

May 20, 2018  
Day of Pentecost

# Worship Guide



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WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

We welcome all people to join us in worship and fellowship. Children are welcome in worship, we also have nursery care during our worship service. Please ask an usher to direct you. Please join us after the service in the Fireside Room for refreshments and time to visit.



## WORSHIP GUIDE

Our worship is participatory. This guide will help you. The text that follows is called “liturgy.” Some parts are spoken or sung by worship leaders. Other parts are spoken or sung by the whole assembly. The parts spoken or sung by the whole assembly are identified with **bold text**.

We will also sing some songs (or hymns). These songs are identified with a title and a song number. These songs may be found in one of three books or printed in this bulletin. These books are identified as follows:

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)** – the red book

**With One Voice (WOV)** – the blue book

**Worship and Praise (WP)** – the purple book

Other instructions (when to stand) are printed in *italic text* or will be provided by a worship lead.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

Today we celebrate Pentecost. This is a celebration of the birth of the Christian church and a celebration of the gift of God's Holy Spirit. The texts we read today come from the Gospel according to John and the book of Acts. From John, we hear Jesus assuring his followers that even though he is leaving them, they are not being abandoned because he is sending an Advocate (the Holy Spirit) to them. According to Acts, this promise was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit became apparent "like the rush of a violent wind" and "tongues as of fire rested upon" a crowd of people of various ethnicities and languages were all heard and understood as they spoke about "God's deeds of power."

# HOLY COMMUNION

SETTING FOUR

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Before the prelude, speak to one other. During the prelude, speak to God. During the service, listen for God to speak to you. During the week, let God speak through you.*

## The Invitation of the Bell

### Announcements

### Gathering Litany based on Ezekiel 37:1-14

P: Hear the words of the prophet Ezekiel.

The 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. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?”

#### **C: Can these bones live?**

I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I 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.”

#### **C: Can these bones live?**

So 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. I 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.

#### **C: They have no breath.**

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, 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.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

**C: They are alive!**

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole people of God. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’

**C: Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost.**

Therefore 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. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I 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.”

**Gathering Song:**

**O Day of Rest and Gladness**

**ELW 521**

**Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide  
flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!

<sup>2</sup> Praise we Christ, whose love divine  
gives his sacred blood for wine,  
gives his body for the feast--  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

<sup>7</sup> Easter triumph, Easter joy,  
this alone can sin destroy!  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!

<sup>8</sup> Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.  
Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

**C:** Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

## WORD

**Time with the Kid's**

**Pastor Peggy White**

### First Reading:

**Acts 2:1-21**

AM: 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 nation 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, "Men of Judea 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." The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm Reading**

## **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (read responsively)**

AM: <sup>4</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!

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

**C: <sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,  
living things both small and great.**

AM: <sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

**C: <sup>27</sup>All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**

AM: <sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**C: <sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

AM: <sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

**C: <sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

AM: <sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

C: <sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

AM: <sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

C: <sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!**

## Gospel Acclamation

ELW 151

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

## Gospel Reading:

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

P: The holy gospel according to John

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: [Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“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. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless 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. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me

no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When 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. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

*(please be seated)*

**Sermon:**

**Pastor Peggy White**

**Hymn of the Day:**

**Spirit of Gentleness**

**ELW 396**

*(Usher will come by and pick up your Prayer cards)*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

AM: Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

*A brief silence.*

AM: Lord of life, you baptize your people with the fire of the Spirit. Grace your church everywhere with your visions and dreams, so that as we testify, all will hear the gospel and call upon your saving name. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

AM: Your creating Spirit renews the face of the earth. Bring to birth new life in the earth's land forms and waters. Awaken us from the slumber of neglect to show tender care for our home. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

AM: Your Spirit swept over the waters and you created the human family. Now we are divided, scattered like dry bones. Connect the nations with the strength of the Holy Spirit, so that all will live in hope. This week from the Cycle of World Prayer we especially lift up Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius and Seychelles. May they live in your peace and protection. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

AM: Your Spirit sighs with every need. Guide us in honoring the dignity of everyone and opening our lives to others. Pour your healing mercies into the lives of all who need your care (*especially those we name silently and aloud*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

AM: Your Spirit has called and gathered this congregation into life in Christ. Help us in our weakness, teach us to pray, search our hearts, and intercede for us, your beloved saints, according to your will. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

AM: By your Holy Spirit you have called and gathered people from every nation under heaven. Gather us with all the saints at the heavenly banquet that has no end. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: and also with you.**

## **MEAL**

### **Offering**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

### **Offering Prayer**

P: Let us pray . . .

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

**C: Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: 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”

ELW 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

## Words of Institution

P: 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.

