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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence. You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.*

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DAY OF PENTECOST  
June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*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.*

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**HOLY COMMUNION**  
***EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING 4, PAGES 147-155***

**GATHERING**

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

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

*Puer nobis*

setting, Anne Krentz Organ

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise be to God,  
**who rescues us from the power of darkness;  
who redeems us, and sets us free!**

Praise be to Jesus Christ, the first born of all creation,  
**through whom all things were made,  
in heaven and on the earth.**

Praise be to the Spirit of God,  
**whose presence sustains us,  
and whose breath renews all creation.**

Behold! I am making all things new!  
**Come, O God, and make your home among us.  
Pour out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

—*from New Heaven, New Earth,  
an Easter and Earth Day worship resource (Canadian Foodgrains Bank)*

\*GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

\*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**

WORD

*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

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

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

ANTHEM

*Asante Sana, Yesu  
(Thank you, Jesus)*

East African Folk Song  
arr. Mark Burrows

SECOND READING

Romans 8:14-17

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

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

\*GOSPEL

John 14:8-17; 25-27

The Holy Gospel according to St. John...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

*In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness*

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\*CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ, living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**  
**and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the holy catholic Church,**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life everlasting. Amen**

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God Almighty, when we call on your name, you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, young and old, slave or free, granting dreams and visions and confidence in the saving grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Holy Spirit, loving God: **Fill us with your Spirit.**

When we are dried out like bones in the desert, renew us with your Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, loving God: **Fill us with your Spirit.**

Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth, and renew the hearts of your people. Holy Spirit, loving God: **Fill us with your Spirit.**

Intercede for us, Holy Spirit, when our poor prayers seem lacking, and we do not know how to rightly form our thoughts. Holy Spirit, loving God: **Fill us with your Spirit.**

We hope for what we cannot see, Lord Jesus. We expect your adoption of each of us, for we are the heavenly Father's special creation. Holy Spirit, loving God: **Fill us with your Spirit.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have sent us the loving Advocate, the Spirit of Truth, that we may hope beyond “wishful thinking” to “great expectations” of eternal life with you. Holy Spirit, loving God: **Fill us with your Spirit.**

Great Physician, you know that some among us are ready to die; others want desperately to live longer; and many need healing and relief from pain. Help us yield to your will, knowing that you care for each of us. Use us, and our sufferings, for purposes beyond our understanding. We name each other in love, and in expectation of your better will, especially... . Holy Spirit, loving God: **Fill us with your Spirit.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered in speech and silence.*

Pour out your Spirit upon all who mourn, that your promise of everlasting life and peace with the saints may make our hearts sing even in the face of death, remembering especially... . Holy Spirit, loving God: **Fill us with your Spirit.**

