

DAY OF PENTECOST

John 14:26a



“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom
the Father will send in My name,”

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

* *Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: O God, You taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 11:1-9

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Spirit of Faith, Come Down

arr. James D. Kimball

(Bell Choir)

The Psalmody for the Day (read responsively)

Psalm 143

¹LORD, hear my prayer, and in Your faithfulness heed my supplications; answer me in Your righteousness.

²Enter not into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight shall no one living be justified.

³For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground; he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

⁴My spirit faints within me; my heart within me is desolate.

⁵I remember the time past; I muse upon all Your deeds; I consider the works of Your hands.

⁶I spread out my hands to You; my soul gasps to You like a thirsty land.

⁷O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; do not hide Your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

⁸Let me hear of Your loving kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in You; show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to You.

⁹Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, for I flee to You for refuge.

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¹¹Revive me, O LORD, for Your name's sake; for Your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

¹²Of Your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught for truly I am Your servant.

Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

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C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* The Gospel

John 14:23-31

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

*The Hymn of the Day

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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*The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

I 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

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

*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

*The Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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*The Great Thanksgiving

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*The Lord's Prayer

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.

Lamb of God

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The Distribution

Communion Hymn

Spirit of Gentleness

(ELW) No. 396

Prayer/Blessing

Announcements

*The Benediction (*sung response*)

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn

Go My Children, with My Blessing

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*The Dismissal (*response*)

C: Thanks be to God.

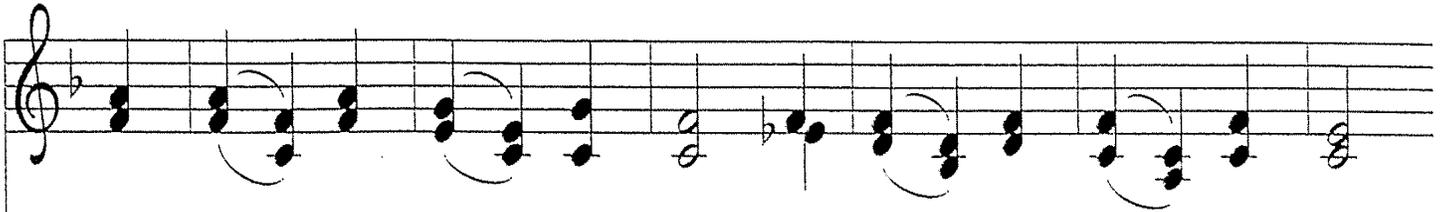
*FLC Sending Hymn

Be The Love of Christ

arr. Michael Showalter

Roger Thornhill

Postlude



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares,
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

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God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

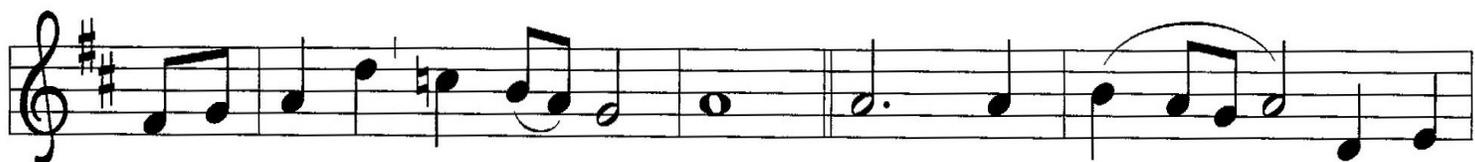


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



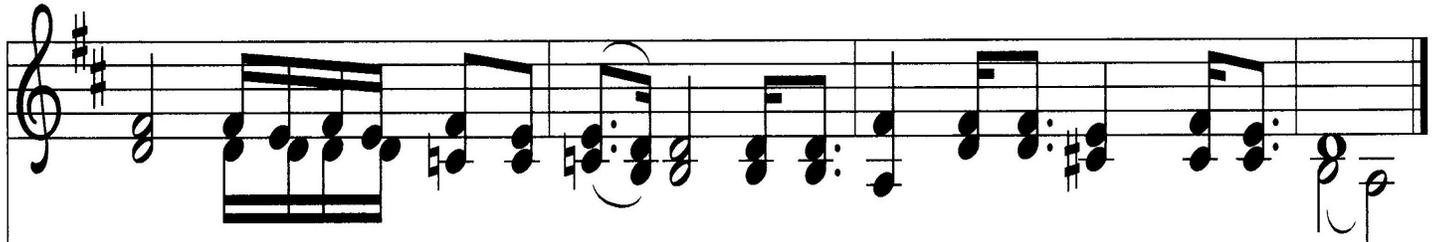
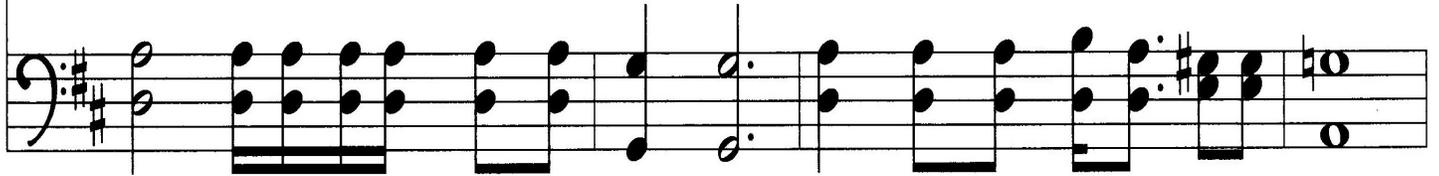
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Spirit of Gentleness

