

**Grow ... Go ... Gather**

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# The Day of Pentecost

## The Order of Service

(Please turn off your wifi and wear your mask at all times)

### Preservice Music, Call to Worship and Welcome

#### The Opening Hymn: LSB 913, "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts  
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.  
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,  
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in  
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -  
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us  
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.  
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing  
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.  
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.  
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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## **The Invocation and Pentecost Day Litany**

P: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: O God, You sent Your Son to take upon Himself our suffering, to teach us Your ways, and to bear the penalty of our sin.

**C: We are amazed by the wonder of Your grace as we live daily in Your forgiveness.**

P: On the cross, Jesus made the way of salvation for all who believe in Him.

**C: Empowered by the Spirit of the Lord through His Word we declare our trust in the One name on earth that saves.**

P: From the cross comes a message of forgiveness and new life for all kinds of people.

**C: Help us who have received this Good News not to keep it to ourselves.**

P: We are Your church, O God.

**C: May we be Your voice, hands, and feet in this world.**

P: Many in our own workplaces, communities, and families have not yet experienced the fullness of Your grace in Jesus Christ.

**C: May we be Your voice in calling others to trust in Your Son.**

P: Jesus declared, *"You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria."*

**C: In this community, our "Jerusalem," help us to give witness to Your grace in Jesus.**

P: You called Your church, both then and now, to cross boundaries for witness.

**C: Help us to witness to those within our country who are geographically, culturally, and ideologically at a distance.**

P: From the cross, the empty tomb and Christ's ascension, through Your church, to the world.

**C: May Your grace flow as we proclaim Your word of Jesus' death and resurrection. Help us be agents of Your mission.**

P: Help us to witness also through those who are sent to people who have never heard the good news, as well as to support the ministries of those giving witness to their own community about Christ.

**C: From the cross, the empty tomb and Christ's ascension, through Your church, to the world.**

P: May Your grace flow as we proclaim Your word of Jesus' death and resurrection. Help us be agents of Your mission.

**A Hymn of Praise:** LSB 502, "Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven"



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, the dove sent from heav - en,  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, the fire as ce - les - tial,  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, the unc - tion of bless - ing,  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, the wind of great pow - er,



Ev - er one with the One who is Three,  
Who on Pen - te - cost came as fore - told,  
Sa - cred oil of the green ol - ive tree,  
Source of strength and of peace and of love,



From the Fa - ther You came, Words of peace to pro-claim,  
To de - scend from on high And the Church oc - cu - py  
Giv - ing heat, giv - ing light, As the tent lamps ig - nite  
Tru - est Com - fort - er, plead, As You bring all our need



Come and com - fort us, speak ten - der - ly.  
As the cloud filled the tem - ple of old;  
And as Aar - on praised God joy - ful - ly.  
To the throne of God's glo - ry a - bove.



You, the fra - grance of life we are seek - ing;  
All the bap - tized You seal with Your prom - ise,  
Bless - ed liv - ing and life - giv - ing wa - ter,  
Be the light that en - light - ens the Scrip - tures;



Fill Your tem - ple, Your al - tar make clean.  
All be - liev - ers Your gift there re - ceive,  
Now pre - serve us from e - vil with - in;  
Keep our feet from each dev - il - ish snare;



Joy - ous shel - ter of love, Gra - cious friend from a - bove,  
So that all the e - lect— All in Christ—may ex - pect  
For in Je - sus, God's Son, All be - liev - ers are one  
On - ly You can make whole All that trou - bles our soul;



In Your care we are rest - ing, se - rene.  
To en - joy what by grace they be - lieve.  
In this wash - ing that cleans - es from sin.  
By Your chris - m, Christ's tri - umph we share.

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## The Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**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.**

**The First Reading:** Ezekiel 37:1-14 (read responsively)

P: The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He asked me,

**C: "Son of man, can these bones live?"**

P: I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know." Then he said to me,

**C: "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! <sup>5</sup> This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup> I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"**

P: So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me,

**C: "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'"**

P: So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. Then he said to me:

**C: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'"**

P: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**The Second Reading:** *Acts 2:1–21*

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

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this

sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

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. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

"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; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**



## **A Hymn: "Free Amen"**

### **Intro**

Amen amen amen

Amen amen amen (**repeat Intro 6 Xs**)

### **Verse 1**

Hope falling down like rain

Love that I can't explain

Peace that stills my soul

Light in the darkest place

Life even in the pain

It feels like coming home

### **Chorus**

***Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom  
I am free amen***

***Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom  
I am free amen***

### **Verse 2**

Here I'm alive again

Gone is the weight of sin

Oh sweet liberty

Praise God

Who saved my life

I'm bought with the blood of Christ

I have been redeemed (**Chorus 2 Xs**)

### **Bridge**

Free at last

Free at last

Thank God almighty

I am free at last

All my chains

Are in the past

Thank God Almighty

I am free at last (**repeat Bridge 3 Xs**) (**Chorus**)

## **The Gospel Reading:** *John 15:16–17; 16:4b–15*

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

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

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 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. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 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. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 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: Thanks be to God!**

# The Confession of Our Christian Faith (Baptism, Part 4)

P: What does such baptizing with water indicate?

