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**Worship:**

Saturday: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. *(Located in the church basement)*

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

**Office Hours:**

Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; *(12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch)*

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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### **From the Pastor**

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

I pray that you all are well and safe. Now that more and more are vaccinated and masks restriction are being eased. Each individual or family will need to determine who and when they will need to mask. Social distancing is suggested but not required for those vaccinated.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

### **For younger children**

*Word Search: **Holy Spirit***

*[Underline or highlight this word or phrase throughout the Divine Service]*

A Sunday School lesson can be found at our website: [www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org](http://www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org)

5<sup>th</sup> graders and older: Mark the service with directional arrows [↗] as to show what direction the interaction between God, us and with each other is taking place. Use these symbols to indicate our posture during the service | - standing in respect; ▢ - kneeling to receive a blessing or show respect; ▤ - humbly sitting to receive from the Lord].

The coloring page can be saved in Paint 3D for your children and you to color on the computer screen.

Also, have those who can read, answer the questions found throughout the Divine Service. They can highlight or underline the answers usually found above the questions.

### **For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther's Small Catechism**

Where is this found in the Luther's Small Catechism? Put *LSC* in the margin and the section [*Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Office of the Keys, or the Lord's Supper*] of the catechism where this teaching can be found. [*ex: LSC-Baptism*]

A Bible Study on one of the lessons can be found at our website:  
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## **Adults/parents**

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring.

For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

Another exercise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service. Each day read through a section and journal your thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you know to insert and use “Text Box” that is a good way to do it. You may also go to “References” and use “Foot Note” to record your thoughts or insight.

Contact the church office to register or if you have any questions.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

### **WORSHIP FOLDER THE DAY OF PENTECOST Called and Gathered May 22 & 23, 2021**

#### **As We Gather**

A familiar sight along highways and roadways in summer is the posting of work-zone signs as repairs are made to streets and bridges during the season of good weather. These signs bring a special level of care and concentration for drivers. For Christian people, the Church is the “work zone” of the Holy Spirit. In his hymn paraphrasing the Apostles’ Creed, Martin Luther writes of the Holy Spirit at work: “Who the Church, His own creation, Keeps in unity of spirit. Here forgiveness and salvation Daily come through Jesus’ merit” (*LSB* 954:3). As we are called and gathered, we are assured that we are in the most vital of work zones—the one to which we can give our greatest care and concentration.



#### **Prayer Before the Divine Service**

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake.

#### **Opening Sentences Psalm 43:3, 5b; 66:4**

**P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
**C** and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

**P** Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

**C let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!**

**P Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,**

**C my salvation and my God.**

**P All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;**

**C they sing praises to Your name.**

## **PREPARATION**

### **Opening Hymn LSB 913 “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”**

- 1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,  
And in our hearts Your work begin,  
Your dwelling place now make us.  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine,  
To joy and gladness wake us  
That we may be  
Truly living,  
To You giving  
Prayer unceasing  
And in love be still increasing.
- 2 Give to Your Word impressive pow’r,  
That in our hearts from this good hour  
As fire it may be glowing,  
That in true Christian unity  
We faithful witnesses may be,  
Your glory ever showing.  
Hear us, cheer us  
By Your teaching;  
Let our preaching  
And our labor  
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.
- 3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,  
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,  
In us be strongly burning  
That we be faithful unto death  
And live in love and holy faith,  
From You true wisdom learning.  
Your grace and peace  
On us shower;  
By Your power

Christ confessing,  
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

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### Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C Amen.

