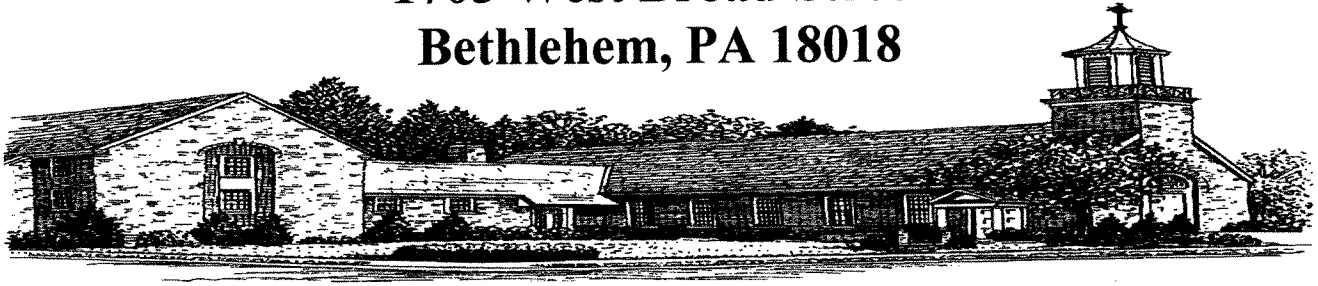
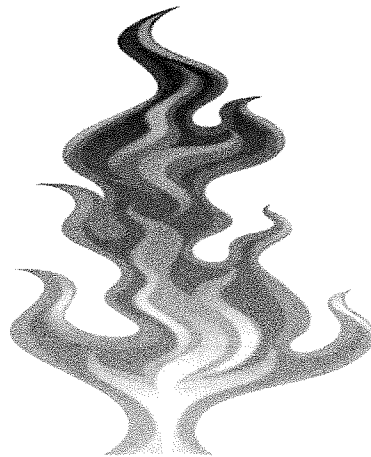


**BLESSED TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
AT ROSEMONT
1705 West Broad Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018**



**LITURGY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE
PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 19, 2024**



OUR MISSION

Christ has called us together to do God's Work.

**Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church at Rosemont
is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of
race, creed, age, national origin,
cultural background, sexual orientation,
class, or ability.**

WELCOME

Lector A warm welcome is extended to all, especially those who are gathering here at Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church at Rosemont for the first time, or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together. Everything you need to follow along is found in your bulletin. Please refer to the printed announcements found in your bulletin. Everyone is welcome to join us for a time of fellowship following the gathering.

PREPARATION

Leader The Lord is with you.

Assembly And also with you.

PRELUDE *Trumpet Tune for a Festive Day* - David Lasky (b.1957)

- Richard Ressler, trumpet

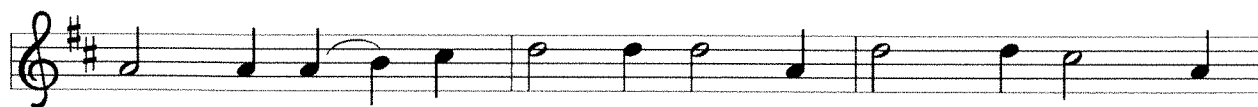
The assembly stands for, the Gathering Hymn, the Gathering, Sentence and Prayer of the Day.

GATHERING HYMN

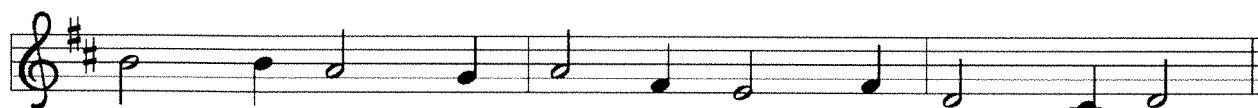
O Holy Spirit, Root of Life



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -



wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098–1179
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621
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GATHERING

Pastor Holy, holy, holy God, wonder, mystery and all-goodness,
in the power of the Spirit, we are carried into your presence.
You are our God, and we are your people.

Leader On this day of Pentecost we celebrate the Spirit of transformative love
that power which disturbs the comfortable and comforts the disturbed.

Leader Holy Spirit come.

