

Hope Lutheran Church-an LCMS Congregation Rev. Dr. Pastor Tony Sikora

"The Spirit of truth will guide you."



Today the Fifty Days are fulfilled. The Spirit of God is poured out upon the church. The gift of God once limited to a chosen few is now given to all. Young and old, men and women, will prophesy so the wonders of God can be proclaimed and a new age begin (Joel 2:28-29). Today the parched land is

refreshed. The long wait is ended; the word of unfailing love comes afresh every morning (Ps. 143:6, 8). The intimacy of the Father and the Son is ours. Bound together in Christ, we are received into most intimate fellowship with the Father. We gather today, triumphant and exultant, to praise God. The Spirit has renewed the face of the earth; the Breath of God creates a new people. They are filled with every good thing, whatever is needed to manifest God's goodness in the world (Ps. 104:29, 31). The Spirit is given to us so the world may be delivered from the judgment to come. By the Spirit's testimony through us the world will be called to judgment. Repentance and faith are the response God seeks (John 16:8-11). To that end the Spirit is breathed into the disciples. Through them, others are led into the water of Baptism for the forgiveness of their sins. The Passover of Christ in which we shared is the goal of God for all. God does not desire the death of the sinner but the sinner's restoration. Peace is restored between humankind and their God (John 20:21-23). *Proclaim Year A, CPH*

Our Communion Practice

On the basis of God's Holy Word, Hope Lutheran Church continues to practice the ancient, Biblical and confessional practice of close(d) communion as an opportunity to give joyful witness to our unity in the Christian faith. Guests who are joining us this morning and hold membership in one of our sister LC-MS congregations are invited to join us in the reception of this great gift. Please take time to introduce yourself to Pastor Sikora prior to the Divine Service.

Because the nature of the Lord's Supper involves unity of doctrine and because Christendom is currently divided by denomination over doctrine and practice, we are unable to commune those who hold membership in other denominations. For a further explanation of fellowship in the Lord's Supper please take a few moments to read the tract, "What About: Fellowship in the Lord's Supper" which has been placed in the pew rack. You are invited to take one with you for further study. May God bless your reception of His Word this morning.

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We welcome you to church today, and it is a blessing to have you here. Our Lord has put His name upon us in blessing at the beginning of the Divine Service, and is given to us in blessing again at our departure. May our time spent in service and prayer today be filled with the Holy Spirit; so that we may speak of God's love and glory to those in our lives.

An unstaffed nursery room is available adjacent to the Fellowship Hall and is equipped with a speaker

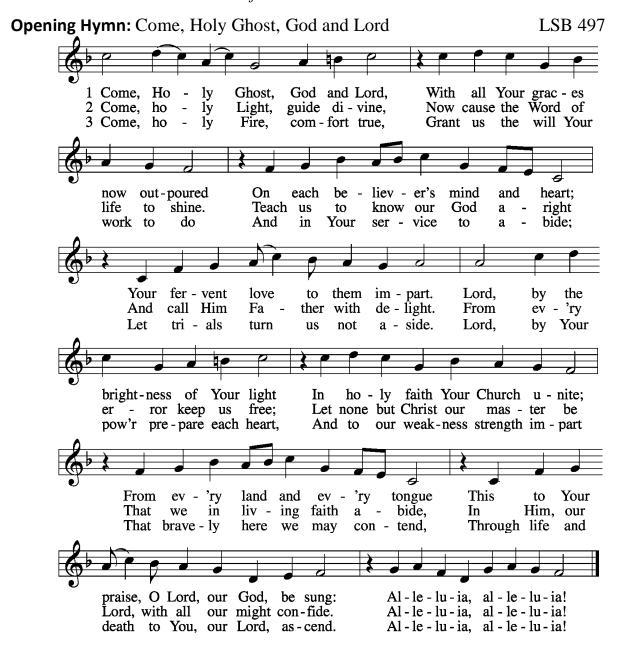
▼ In the Name of Jesus **▼**

On this the Day of Pentecost Confirmation Sunday Sunday, May 19, 2024 A.D.