Come Holy Spirit, come with your life-giving care and joy. **Amen**

## \*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## MEAL

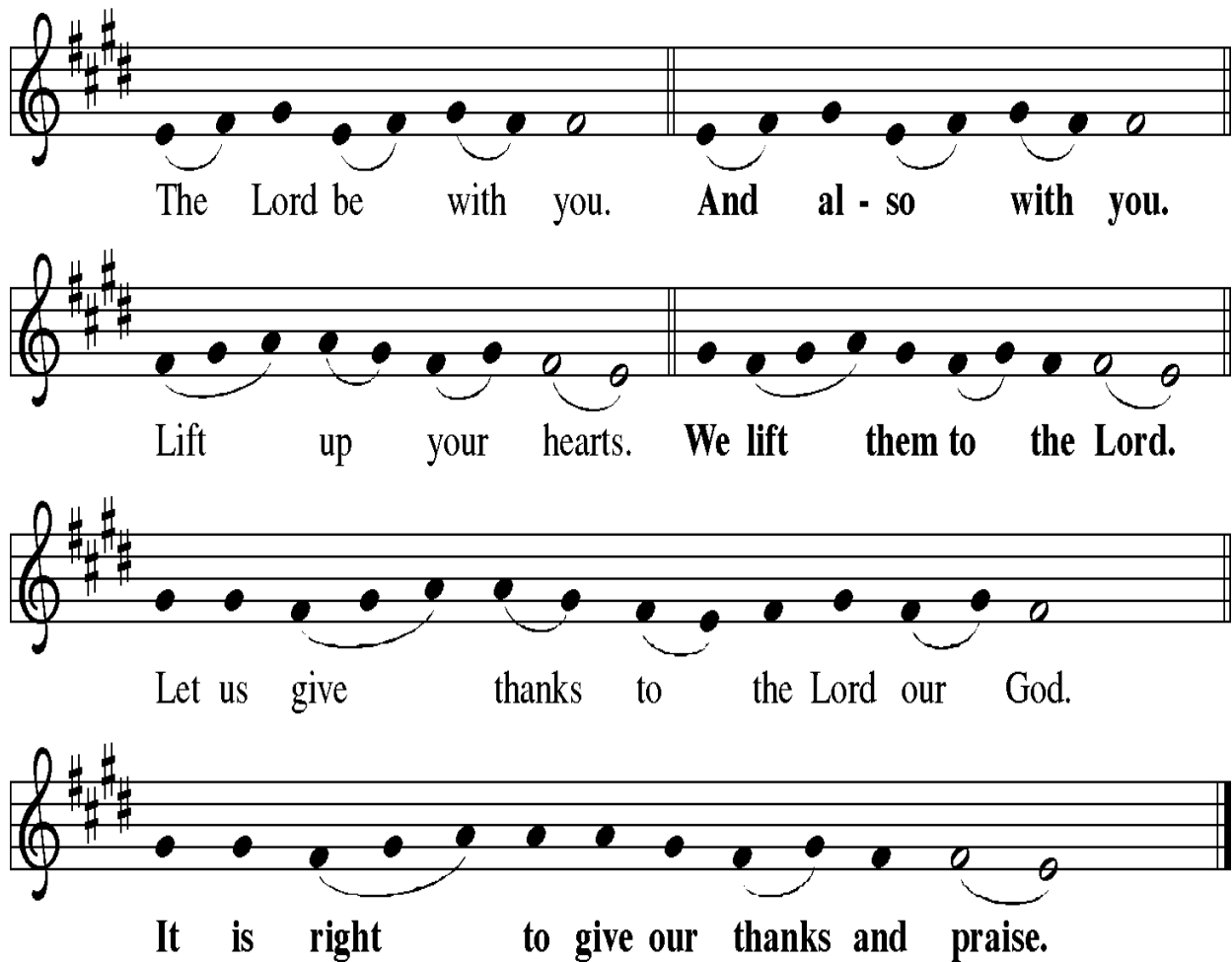
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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

