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MAY 19, 2024 PENTECOST



Welcome to Worship!

We are glad you are here. May you feel the presence of God with you and in this community as we sing, pray, hear the Word and share in God's communion.

If you would like to share with us your name and connect with us in other ways, there is a visitor card at the back of this bulletin that may be filled out and placed in the offering plate.

Here's some things it may be helpful to know:

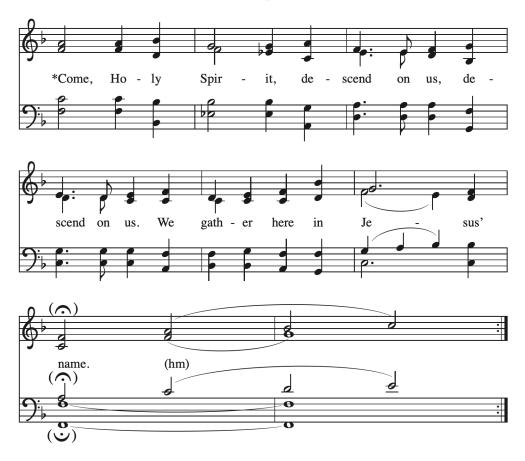
Most of what you need to follow the service is in this bulletin. "ELW" refers to the red hymnal at your seat. If a song is not in the bulletin, it will be in that book.

Our "Pray & Play" area is for our children! We are so glad they are here and rejoice that God gives us many ways to worship, learn and pray. We love their giggles and squirms. Children's coloring pages are available for them. There are books and bibles available for all ages, and kids are encouraged to participate and help with every and any aspect of the service – including reading Scripture and helping with communion! There is also a "Wiggle Room" towards the back of the sanctuary if you need a separate space for your little one where you can still hear the service.

Volunteer Schedule	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Communion Preparation	Jennifer Wardell	Nancy Farrer
Fellowship	BBQ	Patty Bryant
Technical Support	Adam Bryant	Megan Bladow
Altar Flowers	Courtice Family	

CALL TO WORSHIP ACS 980

Come, Holy Spirit, Descend



*Additional verses ad lib:

Come, Breath of heaven, . . .

Come, Word of mercy, . . .

Come, Fire of judgment, . . .

Come, great Creator, . . .

Come to unite us, ...

Come to disturb us, . . .

Come to inspire us, . . .

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: BREATH OF HEAVEN, John L. Bell

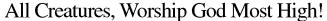
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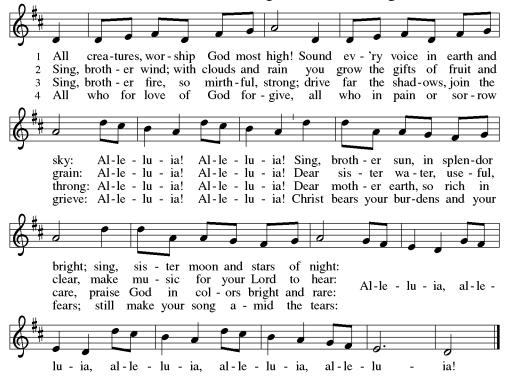
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Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

- ²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

 In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- ²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many 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.
- ²⁷All 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.
- ²⁹When 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.
- ³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.
- ³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.
- ³³I 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. Hallelujah!





- And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us home.
 Alleluia.
- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: Alleluia.

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623 Text ⊙ 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE—Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered,

"O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE — 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:

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.

18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

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SERMON Pastor Liz

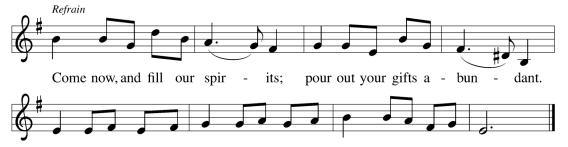
O Living Breath of God



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin-ning up-on the wa ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre a tion to won-drous birth:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre a tion gives life a new:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre a tion for free-dom's birth:



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923 Music: VÅRVINDAR FRISKA, Swedish folk tune

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

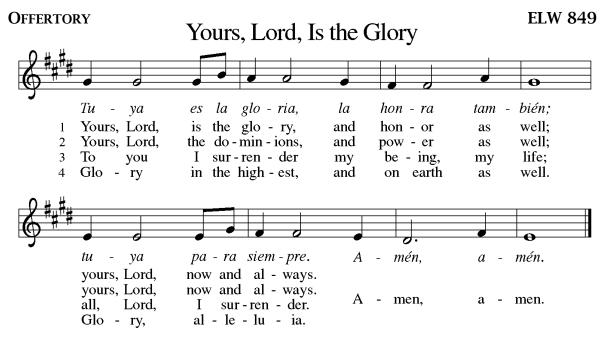
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you!**

OFFERING

On the back of this bulletin you will find a tear-off sheet for you to fill out your information if you are visiting, or if you would like to submit a prayer request. All prayers are private unless you indicate otherwise. Please place the sheet in the offering.



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OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

FUCHARIST PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness

to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ is lisen.
Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. Come, Holy Spirit. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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Spirit of Gentleness



Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940 Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley

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Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom



- 1 Earth is full of wit and wis dom, sound-ing God's de light-ed laugh,
- 2 Earth is full of wit and wis dom, wo ven in to har mo ny.
- 3 Earth is full of wit and wis dom: pen guin, pla ty pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe. Ev - 'ry crea-ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum-ble - bee. cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won-der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice Spi-der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon-key, chick - en, mouse, and snake In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring-ing cho-rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice. live with-in a sin-gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make. born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, Columbian Harmony, 1825; arr. hymnal version

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BLESSING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope \oplus bless you now and always.

Amen.



Text: African American spiritual

Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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 - Church Member
- ☐ In Need of Prayer

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- ☐ receive the Weekly News email
 - □ receive the monthly Newsletter□ learn how to get involved
 - □ receive a call from Pastor Liz



PRAYER REQUEST

Please place this tab in the offering plate.

CALENDAR

Lutheran Church of Hope events are in **bold**

SUNDAY, MAY 19

- •8:30 AM—Bible Study
- •10 AM—Worship with Holy Communion
- •11:30 AM—Garden Blessing & BBQ
- •2 PM—Christian Worship Center

MONDAY, MAY 20 Office Hours 1-5 PM •6 PM—Sit Stav Play AK

TUESDAY, MAY 21 Office Hours 1-5 PM

- •4:30 PM—Mobile Food Pantry
- •7 PM—Plus 24 AA
- •7 PM—Shoulder to Shoulder Al Anon

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 Office Hours 1-5 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 23 Office Hours 1-5 PM
•6:30 PM—Overeaters Anonymous

FRIDAY, MAY 24

•6 PM—Sit Stay Play AK

SATURDAY, MAY 25

- •12 PM—United Church of God
- •5 PM—Christian Worship Center

SUNDAY, MAY 26

- •8:30 AM—Bible Study
- •10 AM—Worship With Holy Communion
- •2 PM—Christian Worship Center

□ I would like a call from Pastor Liz May 19, 2024