

# FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Pentecost

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Day of Pentecost  
May 24, 2026 — 9:30 a.m.  
*Welcome to worship, we are glad you are with us!*

## GATHERING



### PRELUDE

### INTRODUCTION

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

### WELCOME

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,  
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

*"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"*

ELW 400 vs. 1,4,5

1. God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
 2. God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
 3. God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
 4. God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
 pur - pose purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

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

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

## 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.**

## 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**

## ANTHEM

*“Hymn of Spirit”* by Russell Nagy

Chancel Choir

## WORD

## READINGS

### Acts 2:1-21

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ’s resurrection.*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>‘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. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another’s diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.*

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. <sup>12</sup>For 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. <sup>13</sup>For 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Deacon Korra Looschen

**Congregation: Please Rise for the Gospel Acclamation**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter beginning at the 19<sup>th</sup> verse.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 20:19-23**

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the **Holy Spirit**.

<sup>23</sup> If 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.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Garrett Struessel

## NICENE CREED

**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 THE PEOPLE

Merciful God

Receive our prayers

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also, with you.

## MEAL

### OFFERTORY

*"Spirit of God, Abide with Me"* arr. By Phillip Kern

Chancel Choir

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus.

Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

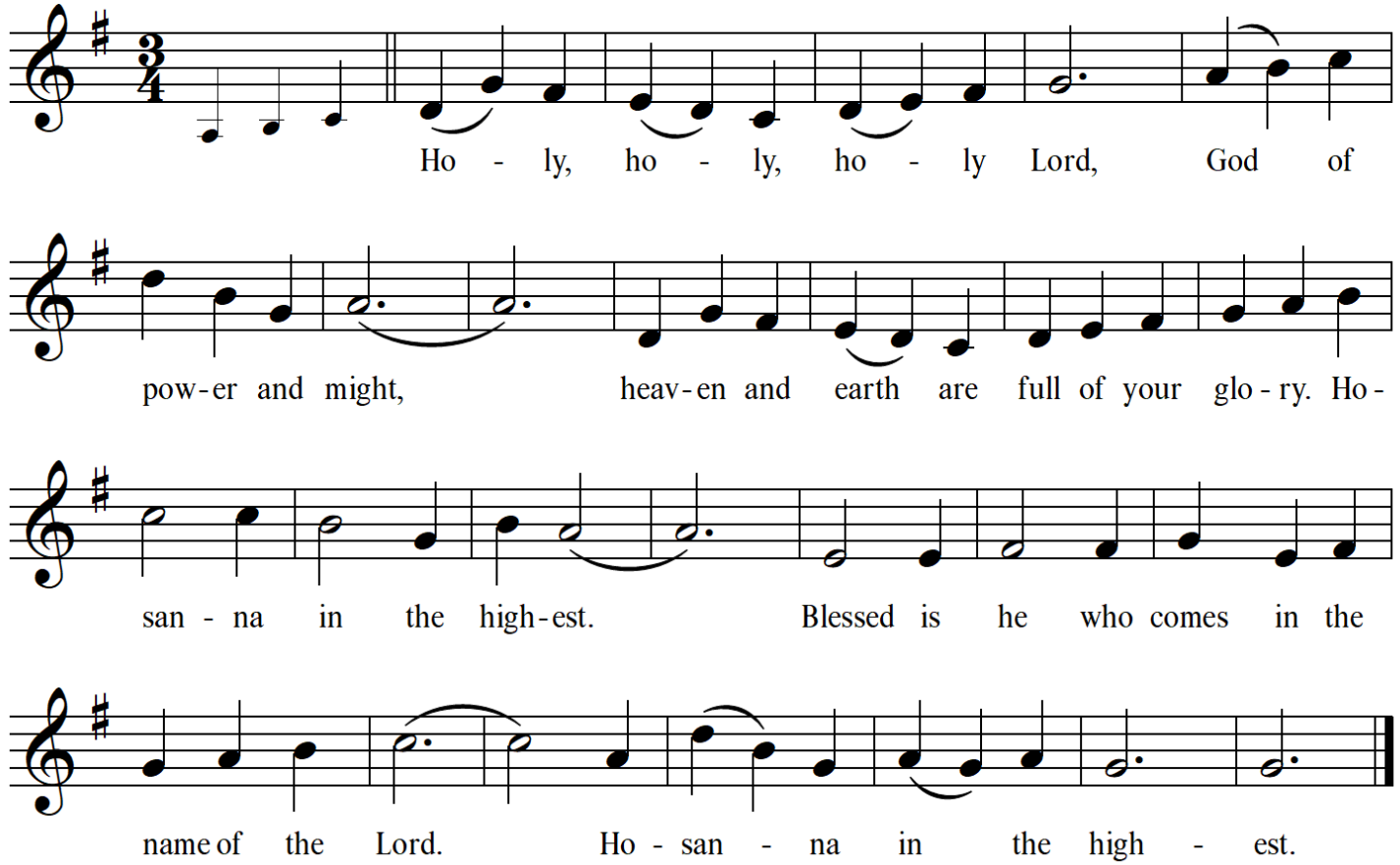
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. —