### \*DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

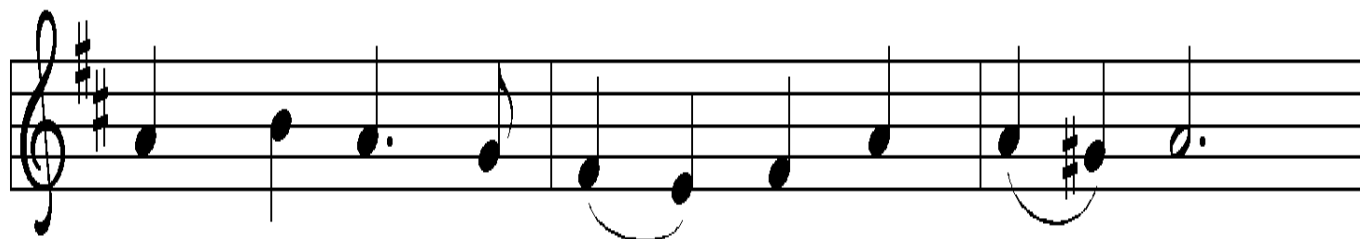
### \*PREFACE FOR PENTECOST

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

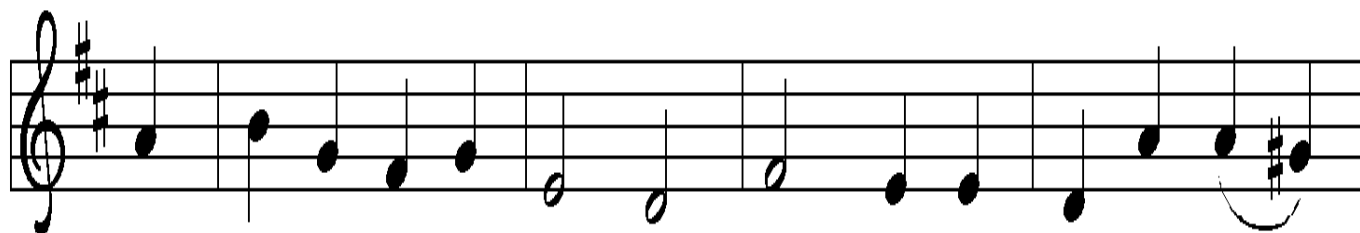
\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**



Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever. **Amen**

#### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
**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**



#### **\*EASTER INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

When we eat this bread we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup we share the blood of Christ.

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

DISTRIBUTION

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing,*  
arr. Anne Crosby-Gaudet

\*BLESSING

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

\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen**

SENDING

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

\*BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen**

\*SENDING HYMN

*God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

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\*DISMISSAL

~~Alleluia! Christ is risen.~~  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Spring*

Schumann

## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Rev. Philip Lund

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Tom Myers

MUSIC MINISTER

David Richards

HARPIST

Beverly Tarbox

SOLOIST

Brandon Michaels

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Brandon Michaels

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Paul and Carrie Watkiss

GREETERS

Edward and Joanne Sefara

LIVESTREAM

Fred Kuzel

USHER

Rafael Martinez

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Kristine Boike

## IN THE PRAYERS...

***Members of the Congregation:*** Heather Greer, Shirley Kostelny, Luddy Kovalsky, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Lois Mika, Mary Sasuta, Edward Sefara and Gregg Valek.

***Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:*** Betty Bartel, Kurt Behrendt, Wally Bisping, Ann Boor, Rich Caliendo, Bill Costello, Dan Costello, Eric Dennison, Becky Dice, Barbara Dykes, Melissa Foe, Denise Fricano, Walid Jabbar, Drew Janos, Ron Kelly, Michael Kerney, Nicole Kisiel, Jeff Kubik, Lenyce Lawrenson, Darlene Loughlin, Artem Molovkina, Donald Neal, Gail Purcell, Mary Lee Rosland, Sandy Rossella, Greg Schaefer, Gus Sicaras, Thomas Sicaras, Peter Spilotro, Kathy Stenson, Janie Tarbox, Marta Vrtichova, Eric, Rondell, Diane, and Tom Zajac.

The flowers at the Lord's Table today are given in memory of **+Elizabeth Matthies+** on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her passing on June 5<sup>th</sup> and the 107<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her birth on June 4<sup>th</sup>, by remembering son Charles.

Welcome and thank you to **Pastor Philip Lund** for serving as the preaching and presiding minister in the liturgy today during our time of transition.

The Greater Theater Company presents *The Importance of Being Earnest* at Unity Lutheran Church, 1212 W. Balmoral in Chicago. Performances are June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m., June 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 and 7:30 pm, and June 15<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20, seniors \$15, at the door. Payment can be made by cash or Venmo. Congregation member Beverly Tarbox is performing in the play.

## COMMEMORATIONS

***Columba, died 597; Aidan, died 651; Bede, died 735; renewers of the church***  
***Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>***

These three monks from the British Isles helped keep the light of learning alive during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries off the coast of Scotland. Aidan was a pastor who led people to works of charity. The Venerable Bede was a Bible translator, historian, and hymnwriter.

***Barnabas, Apostle***  
***Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>***

Barnabas was not numbered among the twelve apostles, but the book of Acts gives him that title. After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem, and later the two traveled together on missionary journeys.

***Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, died around 389; Macrina, teacher, died around 379***  
***Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>***

The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.

### **Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering** **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2025:</i>	\$2,615.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$3,920.00
<i>Surplus:</i>	\$1,305.00

Donations are welcome via Zelle at [donations@stspeterandpaulriverside.org](mailto:donations@stspeterandpaulriverside.org) .