**C: It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

P: Where is this written?

**C: St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Rom. 6:4)**

## A Sermon Hymn: LSB 498, "Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make  
 2 To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, To You,  
 3 In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold, We God's  
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed



our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and  
 the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the  
 al - might - y hand be - hold While You with tongues of  
 Your love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our



heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.  
 fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
 fire pro - claim To all the world His ho - ly name.  
 mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.

5 Drive far away our wily foe,  
And Your abiding peace bestow;  
With You as our protecting guide,  
No evil can with us abide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And You, from both, as Three in One  
That we Your name may ever bless  
And in our lives the truth confess.

△ 7 Praise we the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
And may the Son on us bestow  
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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## The Sermon

### The Post-Sermon Hymn: LSB 497, "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es  
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of  
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



now out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;  
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right  
work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bid;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the  
And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry  
Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your



bright-ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;  
er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be  
pow'r pre-pare each heart, And to our weak-ness strength im - part

From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your  
That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our  
That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and

praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
death to You, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## **The Offering Prayer, The General Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

- ☐ Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom  
come, Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven; give us this day our  
daily bread; and forgive us our  
trespasses as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Benediction**

**P:** May the LORD Himself grant us peace for our time and in every place! May the Holy Spirit abound in our hearts and lives! May His holy Church be a leaven in a cold and hostile world! May His righteous people hold high the cross of the Redeemer of all people!

**C: Amen.**

# The Closing Hymn: LSB 650, "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest  
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's



realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing  
 ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing  
 min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,



O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,



ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,  
 ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we  
 ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -



life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.  
 praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.  
 mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Events of the Week: May 23 – May 30

- TODAY:**   **11:00 a.m.** Bible study on Facebook  
              **11:00 a.m.** Coffee Hour (outside)
- Monday:**   **6:30 p.m.** Monday Evening Worship w/  
                  Holy Communion
- Registration is open for May 30 Worship*
- Wed:**       **Noon:** Devotional Boost with Pastor  
              **10:00 a.m.** Bible Study w/ Darrell at  
                  church  
              **7:30 p.m.** Pastor's Ephesians Bible  
                  Class on Zoom
- Thursday:** **10:00 a.m.** Pastor's Ephesians Bible  
                  Class on Zoom
- Friday:**    Pastor's Day off
- Sunday:**   **9:00 a.m.** Gizmo Devotions on FB  
              **9:30 a.m.** COMMUNION at St. James  
                  (please register) and on Facebook Live  
              **11:00 a.m.** Bible Study on Facebook

### Those who serve Today:

**Deacon:** Craig Popma

**Ushers:** Nate, Kim, Hayden & Heath Urbanski

### Those who serve May 30:

**Deacons:** Jerry Talen and Bryan Ensing

**Ushers:** Walt & Karen Kryzanowski

**May Altar Guild:** Rie Wiles

To **register for worship**, please go to **[bit.ly/stjamesgr](https://bit.ly/stjamesgr)** and follow the prompts. If you are unable to sign-up for worship, please contact the office at 363-7718.



**FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP:** May 16, 2021

General Fund	\$2,000.00
Roof Repair Fund	30.00
Plate Collection	15.00
Memorial (Sandy Ryke)	25.00
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Total:	\$2,070.00

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Evie Heldt's new address:  
**2510 Lake Michigan Dr. N.W.**  
**Grand Rapids, MI 49504**

Her new phone number is: **616-591-2902.**  
Please make this change in your directory.



**Do you have musical talent** you would like to share with St. James Lutheran? We are always looking for special music for our worship service. Playing preservice or communion music, singing in a small group or as a soloist, accompanying the congregational hymns, helping to lead the congregation in learning newer hymns...we would love to have you join us in our worship service!

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Beth McKay at 304-5536.

The **National LWML Convention** ingathering items:  
(Items should be **new**)



Baby toiletries, *Baby bath towels*, Wash cloth, Burp cloths, *baby wipes*, Crib sheets, *Laundry baskets (small or collapsible)*, Disposable diapers size 3, *Clothing for sizes Newborn to 12 months*, Diaper bags, *Toys: teething rings, rattles*, Small first Christian books. Gift cards in denominations of \$10, \$20, and \$25 for Walmart or Target.

There is a **donation box** by the office or contact Cindy, Marjie or Grace by **June 10<sup>th</sup>** if you need your donation picked up.