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As We Gather . . .

Today is an important and historic day! Because of the COVID pandemic that has impacted the entire world in 2020, it has been months since God's people at Our Savior have been able to gather for worship and to receive the Sacrament in this sanctuary. Today, we do so in small groups of 10. Hopefully soon we will be able to gather in larger groups. God is good!

WELCOME TO ALL! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

STATION #1 [Luther Hall]: We greet one another, today's process explained, we hear a brief devotion, we sing

HYMNS:

LSB 496, vs. 1,2,5

"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

**Holy Spirit, light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn the darkness into day.**

**Let me see my Savior's face,
Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me
Which are only known to Thee.**

**Holy Spirit, all divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne,
Reign supreme, and reign alone.**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

LSB 809

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

**(Refrain): Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Refrain:

SONGS:

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

LSB 806

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong,”
Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong,”
Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

Give thanks, give thanks.

“When Peace, like a River”

LSB 763

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

REFRAIN:

It is well with my soul, It is well with my soul.

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. REFRAIN:**

**He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! REFRAIN:**

**And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. REFRAIN:**

“Thy Word”

Amy Grant/Michael W. Smith

**Chorus: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

**When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way,
still You’re there right beside me,
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. Chorus**

I will not forget Your love for me and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,
and I will love You to the end. Chorus

Ending: And a light unto my path
You're the light unto my path.

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OBJECT LESSON/DEVOTION

STATION #2 [Mitschke Hall]: We confess our faith, we come before the Lord in prayer.



SCRIPTURE READINGS for Pentecost Sunday:

Numbers 11:24-30

24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. **25** Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

26 Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. **27** And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." **28** And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." **29** But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!" **30** And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Acts 2:1-21

1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. **6** And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. **7** And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? **9** Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, **11** both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." **12** And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" **13** But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

14 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. **15** For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. **16** But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: **17** "'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; **18** even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. **19** And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; **20** the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. **21** And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'



John 7:37-39

37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. **38** Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" **39** Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

All: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And 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.

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. Amen.



PRAYERS: (written by Pastor Schlote)

We begin our prayers today by pausing to bring before the Lord all those things that are on our hearts...

Lord, there are many among us who have lost a loved one or who are worried about the possibility of losing their own life or that of someone they love. Help them to take comfort in Your presence with them and Your promises for them. Give us peace and hope grounded in Your Resurrection from the dead. Fill us with confidence - even now, especially now!

Lord we are aware that there are COVID cases in many of our area hospitals and adult care facilities. We pray for each of the families effected and that the spread of the virus would soon come to an end.

Watch over all our service men and women as they serve to protect freedom, especially Nathan Gates, Jim Kledzik, George Lapp and Nora Wold from our congregation. Bless our chaplains as they share the light of Christ with those under their care.

Be with all who in their vocations care for others in their time of need: police, firefighters, first-responders. Watch over all the medical personnel who find themselves on the front lines of this life and death battle.

Watch over the families who are temporarily without work, who have had hours or pay cut back, or who are locked down in their places of residence. Help us to reach out to encourage them.

Lord, there is a lot going on in our world that could cause people to be uncertain and anxious. Remind us of YOUR peace and then use us, as ambassadors of peace, to remind those around us that there is hope and peace in Christ Jesus - even in the face of anxiety and fear.

Draw us closer to You and to one another - even while we find ourselves separated from one another. Bless our times of worship, and time in Your Word so that we can BE church to each other and those around us. By the power of the Spirit at work in us and among us, help us to always be focused on Your cross and Resurrection. Help us by Your grace we join You in growing faith, friendships, and family in Christ!

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

All: **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.**

STATION #3 [Sanctuary]: brief message from Pastor, Confession & Absolution, Communion, Benediction.

MESSAGE: "Two of God's Powerful Resources"

Today, our service continues with the order of Confession and Absolution with questions to guide us.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTIONS (with questions):

Pastor: I now ask you before God, Who searches the heart:
Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned God and have deserved His present and eternal punishment? Then declare so by saying, "I do confess". (response)

Pastor: We should confess our sins, for the Holy Scriptures declare: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."
Do you heartily repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed? Then declare so by saying, "I do repent". (response)

Pastor: We should repent in this way as did the penitent sinners in the Scriptures: King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the publican; the prodigal son, and others.
Do you believe that God by grace will forgive you all your sins in Jesus' name? Then declare so by saying, "I do believe". (response)

Pastor: We should believe this for God not only promises to forgive our sins but also to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Do you promise that with the help of the Holy Spirit you will amend your sinful life and strive to live as a child of God? Then declare so by saying, "I do promise". (response)

Pastor: This is a good promise for us to make for Jesus Christ says to us, "Let your light so shine before people that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven".
Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of Christ? Then declare so by saying, "I do believe". (response)

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of the Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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