Assembly Let us breathe in peace.

Leader Holy Spirit heal.

Assembly Let us breathe out fear.

Leader Holy Spirit enlighten.

Assembly Let us breathe in hope.

Pastor Spirit of love, in whom we live and move and dance for joy,
guide our steps through the complexities of life;
widen our vision
that our sight be not limited by what we see,
nor our wisdom by what we know,
nor our love by what we can accept.

Assembly Amen! May it be so!

THE MORE YOU KNOW!

1) Pentecost (from a Greek word for “fiftieth”) is the fiftieth and last day of the Easter season. Next week is Trinity Sunday, and then nearly six months of “Ordinary Time” begins (“ordinary” here means not “humdrum” but rather “ordered” or “arranged”), during which this year’s walk through the Gospel of Mark will continue.

HYMN OF PRAISE

① This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ② Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
③ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ④ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
⑤ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ⑥ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.
⑦ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ⑧ For the Lamb who was
slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
⑨ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

FORGIVENESS

Pastor Loving God, if our faith has become so mundane to us that we have ceased to expect to be surprised by your holiness, treading each day as if we know all that is possible instead of looking around us for your new word:

Assembly Stride into our lives, Jesus Christ, and interrupt us with your grace.

Pastor O God, when we look at others and fail to see the godliness which may be present there, assuming we know all there is to know about them and closing our minds and hearts to fresh gifts:

Assembly Stride into our lives, Jesus Christ, and interrupt us with your grace. Forgive us when we expect less than you give. Amen.

Pastor God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life + in the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader The Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words and God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit. *Romans 2:26-27*

Pastor Living God, eternal Holy Spirit, let your bright intoxicating energy which fired those first disciples fall on us to turn the world again.

Assembly Amen. May it be so!

The assembly may be seated for the readings.

A READING FROM THE BIBLE Acts 2:1-21

Lector A reading from the Book of Acts.

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.’ ”

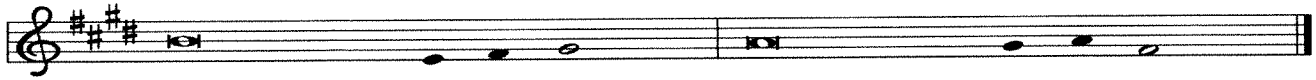
Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

THE MORE YOU KNOW

2) From ten thousand feet, the Christian Year appears divided almost in half: about six months of holy seasons (Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Eastertide), and about six months of Ordinary Time. Like a pendulum swinging back and forth, or a pair of lungs breathing in and out, the church alternates between these two modes each year: high holidays, and then everyday life. The joys of celebration, and then the grunt work of growth.

PSALMODY Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b



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²⁴How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

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

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

²⁷**All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season.**

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

²⁹**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
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.

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

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

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

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

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.
Hal- | lelujah!**

A READING FROM THE WORLD AROUND US

Leader A reading from the world around us. *The Wind* by John O'Donohue

Movement is a sign of life.

It is intriguing that the presence which has the most grace and swiftness cannot be seen, namely, the wind...

At times the wind has a haunting, poignant music.

When it rises in the night and shores against the walls of the house, it sounds out a great loneliness.

Perhaps the wind achieves poignancy because it has no name.

It is nothing and from nowhere.

Yet it's cry is almost a voice and sounds as if the sorrow
of stone and clay,
of the dead or those seeking birth,
has somehow become a force of emptiness...

At other times the wind is utterly buoyant, rousing and refreshing.

When you walk into that mood of wind, it cleanses your mind and invigorates your body.

It feels as if the wind would love you to dance
— let you surf its undulations
and steal you away from the weight of your body,
casting you hither and thither like the shimmer of dust.

Such wind is wild with dream.

One of the loveliest images of earthly movement is how a bird plays among the high geographies of wind-force, soaring, sliding, and balancing on its invisible hills and waves.

Before ever the human mind became fascinated with the rhythm, structure and meaning of movement, the birds knew how to enjoy and play within the temporary landscapes of the wind.