### Called and Gathered [Tune: BEACH SPRING LSB 848]

1 Called and gath - ered, graced and gift - ed By the Spir - it's  
2 Called and gath - ered, well - pro - tect - ed, Nev - er or - phaned  
3 Called and gath - ered, Christ the cen - ter, Word and wa - ter,  
pow'r made one; Truth-en - light - ened, hearts up - lift - ed  
or a - lone; As the Spir - it's in - ter - ced - ing  
bread and wine: Here we heav - en's por - tal en - ter;  
In the Church - cre - a - ted home, We as  
Brings our prayer to Fa - ther's throne. With strong  
Now we fore - taste joy di - vine. Ho - ly  
heirs of Christ in - her - it Trea - sured  
words of af - fir - ma - tion Guilt - y  
Spir - it, shape our liv - ing— Pour up -  
peace for all our days. Guid - ed by the Ho - ly  
stains of sin re - move. By the Spir - it's mat - u -  
on us all that's best; Fill us with the gift for  
Spir - it— Sanc - ti - fied, we of - fer praise.  
ra - tion Grow up seeds and deeds of love.  
giv - ing, En - ter in and make us blest.

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### Confession and Absolution Psalm 38:18, 22; 140:6; 145:8

P With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
C for the LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

C **Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!**

P I say to the LORD, You are my God;

C **give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires are known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P In repentance, let us now confess our sins unto our gracious God.

C **Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, grant us Your divine absolution so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and for eternity. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

**Introit** Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

C **O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.**

P These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.

C **When You give it to them, they gather it up; when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.**

P When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the ground.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

*We ask the Holy Spirit do this for us?*

**Kyrie** *LSB 152*

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
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.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
C **Amen.**

**This Is the Feast** *LSB 155*

- C **This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Prayer of the Day**

- P Let us pray.  
O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*What does the Holy Spirit do for us?*

## **WORD**

### **Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 37:1–14**

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*What will the Holy Spirit do for us?*

### **Psalm Psalm 139:1–12; antiphon v. 17**

**P** How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

**C O Lord, You have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.**



P You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.

C **You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.**

P Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.  
Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!

C **If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.**

P If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," even  
the darkness is not dark to You; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light  
with You.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

*Where will the Holy Spirit be?*

## **Second Reading Acts 2:1–21**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and 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, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams;  
<sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.  
<sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;  
<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.  
<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall  
be saved.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*What did the Holy Spirit do?*

#### **Alleluia and Verse LSB 156**

C **Alleluia.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

#### **Holy Gospel John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus said:] “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. <sup>27</sup>And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. . . .

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

<sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

<sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:

<sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When

the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*What will the Holy Spirit do for us?*

*Highlight the words and phrases that describe the work of the Holy Spirit.*

**Hymn of the Day LSB 500 “Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”**

- 1 Creator Spirit, by whose aid  
The world’s foundations first were laid,  
Come, visit ev’ry humble mind;  
Come, pour Your joys on humankind;  
From sin and sorrow set us free;  
May we Your living temples be.
- 2 O Source of uncreated light,  
The bearer of God’s gracious might,  
Thrice-holy fount, thrice-holy fire,  
Our hearts with heav’nly love inspire;  
Your sacred, healing message bring  
To sanctify us as we sing.
- 3 Giver of grace, descend from high;  
Your sev’nfold gifts to us supply;  
Help us eternal truths receive  
And practice all that we believe;  
Give us Yourself that we may see  
The glory of the Trinity.
- 4 Immortal honor, endless fame  
Attend the\_almighty Father’s name;  
The Savior-Son be glorified,  
Who for all humankind has died;  
To You, O Paraclete, we raise  
Unending songs of thanks and praise.

### **Prayer Before Hearing the Word**

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### **Sermon** *“The Gift of the Helper” John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15*

#### Introduction:

People give of themselves. They give of their time, their talents and their treasures. Some have even given their lives such as military and law enforcement. Our God has given Himself to us. Christ has given Himself to us. He has given us His holy life so that we may be holy in the sight of the Father. He has given us His life so that by His blood we may be washed clean of our sin. He has given Himself life again so that we may have life everlasting in His presence.

God has given Himself to us. He has given us His Holy Spirit.

#### I. He comes from the Father

The Holy Spirit does not act on His own accord, just like the Son didn't act on His own accord. They acted as the Father commanded and willed.