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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.**

### COMMUNION

*All are welcome who come trusting in the gift of God's presence in the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, shared in this meal. "The body of Christ, broken for you," and "the blood of Christ shed for you," include the promise of the forgiveness of sin, life and salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord. The ushers will invite you to come forward for communion. We invite everyone to receive communion if you so desire. The invitation to receive Holy Communion is from Christ Jesus; therefore "all are welcome". In our serving communion trays, wine is darker red on the outside, and grape juice is the lighter color in the center. We serve only gluten-free bread prepared in a kitchen excluding wheat flour, to include everyone regardless of wheat-gluten sensitivities. Come, taste and see, that the Lord is good.*

# LAMB OF GOD



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, grant us peace.

# COMMUNION HYMNS

*"We Come to the Hungry Feast"*

ELW 479

*"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"*

ELW 484

*"Eat This Bread"*

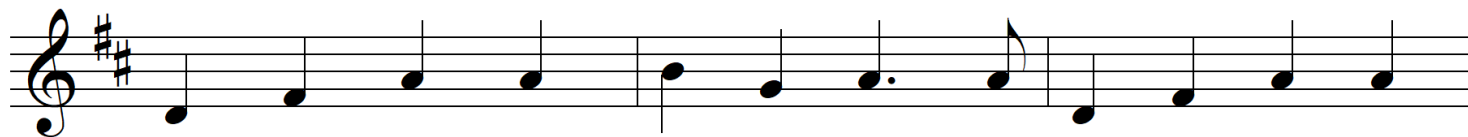
ELW 472

# We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479



1. We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry for a word of peace. To  
2. We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry for a world re - leased from  
3. We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry that the hun - ger cease, and



hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we \_ come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we \_ come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we \_ come, we \_ come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: Ray Makeever

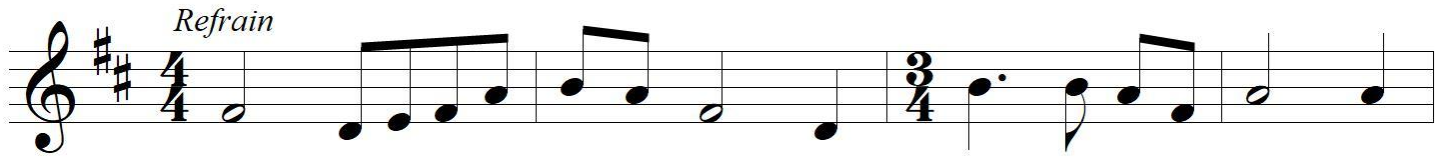
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HUNGRY FEAST

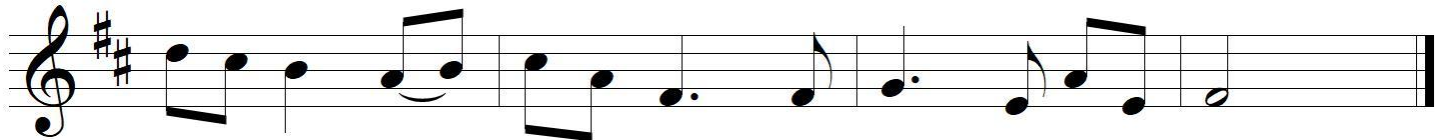
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# You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