Leader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

A READING Romans 8:22-27

Lector A reading from the Bible, Paul's letter to the Romans.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

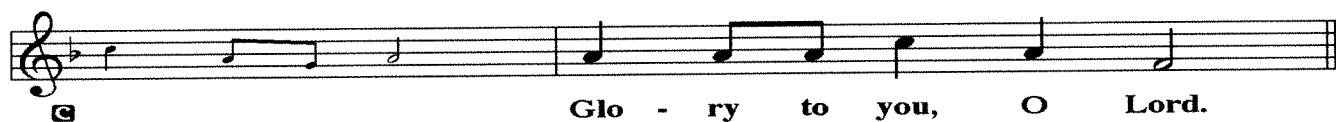
Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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GOSPEL John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Pastor Reading from the Holy Gospel as written to us by John.



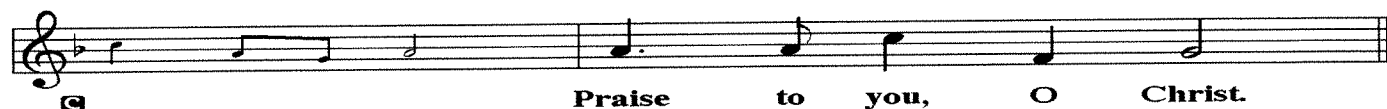
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Pastor The Good News from the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated for the Sermon.

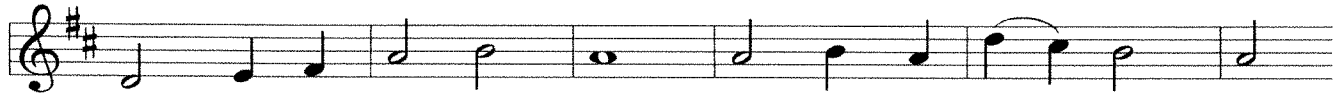
THE SERMON

The assembly stands as able.

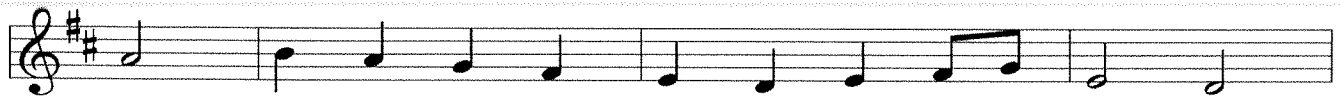
HYMN OF THE DAY

Stanza 3 - choir alone

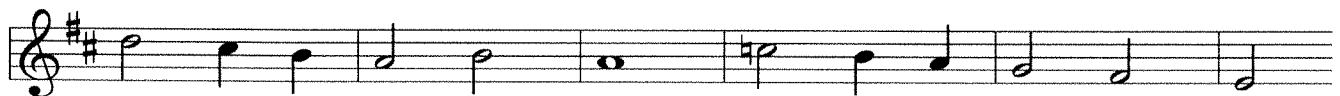
Come Down, O Love Divine



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
no soul can guess his grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes his dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890
Music: DOWN AMPNEY. R. Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

Pastor Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

The assembly may sit or kneel for prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lector Let us pray for those far and near, people and places, powerful and powerless, all for whom we are concerned.

OFFERING *The Offering plates are at the front and back entrances.*

CHOIR ANTHEM *Gracious Spirit, Hear Our Pleading* – Wilson Niwaglia
(Sung in English and Swahili)

THE MORE YOU KNOW

3) Pentecost is the Christian reinterpretation of the ancient Jewish pilgrimage festival, the Festival of Weeks, or Shavuot (pronounced “sha-voo-OAT”), celebrated 50 days after Passover. For the ancient Israelites, this festival was an explicitly diverse, inclusive harvest celebration (see Deut 16:11; Lev 23:16), and over time, it also came to mark the reception of the Torah at Mount Sinai. For Christians, Pentecost celebrates the reception of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. Happy Birthday!

OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION



THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Pastor Glory be to God who flows through all creation,
blessing us with gifts to share.

Assembly Blessed be God forever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor God's hope is in us. Lift up your hearts.

Assembly **We lift them up to God.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the God of peace.

Assembly **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Pastor O Eternal Wisdom, we praise you and give you thanks, for, as you revealed yourself of old in fire and storm and precious law, so you did not leave your followers comfortless, but came upon them at Pentecost in thunder, wind and flame, filling them with clarity and power, and making them drunk with longing to utter your uncontainable word. And now, your spirit is poured out upon all flesh, sons and daughters are prophesying, old and young share visions and even the lowest paid are finding their voice.

