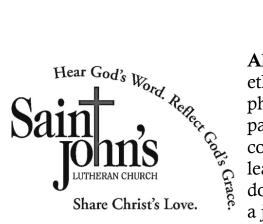


Pentecost

May 28, 2023 | 10:30 AM



All are welcome at Saint John's regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socioeconomic position, immigration path, or faith journey. We believe that a diverse and inclusive congregation benefits all, and that we grow when we listen to and learn from those who are different from us. Scripture teaches us to do good and seek justice, and we invite you to join us in striving for a just world. We are committed to continuing the work of anti-

racism, social and economic justice, and environmental care. We look forward to learning from one another and growing together on this journey of faith, grace, and love.

Jesus said: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Children are welcome. We encourage them to attend worship with their parents—even their noise and restlessness are surely a delight to God. Children's bulletins are available.

To assist you during worship: Large print worship bulletins are available from the ushers. Please inform an usher if you would like the pastor to commune you at your pew.

Offerings: St. John's is a tithing church. We dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the NJ Synod of the ELCA and to many other mission partners. We are able to support these ministries because of your offerings and tithes.

Assisted Listening: To access assisted listening, Connect to the StJohnsALS WiFi network. Download the free WaveCast app to your phone. Tap ST_JOHNS_ALS to connect. Please use your own headphones to listen.

Ministers: The People of Saint John's

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We're delighted you're worshiping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.

Prayer Before Worship

Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.

From Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A, Vol. 1

Gathering

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

ELW Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Red Book
ACS All Creation Sings: Purple Book

PRELUDE Adagio (Symphonie V)

Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Holy Spirit:

Wind of God and Breath of Life.

Come, Holy Spirit:

Our Advocate and Counselor.

Come, Holy Spirit:

Teacher of Wisdom, Renewing Fire.

Come, Holy Spirit:

Grant us forgiveness and give us peace.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

When the world divides us:

Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

When the world calls us orphaned:

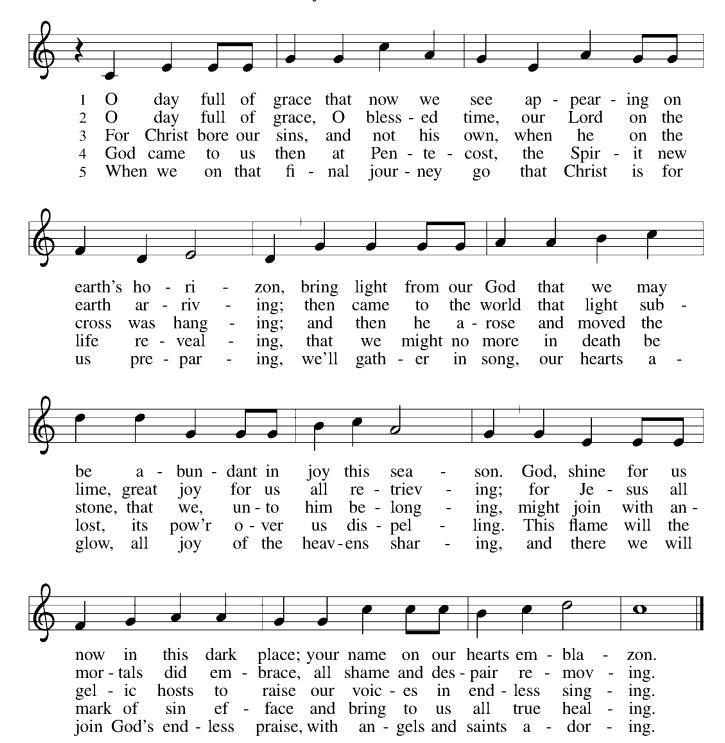
Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

When the world leads us astray:

Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

GATHERING HYMN ELW 627 O Day Full of Grace



Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt. Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842 Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



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.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, 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. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

Refrain sung first by choir, thereafter by all. Light verses choir. Bold verses all.



Send forth your Spir-it and re - new the face of the earth.

²⁴How manifold are your ¹ works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full ¹ of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number, living things both | small and great.

²⁶There go the ships ¹ to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the ¹ sport of it.

²⁷All of them | look to you

to give them their food † in due season. R

²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created; and so you renew the face | of the earth.