This doesn't make them subordinate or any lesser a god. All three are Divine. They are God. And the Holy Spirit is fully God.

Yet, in cooperation with the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit proceeds from them to come to us. He is sent by the Father. This is an act of His Fatherly love for us. Not only does the Father so love the world that He sent His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life, He also sent the Holy Spirit who produces and maintains this gift of faith within our hearts. It is always to be seen as a gracious and loving act on the part of the Father when the Holy Spirit enters into the hearts of people.

It was an act of love on the part of the Father when at our Baptism or if you come to faith later in life He placed the Holy Spirit in our hearts. It is always to be seen as an act of His love and desire to have us as His own when the Holy Spirit comes into our hearts.

And when Christ announced that He was going to depart so that He could send the Helper, the Holy Spirit, it is to be viewed as a loving and caring act on His part. He gave Himself for our salvation. He gives us His Holy Spirit that we may believe and be saved.

#### II. He is a witness

It was mentioned last week that Christ opened the minds of the disciples to understand the

Scriptures. I mentioned what a great gift that was for us. I mentioned how the Holy Spirit becomes our teacher. Today, we hear how He is a witness and a guide to the truth.

Again it is important to understand that the Holy Spirit doesn't do this of His own accord. He is sent by the Father to guide us in all truth. Even though the Holy Spirit is God, He works with the Father on our behalf. He knows the Father's will and prays on our behalf that His will be done among us.

The Holy Spirit does not go and proclaim the truth on His own accord though He knows it well. He stills delivers what that Father wants His children to know. The Holy Spirit is not like a false prophet which spews their own thoughts as if they were God's thoughts. The Holy Spirit brings to us what the Father wants us to know and what we need to know in order to be saved.

The Holy Spirit is sent by the Father as a witness to what the Father and the Son has done to bring us our salvation. The Holy Spirit works in our hearts as one who does know the Father and has seen what the Son has done for us.

The Holy Spirit does the work which He is given by the Father to do. And this is a great comfort to us. The Holy Spirit is to convict the unbeliever of their sin. It frustrates us when we announce the word of God and the world turns a deaf ear to us. Yet, when a person confesses their sin, this is the work of the Holy Spirit working through the Law. We have the joy of announcing the grace of God through Christ Jesus. Yet, when that person grabs hold of the forgiveness of sin and is made righteous in the sight of God, the Holy Spirit is given the glory for bringing them to faith. And when a person is judge to be a believer or not, this is the Holy Spirit's work of reporting back to the Father who is a believer and who still rejects the grace of God.

Conclusion:

Yes, it is important for us to cling to the truth that the Holy Spirit does not work on His accord but under and with the authority of the Father. In this way, we know there is no arguing or disagreement on the part of the Trinity over how we are saved. It is in full harmony and agreement that no other name can one be saved other than that of the name of Jesus. We have the peace of a singular voice, the voice of the Father, the voice of Christ and the voice of the Holy Spirit saying to us. Your sins are forgiven. You have been saved by the grace of God.

T AMEN T

### **Prayer After Hearing the Word**

Most merciful God, You desire everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Grant that by the preaching of Your Gospel we may be given the wisdom that leads to salvation. By the working of Your Holy Spirit keep us attentive to all the teachings of Your Word. Enlighten our minds, control our wills, and purify our affections. Let Your Word be a light for our path that neither the pleasures nor the honors nor the pains of this life may turn away our thoughts from the fullness of life that is found only in You. Enable us in sincerity of heart to follow You, the only true God. By Your

holy Word enlighten all who are in error, doubt, or temptation with the sure and certain knowledge of Your truth that all who live in sin may be led to repentance. Show mercy and grace to all those suffering any distress, to those who are sick or hospitalized, and to those facing death. Let them know the sure comfort of Your holy Word. We commit ourselves and all for whom we pray to Your fatherly care and benediction. Be gracious to us and defend us by Your power. Direct us by Your Spirit that we may daily grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Savior until we shall stand before You in the joy of everlasting glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **Apostles' Creed**