Therefore, with Elizabeth who prophesied Jesus' birth
Mary who sang with the poor, Martha who confessed Jesus as the Christ,
the women who announced the resurrection from the dead, and with
every nameless and unremembered prophet who heard your call and
inspired their people, we sing in praise:



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.

Pastor Blessed is our brother Jesus, who comes behind the doors we have closed and breathes on our fear his fearful peace; who, on the night before he died took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given thanks he gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood which brings new life; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Come now, spirit of integrity, of tenderness, judgement and dance; touch our speechlessness, kindle our longing, quell our fears, and fire our words with your truth; that each may hear in their own language the mighty works of God.

United in the power of love with all who stand for justice,
we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

THE OUR FATHER

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Pastor We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

Assembly **God here among us,
Light in the midst of us,
Bring us to light and life.**

THE INVITATION

Pastor Come, bringing your varied faiths and backgrounds,
for all are welcome to share in this act of communion.

ALL ARE INVITED TO SHARE BREAD AND WINE

The assembly is invited to come forward using the center aisle to receive the bread and wine. The pastor will place the bread in your hand and the worship leader will offer you a chalice of wine or grape juice.

Simply touch the bread to the wine and return to your seat using the side aisle.

If you do not wish to receive communion you may come forward for a blessing.

If you have difficulty coming forward, please inform the Pastor before the service, sit in the front pews or raise your hand during communion and the bread and wine will be brought to you.

Children who have not received communion may come forward for a blessing.



☪ 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.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

God of tempest, God of Whirlwind - Hymnal 400

Holy Spirit Truth Divine - Hymnal 398

Assembly may stand as they are able.

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION



☪ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands; the word of life in whom our joy is complete: send us out to declare your truth, your unshakeable faith in the world you love.

Assembly Amen.

THE MORE YOU KNOW

4) The passage from Numbers is in the context of the Israelites wandering in the wilderness after the exodus from enslavement in Egypt. The people are nostalgic for their former life in Egypt and have been complaining to Moses — and Moses is overwhelmed. To help spread the burden and responsibility of leadership, God tells Moses to gather the seventy elders of Israel, so the divine spirit may be “put on them” as well (Numbers 11:25).

SENDING HYMN

O Day Full of Grace



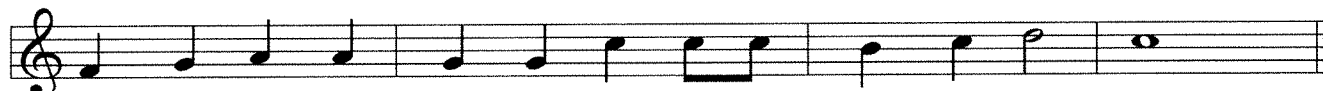
1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, his Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more from him be
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be re - plete in his joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
lost, all dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and walk in the



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, all dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all his heal - ing.
light of God's own place, with an - gels his name a - dor - ing.

Text: Danish folk hymn, c. 1450; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001
Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842

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WORDS OF BLESSING

Pastor **Words of Blessing**

May the energy of the strong wind be on your back.

May the force of the storm not confound us.

May the caress of the gentle breeze calm and soothe all.

May the lives of all breathe in harmony with the wind.

May the Spirit Breath breathe freely through all of creation.

The blessings of God, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

be with you and remain with you always.

Assembly Amen. May it be so!

DISMISSAL

Leader Go now for the Spirit of God is alive in the land.

Assembly Amen. We go in the power of love.

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Finale* – Francesco Manfredini (1684-1762)

Please join us!

In celebrating Linda Maule's ministry.

Join us as we celebrate Linda's remarkable career and bid her farewell with a catered luncheon! After 41 years of dedication and service, it's time to honor her contributions. Please join us as we gather to share memories and toast the next chapter of Linda's journey.

***Here's to 40 plus years of guiding melodies
and orchestrating magic.***

Your dedication has filled our lives with harmony and joy.

Farewell and Godspeed, Maestro!