³¹May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever; O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. R

³²You look at the earth | and it trembles; you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long ¹ as I live; I will praise my God while I ¹ have my being.

³⁴May these words of ¹ mine please God. I will rejoice ¹ in the LORD.

35bBless the LORD, O my soul. Hal- lelujah! R

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:3b–13

^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

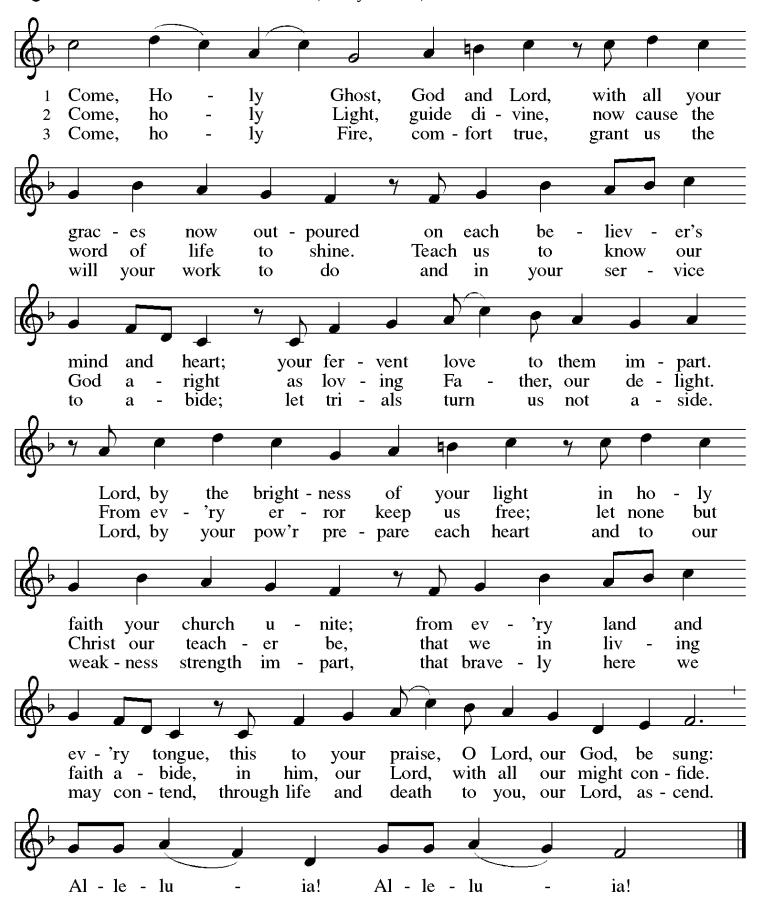
⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

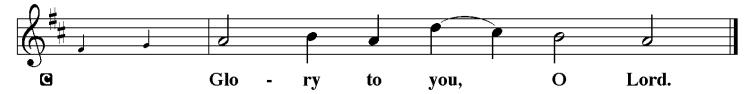


SEQUENCE HYMN ELW 395 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



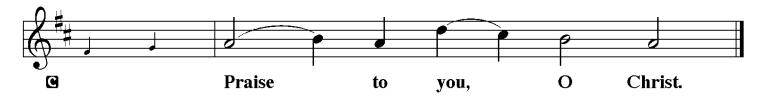
GOSPEL John 20:19–23

The Holy Gospel according to John.



¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

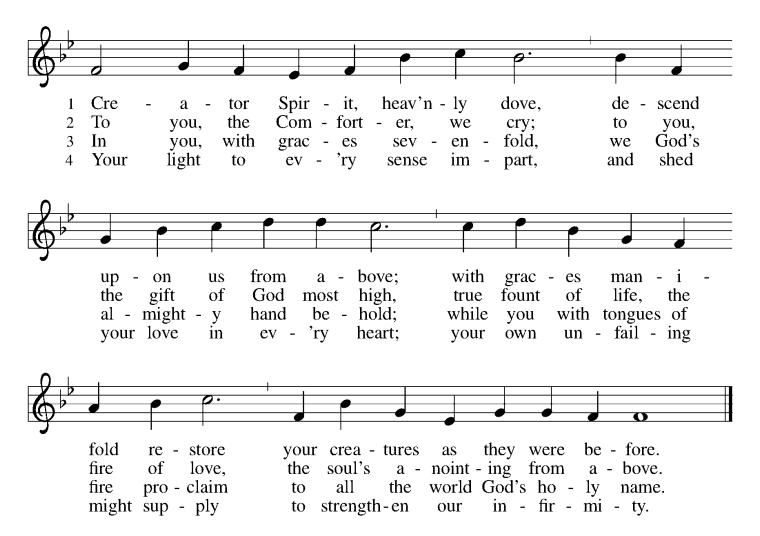
The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated. **SERMON**

