsel us in every need. In dark and difficult days strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, and encourage our fearful hearts. Support us with the promise that in your final creative act you will raise up our bodies so that together with all believers we may see and enjoy the glorious return of Jesus Christ.

**On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.**

*Special prayers and intercessions*

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts  
**And kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Connect Card

*Please take a moment now to fill out a Connect Card.*

## Offering

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Guests, please don't feel obligated to take part in the offering. We're just happy you're here as our guest to hear and take to heart the message of Jesus. If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.*



## Musical Offering

*Jesus, Tender Shepherd, Hear Me*

### Questions for Examination

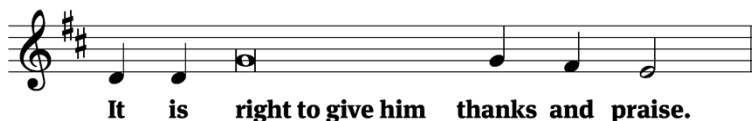
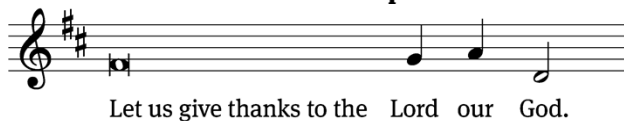
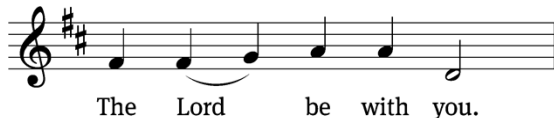
- † *Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness?*
- † *Do I believe that Jesus died on the cross to win forgiveness for me?*
- † *Do I believe that Jesus offers his true body and blood with the bread and wine in this sacrament?*
- † *Do I believe this sacrament strengthens my faith and strengthens me to live a God-pleasing life?*
- † *Am I a member of a church that belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS)?*
- † *If you answered “no” to any of these questions, please hold off on communing with us today. Following worship, one of the pastors would be happy to explain why we ask you to do this.*

# The Sacrament

Stand

## Preface

CW 199



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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200

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

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\text{T}$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\text{T}$  blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
Amen.

## Lamb of God

CW 202

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, grant us peace.

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*Be seated and await the direction of the ushers.*

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymn

*477 O Day Full of Grace*

### Distribution Hymn

*667 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared*

*Stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Closing Hymn**

*931 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*



# Take Home Questions

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1. To read more about the Old Testament celebration of Pentecost, read Leviticus 23:15-22. Note all the details that the Israelites were to remember and carry out. In what ways does the Old Testament Pentecost differ from the New Testament Pentecost?
  
2. In John 14:23-27, Jesus does not mention the Spirit in every verse. However, a connection could be made to the Spirit's work in each verse. Read through those verses again and make connections from Jesus' words to the Spirit's work.
  
3. The sermon did not spend much time on Peter's quotation of the prophet Joel. Look at those words (Acts 2:17-21) and answer the following:
  - a. According to these verses, on what kinds of people will the Holy Spirit be poured out? In other words, does the Holy Spirit exclude anyone by social or economic barriers?
  
  - b. All of the things these different groups of people will do are really the same thing: prophesy. However, this isn't like the normal way we think of prophecy (telling the future). The word simply means "speak for someone." In what ways does the Holy Spirit move people (even you!) to prophesy?
  
  - c. It's easy to get caught up in the spectacular signs in these verses. The more important question to answer is: what do the signs point us to?
  
4. The people in Genesis 11 wanted to "make a name for" themselves rather than listen to God's clear commands. In what ways do you see that taking place in the world? In your life? In your heart? What comfort do we have, even as we see these things taking place?



# News & Announcements

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## **This Sunday's Bible Study: Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up? The Feminized**

Join us in the cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:15 AM  
For the google meet link, contact a pastor.

### **The Feminization of Jesus**

*June 5 | 9:15 AM*

In our world today, the created order of gender is under attack. We hear it when the word "submit" comes up in Ephesians 5; we hear it when the world sees only men serving as pastors in the WELS. Unfortunately, that leads to even the gender of Jesus being under attack. Some have tried to strip him of traditional masculine features and, at times, propose that Jesus was actually a woman. How do we respond to this false view of Jesus? Come to Bible class and find out.

### **Let Us Know You Are Coming**

To help with planning our Church in the Park, we would appreciate it if you would let us know that you will be attending. There is a signup sheet on the ministry Table. Please also indicate if you can bring cookies or bars for the picnic. (Cash donations for food and other expenses are also welcome.) Church in the Park will held on Sunday, June 26 at 10:30 pm. We will have a worship service followed by a picnic and games. The community is invited, so bring your friends and neighbors.