**C: 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 invited and welcome at this table. We come together and kneel or stand as we desire. Gluten free bread is available upon request. Red wine or white grape juice is served in individual cups. If you choose not to receive the bread and wine you are invited to come for a blessing, or stay in your seat in silent prayer. (For those who cannot come to the table, we will come to you.*

## Communion Music:

*(please stand as you are able)*

**Ian Langga**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace

**C: Amen.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

P: Let us pray . . .

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **Blessing**

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Sending Song**

### **The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve ELW 551**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God**

### **Postlude**

**Please join us for refreshments in the Fireside Room after the service.**

### **IMPORTANT**

**PLEASE, IF YOU ARE THE LAST PERSON TO LEAVE ON SUNDAY,  
BE SURE THAT ALL DOORS ARE CLOSED TIGHT. THEY WILL  
ALREADY BE LOCKED.**

## **Those in service today**

Pastor:	Pastor Peggy White
Organist:	Ian Langga
Ushers:	Bob Balcomb/Les Grundy
Lector:	Jim White
Altar Care	Linda Perez
Flowers:	Linda Perez for Tyler's Birthday
Refreshments:	

## **Prayer List**

Jim White	Mario Chissesi
Les Grundy	Dottie Chissesi
Thelma Spaziani	Sharon Biller
Eunice Phillips	Nathan Crall
Doris Wacker	Alice Abbing
Marie Hughes	Martin Iverson (Son of Linda Iverson/Sissler)

### **Financials/Attendance for May 6, 2018**

Attendance: 33  
Offering: \$2323.00  
SCOM: \$15.00

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

The May Social Concern of the Month is the Lord's Pantry

**“A generous person will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.” Proverbs 22:9**

In Silicon Valley, a region famed for its foodie culture where you can dine on gold-flecked steaks, \$500 tasting menus, and \$29 loaves of bread, hunger is alarmingly widespread, according to new research conducted by the Health Trust.

One in four people in Silicon Valley are at risk of hunger, researchers at the Second Harvest Food Bank have found. Using hundreds of community interviews and data modeling, a new study suggests that 26.8% of the population—almost 720,000 people—qualify as “food insecure” based on risk factors such as missing meals, relying on food banks or food stamps, borrowing money for food, or neglecting bills and rent in order to buy groceries. Nearly a quarter are families with children.

Food insecurity often accompanies other poverty indicators, such as homelessness. San Jose, Silicon Valley's largest city, had a homeless population of more than 4,000 people during a recent count. They are hungry, too: research conducted by the Health Trust, a local not-for-profit, found food resources available to them are scattered and inadequate.

Because poverty is often shrouded in shame, the clients' situations can come as a surprise.

Often we think of somebody visibly hungry, the traditional homeless person, but the study is putting light on the non-traditional homeless: people living in their car or a garage, working people who have to choose between rent and food, people without access to a kitchen.”

We are not thinking when we pick up our shirts from the dry cleaners, get our landscaping done, go to a restaurant, or get our child cared for, is that person hungry? It is very easy to assume they are fine. Thank you for helping us care for those in need with your generous donations and time! Mary DeHart, Director of Lord's Pantry

Stats for the months of: MARCH of people served by Lord's Pantry

Adults 1515

Children 287

Seniors 981

Homeless 300

Total served: 3080 individuals 991 families

Layettes given out: 8

## Faith Lutheran's Hospitality Credo

**Mission: By the Power of God: Caring, Sharing, Praying, Growing**

### **Caring & Growing**

1. All are welcome  
We are inclusive  
We value you being here

### **Caring & Praying**

2. We expect to meet Jesus  
Every Sunday when we gather  
Communion/ Lord's Supper is open to everyone without restrictions

### **Praying & Sharing**

3. Service  
Worship on Sunday is when we gather to receive God's service to us, and to thank and praise God.  
Serving our neighbor and the stranger is what we are sent out to do.
4. Grateful and Thankful  
We know all of life is a gift and blessing from God.  
We are sent out to be a blessing to everyone we meet.

### **Sharing**

5. Sharing our resources  
Financial: One of God's many blessings is our financial gifts  
FLC shares 15% of all our offerings, plus the social concern of the month offerings with:  
The broader Lutheran church  
The world  
Our neighbors  
Energy: We give our time and passion to 6 local community charities

### **Praying & Growing**

6. We are human  
We struggle with our lack of faith & human condition  
We confess our sins  
We repent – that is turn around to Jesus  
We accept forgiveness, sometimes  
We are blessed with God's love and forgiveness  
As Lutherans, we live daily as both saint and forgiven sinner.  
Which means we are human.

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle – This Week  
May 20, 2018

*Pray for: Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius and Seychelles*

*We Pray for:*

- the fragile environment and the unique plants, animals and lands, that they will be protected, especially as the sea rises
  - tourism and other economic developments, that they will not threaten, but enhance life for all the people in these countries
  - churches, that they will grow through evangelistic efforts and in their work with those of other faiths
  - Christians to be bolder in their public witness for justice and reconciliation, especially in times of political turmoil.