The Rev. Blake A. Scalet

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 578 Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove



- 5 Keep far from us our cruel foe, and peace from your own hand bestow; upheld by you, our strength and guide, no evil can our steps betide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, and you, of both, to be but one; that through the ages all along your praise may be our endless song.

Text: Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. composite Music: Комм, Gott Schöpfer, J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, we confess our faith:

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of mercy, Hear our prayer.

PEACE

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

Please be seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MISSION

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We present offerings for God's mission in the world through this congregation. Both visitors and members alike may use the pew envelope to make a contribution. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org or scan this code.



Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in thy name, two or three are met together thou are in the midst of them; Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

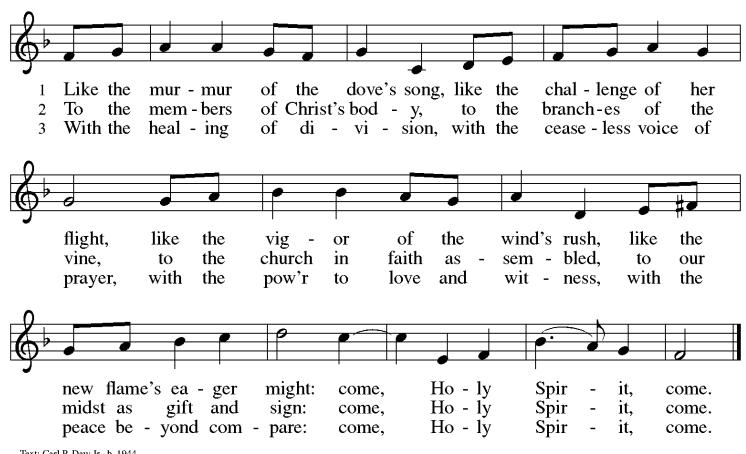
As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup. then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving we may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

Please stand.

OFFERING HYMN ELW 403 Like the Murmur of the Dove Song



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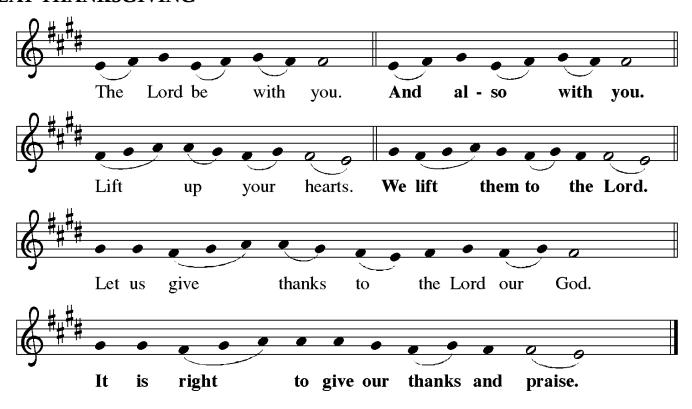
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of grace and gift; we thank and praise you for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Gracious Spirit, enlighten our thinking, strengthen our will, guide our actions, and give us courage that we may serve faithfully in our daily lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

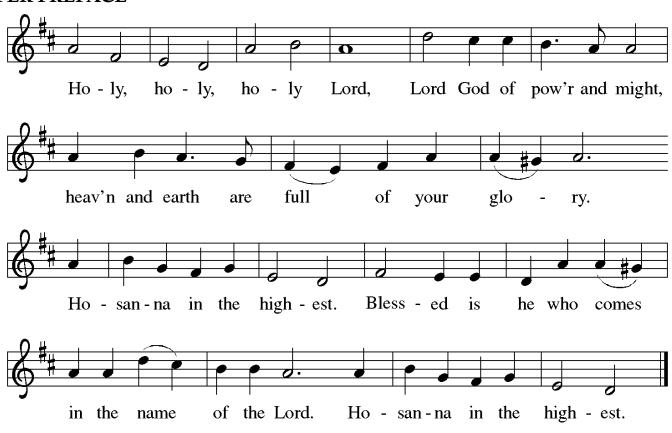
Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PROPER PREFACE



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

RECEPTION OF COMMUNON

If you wish to receive communion, please approach the pastor one at a time.