### **Help with VBS in July**

Now that it is officially summer, we are looking forward to Vacation Bible School at the end of July. This year's program will be held on four days at four different parks with different activities each night ~ July 25-28 from 4:30-7:30 pm. We will also have a VBS Celebration the following Sunday. We need volunteers for a wide variety of tasks, both as leaders and as helpers. You can volunteer for each night or just one night. Maybe you can help the night VBS is in your neighborhood! For a complete list of tasks, see the Ministry Table or look for the SignUpGenius email from St. Paul's. You can also learn more at the planning and organization meeting this Thursday, June 9 at 6:30 pm.

### **Call Meeting**

*June 12 | 9:15 AM*

Next Sunday, June 12, we will have a meeting to extend a provisional call to Mrs. Kellie Jensen to serve as our 3K teacher. We will also renew Mr. Randy Pahl's one year call to serve as our staff minister. The call meeting will begin at 9:15 am. We expect the meeting to be brief, therefore we will have our regular Sunday morning bible study afterwards.

## Friday Family Fun

June 10 | 5:30 PM

Young and old alike are invited for some Friday Family Fun on this Friday, June 10 at 5:30 pm. Bring a board game, cards, or a snack to share. The gym will be open, and pizza will be served.

## Help at the Farmers Market

June 16

We are reaching out to the community at Wisconsin Rapids Downtown Farmers Market on Thursday, June 16. We will have a simple children's activity to attract people to our booth. If you would like to help, please contact Todd Ferkey at 715-421-2848.

## Taste of Missions on Saturday

June 11

Head down to Mequon on Saturday to interact with home and world missionaries. The day starts at 11:00 am with worship and the commissioning of new missionaries. Sample ethnic foods from three food trucks while you fellowship with missionaries and other Christians. The afternoon will be filled with mission headlines and a Q&A. Register at [TasteOfMissions.com](http://TasteOfMissions.com).

**Do Taste of Missions at Home.** You can still get a Taste of Missions at home as many of the events will be livestreamed. Register at [TasteOfMissions.com](http://TasteOfMissions.com). The website also has ethnic recipes from the mission fields and activities for children. You can also learn more about mission work in the WELS at [WELS.net/serving-others/missions](http://WELS.net/serving-others/missions). Sign up there to receive weekly Missions Blogs and/or quarterly Missions Updates Newsletters.

## Use Scrip on vacation

Did you know that scrip is available for airlines, cruise lines, and hotels? There is scrip for Disney, Airbnb, Jellystone Park Campgrounds, and more. Most of these businesses have ecard options. If you are making online reservations, pause when you get to the payment section. Then go to [RaiseRight.com](http://RaiseRight.com), and order an ecard. The ecard will appear in your RaiseRight wallet within minutes. It is an easy way to earn tuition or cash for the school. In May, our scrip purchases earned \$2,040.39 toward St. Paul's School tuition and general support for the school. Want to learn more? Contact St. Paul's scrip coordinator, Deb DeWilde at 715-569-4018 or [stpaulsscripwr@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsscripwr@gmail.com).

### Special Prayers This Week:

- Baptisms of Za’Kari Anderson & Oscar Weber
- Herb & Carol Jackson are celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary
- Janet Heister’s daughter-in-law will have surgery to remove cancer in three places. The prognosis isn't very encouraging.
- Melissa Eron’s grandmother, who has been in the hospital a couple of weeks
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- Sunday**
  - 8:00 AM Worship
  - 9:15 AM Bible Study in the cafeteria
  - 10:30 AM Worship
  
- Monday**
  - 6:30 PM Worship
  
- Tuesday**
  - 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
  - 9:45 AM Women Walking in the Word in the Resource Center
  - 6:30 PM Stephen Ministers Peer Group in the Resource Center
  
- Thursday**
  - 7:00 AM Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
  - 6:30 PM **VBS Planning Meeting**
  
- Friday**
  - 5:30 PM **Family Fun Night**
  
- Sunday**
  - 8:00 AM Worship
  - 9:15 AM **Call Meeting and Bible Study**
  - 10:30 AM Worship

## Attendance & Offering Report

Last Week's Attendance: 192

Anticipated offerings YTD: \$ 724,800

Actual offerings YTD: \$ 696,072

YTD giving to the Organ Fund: \$ 122,429

## Upcoming Events

June 6-7 ~ District Convention

June 16 ~ St. Paul's at Farmers Market

June 19 ~ Father's Day

June 26 ~ Church in the Park

July 25-31 ~ Vacation Bible School



### Friday Family Fun

June 10 | 5:30 PM

PIZZA, GAMES, OPEN GYM





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