



**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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PENTECOST

May 20, 2018 – 10:45 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion

**St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.**

Prelude **“Variations on *Veni creator spiritus*”**

Maurice Durufle

Welcome & Sharing of the Peace We take a moment to greet one another, as brothers and sisters in Christ (often with the words “God’s peace be with you”). We enjoy this part of our worship; however, you are free to participate, or not, in any manner with which you are comfortable. (*Please Remain Standing*)

If at any point you need to or prefer to sit, please feel free to do so

(Please Rise)

Processional Hymn: #501 “Come Down, O Love Divine”

Confession/Forgiveness

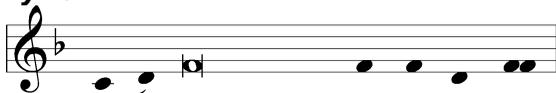
P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

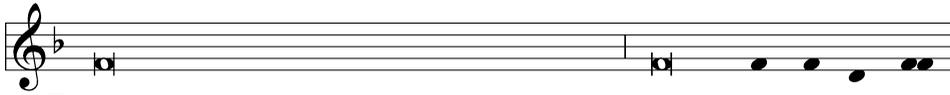
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



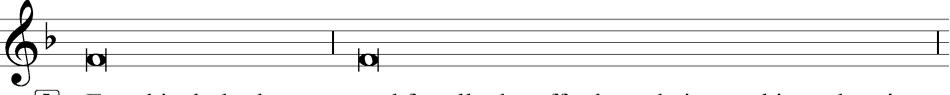
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



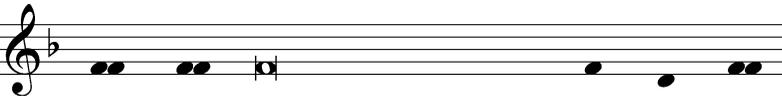
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



G A - men.

(Please be seated)

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-12 (Pentecost)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?"⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,^[b]¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson: Romans 5:5-19

⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

¹² **Therefore, just as sin entered the world through ONE man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—**

¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

(Please Rise)

Confession of Faith: The Third Article of the Apostle's Creed

P: What is the Third Article of the Apostle's Creed?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost 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. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

**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.**

C: Amen

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: #808 "O Sing to the Lord"

(please sing in the language of your choice)

Sermon Text: John 16:5-15

⁵ but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

¹² "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

Sermon: "The Adams' Family"

Offer Unto the Lord! The Bible gives these guidelines on our financial giving:

- 1) *"First Fruits": i.e. Set aside a portion for God FIRST. He gets the best, not the leftovers.*
- 2) *"Portion/Percentage giving": Give to God a percentage of our gross income; the Old Testament "tithes" was 10%; certainly "this side" of the cross we should be just as motivated, or more so, than the Old Testament believers!*
- 3) *"God's Blessings": God promises if we are faithful in our giving, He will pour out blessing/abundance to us overflowing!*

Offering

Please take this time to sign the Pew Pads in your row and pass them down. We thank God for our visitors and guests. Please share your e-mail with us so that you can receive a weekly note of activities/announcements. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Offertory Anthem "Hallelujah! Wind from Heaven"

Robert A. Hobby

(Please Stand)

Offertory Hymn #805 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

† Service of the Sacrament †

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER.

St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my sinful life? St. Paul also wrote, "He who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly". Do you believe that you receive the TRUE/REAL BODY AND BLOOD of Christ in, under and with the bread and wine for the full pardon of sins? (Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.)

Children are invited forward to receive a blessing.

Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad in your pew.

Psalm 139 (Read responsively)

O Lord, You have searched me and known *me*.

² **You know my sitting down and my rising up;
You understand my thought afar off.**

³ You ^[a]comprehend my path and my lying down,
And are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ **For *there is not a word on my tongue,*
But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.**

⁵ You have ^[b]hedged me behind and before,
And laid Your hand upon me.

⁶ ***Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is high, I cannot attain it.***

⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit?

Or where can I flee from Your presence?

⁸ **If I ascend into heaven, You *are there*;
If I make my bed in ^[c]hell, behold, You *are there*.**

⁹ *If I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,*

**10 Even there Your hand shall lead me,
And Your right hand shall hold me.**

11 If I say, “Surely the darkness shall **[d]**fall on me,”
Even the night shall be light about me;

12 **Indeed, the darkness **[e]**shall not hide from You,
But the night shines as the day;
The darkness and the light *are both alike to You.***

13 For You formed my inward parts;
You **[i]**covered me in my mother’s womb.

14 **I will praise You, for **[a]**I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made;
Marvelous are Your works,
And *that* my soul knows very well.**

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.

6 **Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,
And in the hidden *part* You will make me to know wisdom.**

9 Hide Your face from my sins,
And blot out all my iniquities.

10 **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

11 Do not cast me away from Your presence,
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

12 **Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit.**

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.

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. 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 in the high - est.

Words of Jesus

Agnus Dei



C 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.

(Be Seated)

- Distribution Hymns:** #496 “Holy Spirit, Light Divine”
 #499 “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”
 #497 “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

(Please Stand)

Post Communion Praise - Thank the Lord

☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: #489 “Hail Thee, Festival Day”
(use the words designated for Pentecost)

Postlude “Tocatta”

Durufle

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Pastor Tom & Gwen Clocker in honor of their 40th Wedding Anniversary. We praise and honor JESUS for our wonderful years together!

Today’s Ushers: John Williams, Bob Sparks, Lisa Little, Larry Bowman

Worship Assistant: Early Service – Bob Burke, Bill Thorpe; Late Service – Dale Mierisch, Larry Bowman

Lector: Early Service – Rachel Orsborn, Late Service – Stephanie Guelzow

Altar Guild for May: Renee Henderson, Gayle Barcio

Lock-ups for May: Wes Walker and Jeff Goad

Nursery is available in Preschool Room 106 during the 10:45 Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

Crisis Control Item for May: Saltine and Snack Crackers

The Sermons are available on-line at <http://stjohnsww.com/weekly-sermons-2/>

St. John’s Prayer and Care Notes are distributed each Saturday. If you would like to receive this document and be listed on the email distribution, please send a request to:

- Dale Mierisch at wb9szl@triad.rr.com and include “St John’s Prayer and Care Notes Subscription” in the subject line of your email.
 - You may also send your prayer requests to Dale at this address.

(Restrooms: Exit the left-side door on the pulpit side. Go straight thru the Fellowship Hall and the two doors leading to our school building. Restrooms are on your right in the school lobby)



Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:30 a.m.

A Great Place to Grow in Christ

*As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8th grade.
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

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Church Office Hours Monday through Thursday,
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.