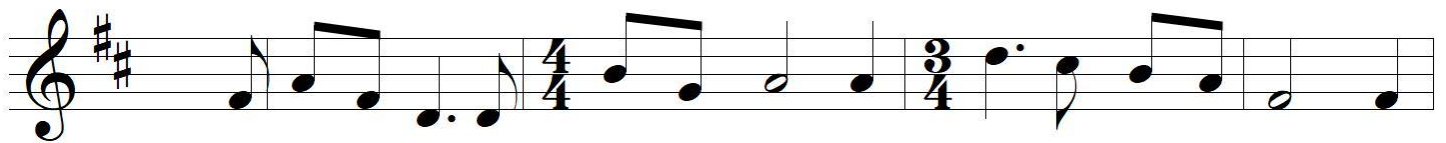
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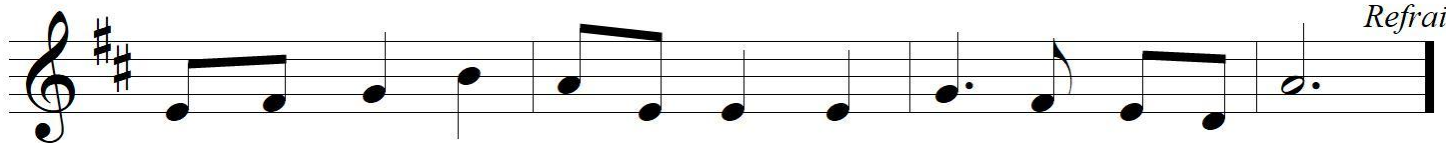
You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin-est wheat. Come



give to us O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice; so  
2. With joy-ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat-i-tude that  
3. Is not hte cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured? Do  
4. The mys-t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor-tal tongue can tell: whom  
5. You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self-less let us be, to



when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol-low and re-joice.  
you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heav'n-ly food.  
not one cup, one loaf, de-clare our one-ness in the Lord?  
all the world can-not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
serve each oth-er in your name in truth and char-i-ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997

Music: Robert E. Kreutz, 1922-1996

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BICENTENNIAL

CM and refrain

# Eat this Bread

ELW 472

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It features a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of chords and moving lines.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

The second system of music also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature. The melody in the upper staff continues with similar rhythmic patterns. The lower staff provides accompaniment, ending with a final chord and a double bar line.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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BERHTIER  
Irregular

# COMMUNION BLESSING

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One,

**through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## SENDING

### TEMPLE TALK

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

### SENDING HYMN

*“O Day Full of Grace”*

ELW 627 vs. 1,4,5

### SENDING

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

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#### WELCOME to Worship!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP, and families can sit anywhere in the sanctuary, including the chapel near the front.

A NURSERY is available downstairs across from the Choir Room for children under 5. Follow the signs.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNS are available from the ushers.

ADDITIONAL PARKING is available in the Ahlberg Chapel parking lot, one-half block north of the church on Terry Street.

RESTROOMS are located on the upper level of the church, along the hallway leading to the Big Room. There are handicap accessible restrooms on the lower level near the elevator, and in the Big Room.

We are blessed to be able to record our worship services so that others may enjoy worship remotely. Please note that today's worship service is audio and video recorded for online sharing and archival purposes.

We love seeing you in worship!

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Worship Assistant	Deacon Korra Looschen
Council Hosts:	Bill Campbell John Gaddis
Acolyte	Jonathan Leos
Ushers:	Herb Hergott Vicki Hergott
Reader:	Shannon Satur
Communion Assistants:	Dwight Tilford Marilyn Williams
Choir Director	Sally Campbell
Organist/Pianist:	Gary Elmquist

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# O Day Full of Grace

ELW 627

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, the Spir - it new  
 5. When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go taht 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 in death be  
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -

be a - bund - ant in 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, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling, This flame will the  
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will

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

Text: Scandinavian fold hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921-2001, alt.

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Music: Christoph E.F. Weyse, 1774-1842

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