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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 T everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.**

Grant Your blessing, O Lord, on the Church here and in all places, that You will confirm it in the Gospel, inspire it with unity and concord, and extend and prosper it throughout the world. Grant that the Holy Spirit continually call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the Church and keep it in the one true faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P Confident of Your care, we pray for our families, those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship, and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also we pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are**

hospitalized, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all those in need, [*especially . . .*]. Grant that the Holy Spirit move us to be those who live out our Gospel calling in deeds of love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Bless, we pray You, the nations of the world that there be times of peace and security. Remember in Your grace our schools, hospitals, homes for the aged, and all charitable institutions. Bless those who minister to human need, whether of body, mind, or spirit, and grant them wisdom, strength, and love for You and those in their care. Let Your blessing rest upon the seedtime and harvest, commerce and industry, leisure and the arts, and culture of our people. Take under Your special protection those whose toil is difficult or dangerous and be with all who contribute to the well-being of our society. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives until that day when we share in the marriage supper of the Lamb and in Your glorious presence in heaven.

**C Amen.**

#### **Offertory** *LSB 159*

**C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

**C 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.**

## Hymns

### LSB 768 “To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray”

- 1 To God the Holy Spirit let us pray  
For the true faith needed on our way  
That He may defend us when life is ending  
And from exile home we are wending.  
Lord, have mercy!
- 2 O sweetest Love, Your grace on us bestow;  
Set our hearts with sacred fire aglow  
That with hearts united we love each other,  
Ev’ry stranger, sister, and brother.  
Lord, have mercy!
- 3 Transcendent Comfort in our ev’ry need,  
Help us neither scorn nor death to heed  
That we may not falter nor courage fail us  
When the foe shall taunt and assail us.  
Lord, have mercy!
- 4 Shine in our hearts, O Spirit, precious light;  
Teach us Jesus Christ to know aright  
That we may abide in the Lord who bought us,  
Till to our true home He has brought us.  
Lord, have mercy!

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### LSB 693 “O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace”

- 1 O Holy Spirit, grant us grace  
That we our Lord and Savior  
In faith and fervent love embrace  
And truly serve Him ever.  
The hour of death cannot bring loss  
When we are sheltered by the cross  
That canceled our transgressions.
- 2 Help us that we Thy saving Word  
In faithful hearts may treasure;  
Let e’er that Bread of Life afford  
New grace in richest measure.  
O make us die to ev’ry sin,  
Each day create new life within,  
That fruits of faith may flourish.



- 3       And when our earthly race is run,  
          Death's bitter hour impending,  
          Then may Thy work in us begun  
          Continue till life's ending,  
          Until we gladly may commend  
          Our souls into our Savior's hand,  
          The crown of life obtaining.

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**Thank the Lord LSB 164**

- C   Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
     Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
     He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
     with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Benediction LSB 166**

- 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 T give you peace.  
C   Amen.**

**Hymn of Departure LSB 650 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"**

- 1       Holy Spirit, ever dwelling  
          In the holiest realms of light;  
      Holy Spirit, ever brooding  
          O'er a world of gloom and night;  
      Holy Spirit, ever raising  
          Those of earth to thrones on high;  
      Living, life-imparting Spirit,  
          You we praise and magnify.
- 2       Holy Spirit, ever living  
          As the Church's very life;  
      Holy Spirit, ever striving  
          Through us in a ceaseless strife;  
      Holy Spirit, ever forming  
          In the Church the mind of Christ:  
      You we praise with endless worship  
          For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.
- 3       Holy Spirit, ever working  
          Through the Church's ministry;  
      Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,  
          Setting captive sinners free;

Holy Spirit, ever binding  
Age to age and soul to soul  
In communion never ending,  
You we worship and extol. *Public domain*

**Prayer After the Divine Service**

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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