Preservice Music: Ringers of Hope, "Cantad Al Senor"

Organ Prelude

Please stand at the conclusion of the bell toll



Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

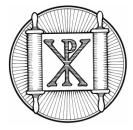
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

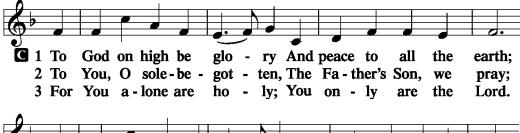
Kyrie



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



Gloria in Excelsis





Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!

O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.

For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect 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.

Be Seated

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1–14

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Choir sings the *Antiphon* first; Repeated immediately by the congregation and thereafter.



Choir:

How many are your works O Lord in wisdom you made them all. the earth is wide and full of your creatures; they look to you for food

All Sing Antiphon

When you give them their food in due season, they gather it up. When you send forth your spirit you make them and you renew the earth.

All Sing Antiphon

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and shall be world without end. Amen.

All Sing Antiphon

Second Reading: Acts 2:1–21

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse





Holy Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4-15

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Reading Response:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

whose kingdom will have no end.

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Be Seated



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Sermon



Confirmation

The pastor addresses the catechumens.

- Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- **P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R Yes, I do.
- **P** Do you renounce the devil?
- R Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you renounce all his works?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- **R** Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- Yes, 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 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.
- **P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- Yes, 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 everlasting.
- **P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$ I do.

- **P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R I do.
- **P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- **R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- **R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- **P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- **R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

- [Name], the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.
- R Amen.

The pastor may read a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation. After all the catechumens have received the blessing, one or both of the following collects are prayed.

Stand

- P Let us pray.
 - Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and

repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- Peace + be with you.
- C Amen.

Prayer of the Church and Offering

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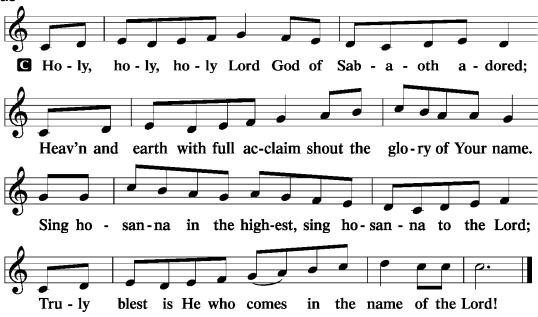
Service of the Sacrament

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Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In these last days, You have poured out Your Holy Spirit on Your Church that Your sons and daughters might proclaim the wonders of Your salvation in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your gathered people that, faithfully eating and drinking the body and blood of Your Son, we may go forth to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.



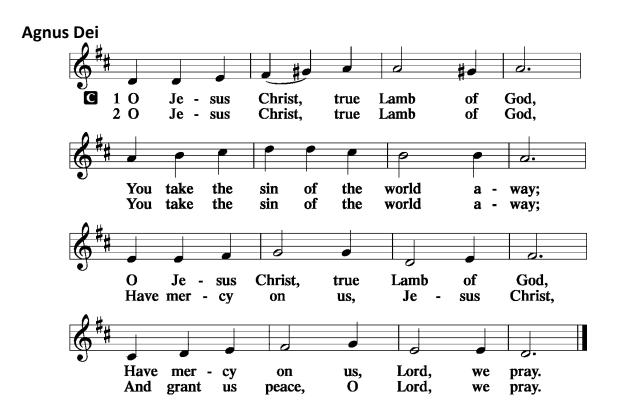
The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



Be Seated





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O Sing to the Lord, O Sing Him a new song! For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders! O Sing to our God! O Shout to the Lord, Who Gave us His Spirit! O Sing to our God! For Jesus is Lord! Amen, Alleluia! O Sing to Our God!