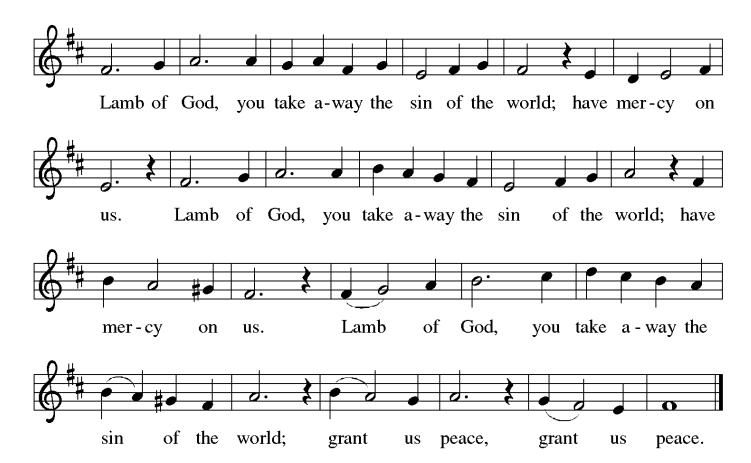
The pastor will place a wafer in your open hands. Please indicate if you need a gluten free wafer.

Wine is served from the chalice—either by intinction or drinking from the common cup.

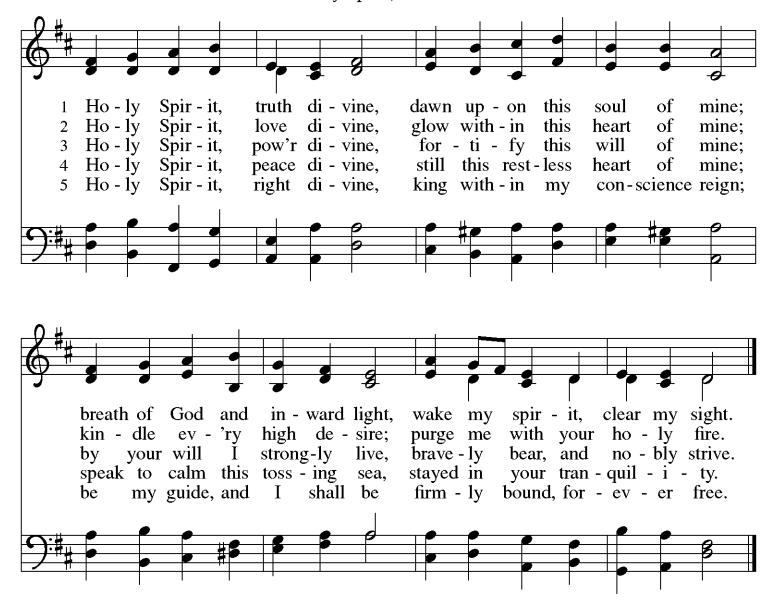
Wine and grape juice are available in pre-filled individual cups.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN ELW 398 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine



Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892

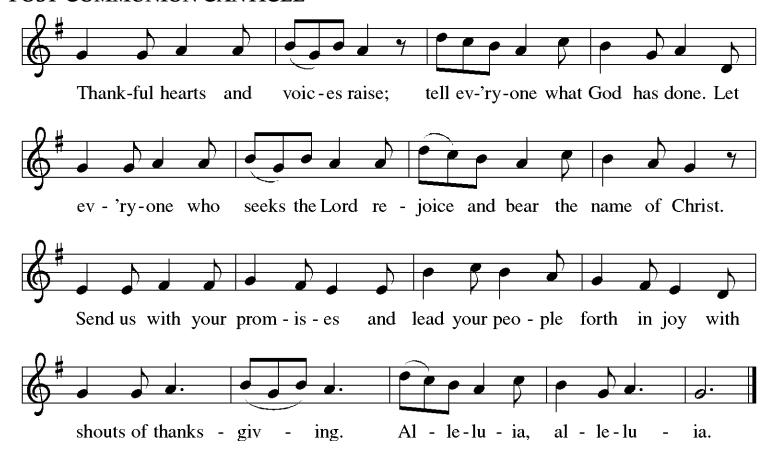
Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625

Please stand.

BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

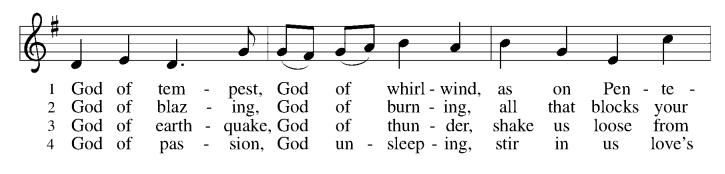
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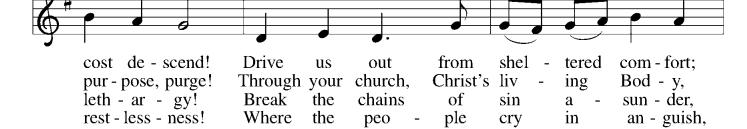
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

May God the Holy Spirit, who caused those of many tongues to proclaim Jesus as Lord, strengthen your faith and send you out to bear witness to Christ in word and deed. And the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you now and forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW 400 God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind







past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser-vice, let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice, us free! Crum-ble walls that still for earth's heal - ing set may we share your heart's dis-tress. Rouse us from con-tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, kin - dle to speak your truth, one in Christ our Lord. make us claim us for your king-dom's work, there with Christ to bear the cross! kin - dle us to speak your truth! Christ our Lord! make us one in claim us for your king-dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923-2007

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932 Text © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc. 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com 800.442.3358 All rights reserved. Used by permission.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Allegro in F

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Bethlehem Build Update: As of last Sunday we have raised a total of \$28,258, surpassing our goal of \$25,000 for our partner congregation, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, New Orleans.

If you have a graduate in the family, please send us a recent photo and a brief sentence or two about their upcoming plans for the future to share the news with our community! Materials can be emailed to jamabowman@stjohnssummit.org by June 2. We will be recognizing and praying for our graduates in church on June 11.

Summit Has Pride, Friday June 2, 6:00–9:00 PM on the Village Green, to support the LGBTQIA+ community. We need people to be representatives of our congregation, to meet our neighbors, and to enjoy a fun night out! See the weekly email to sign up for this or other upcoming events.

Trinity Sunday: We will be using Luther's Chorale Mass in worship on Trinity Sunday, June 4. The liturgical service music are all Reformation hymns, many based on medieval chant.

In Search of Paul Forum: Pastor Blake will share what he learned on his continuing education trip on June 4 at 9:00 AM.

Psomi's Ordination Celebration: We will be hosting a luncheon celebration in honor of our own beloved, the Reverend Psomi Psomas-Jackloski on Sunday, June 4 at Noon. Psomi was ordained and installed as the pastor of St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Parsippany.

ONE SERVICE, SUNDAY, JUNE 11 at 10:30 AM.

Music Sunday, June 11. All our ensembles will lead in worship. Join us as we give thanks for the gift of music, all our musicians, and our Director of Music, Christopher Harlow-Jennings.

Church Picnic, Sunday, June 11 after the 10:30 AM service. Sign-up in the rear entryway or online to help set up, bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

The Cross Roads Bishops' Cup will be held on June 12 at the Copper Hill Country Club in Ringoes, NJ. You can sign up as an individual golfer (\$250) or as a foursome (\$1,000). There are also many opportunities to become a sponsor. See the weekly email to sign up.

CPR AED Training June 17: Sign up with Jane Bowman by June 4.

Summer Worship begins June 18: We will worship at one service at 9:15 AM.

ASP Stock Sale: Sundays in June, our ASP volunteers will be on hand to purchase stock to support our teams and our neighbors in Blountville, Sullivan County, TN. Help us equip our teams to rent vans, pay for gas, purchase food and supplies, etc. Stock is available for purchase starting at \$10, but any donation, cash or check, is welcome. Shares available in increments of \$1.

Rummage Sale, July 14 & 15 to support Youth Missions. Donations accepted starting July 9.