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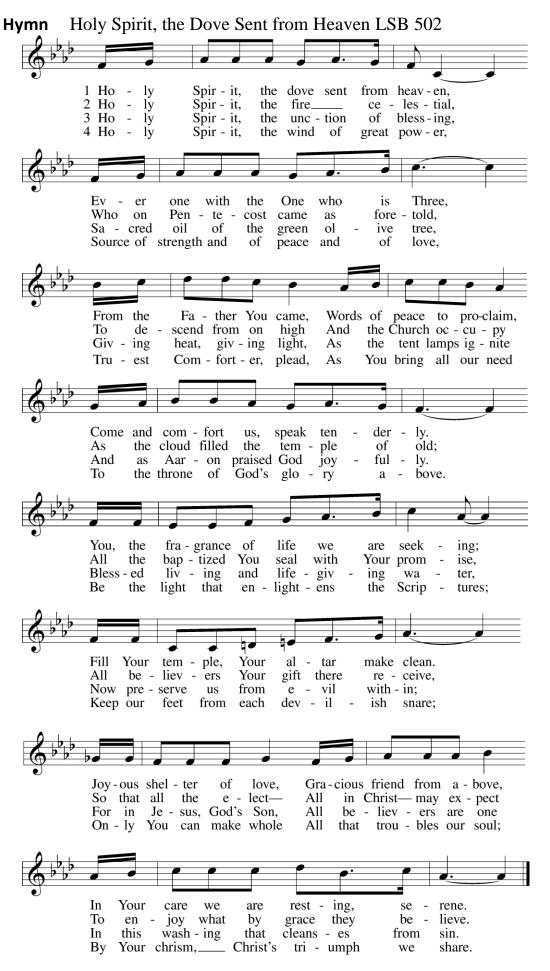
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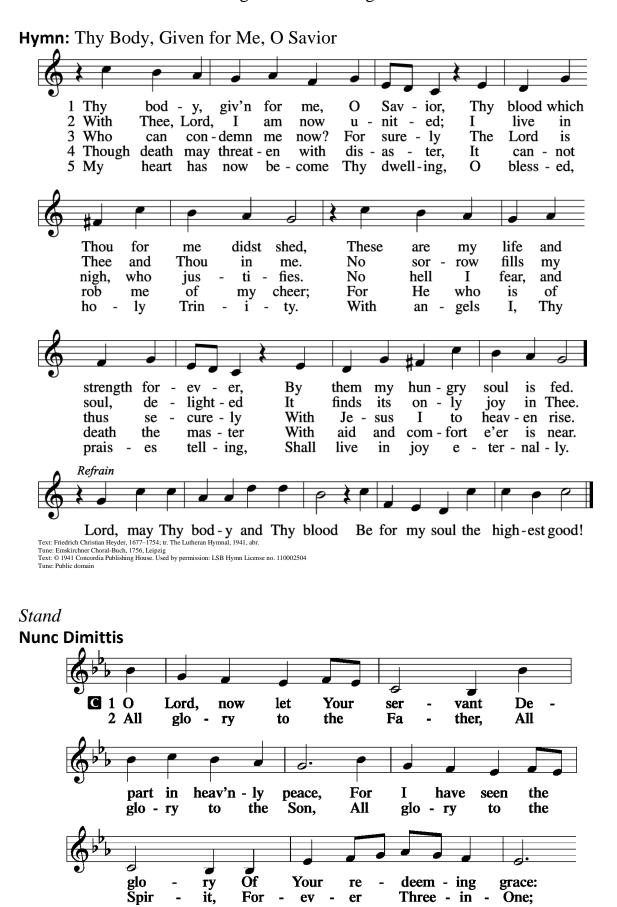
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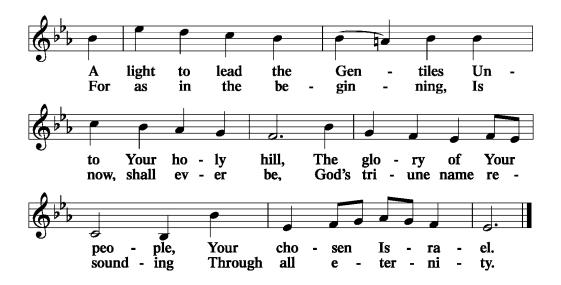
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Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

- **A** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- C Amen.





Organ Postlude

GO IN PEACE

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