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Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

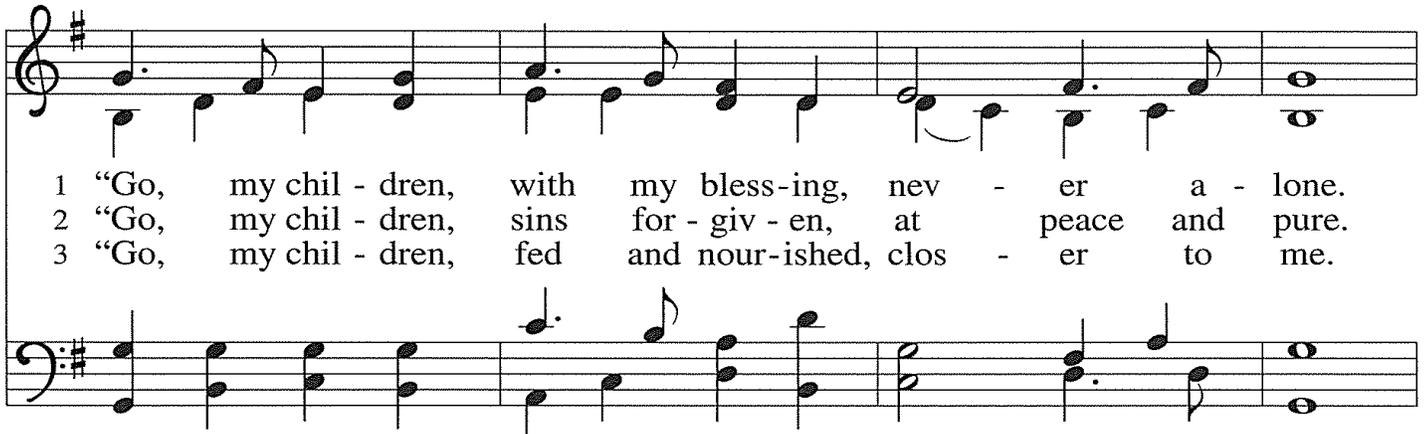


Refrain

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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The Flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God by Allan Zimmerman and Patty Platts to honor God for His many blessings to us, and in remembrance of Thelma Zimmerman, a special wife and mother—"She is gone from our sight but not our hearts." A donation was made to the Air Conditioner Fund.

The Lay Reader is Kris Briggs.

Counters/Greeters today are H. Quedenfeld and D. Schmidt.

Acolytes are Heidi Walsh, Nathaniel Black and Wesley Black.

Welcome to our Visitors! The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church? Please contact Pastor Grewe.

Nursery: We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs of infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

Bell Choir Practice on Monday at 7 PM..

The Flower Chart for 2022 is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2022. Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2022. Please sign up.

Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia.
Please consider this as a call to help others in need.

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Janet Burke, Maureen Curry, Eveline Reihner, Rocky and Carol, Shari Kienzle, Chiquita, Stacy Carroll, Byron Christian, Billie Sue Serbak, Susan Westott, Fred Dupas, baby Isaac Christian, Sandy Hebrank, Lynn Hudak, Allan Zimmerman, the Pollana family, Ashley McCartney, Amy Verderber, Sylvia Sunstrum, Kevin Ryan, Bob Cable, baby Ryan, Danielle Pinkerton, Dan, Fritz Group, Amy, Lucy & Dave Mehaffey, Stephanie Kennedy, Jessi, Bill Hisiro, Richard, Ruby Rogers, Becky, Mel & Klaus Behrens, Joanne Reck, Jackie, Jeff Ulanich, Bill Stewart, Morgan, Sharon Fritz, baby Matthew, Tim & Karen Edwards, Tom Liam, Gary, Daniel, Judy Dombrowsky, Emily Buchleitner, Mike Zahora, Jean Erdmann, Justin Spine, Greg Mason, Alexandra Perry, Lu Mayne, Pat, Robert Schmidt, Chipper, Delores Stebella, Jerry Vitteck, Chaz Sands, Jason, Austin, Rich, Tonnia, Barbara Morton, Rev. Phil Gagnon, Kandi, and Jacob

EMERGENCY CONTACTS
FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

Church Offering Change: In order to keep everyone safe we have changed how we collect the Sunday Offering. We do not have our ushers pass the plates around. Instead, we have one offering plate located by the last pew and one by the choir loft. Please place your offering in one of those plates. Feel free to place your offering in the plates during our Offertory if you did not do so on the way in.

Listening for the Promise
Weekly Devotional
Pentecost Sunday — June 5, 2022

“For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.”

- Job 19:25 -

Little did the author of the Book of Job, who wrote about two thousand years before Christ, realize how his words would one day describe the risen Christ. Yes, Christ is risen! Our Redeemer lives, and one day, he will come again and walk among us! The knowledge of the truth of a living Redeemer makes all the difference for us today just as it did for Job.

The fact “my Redeemer lives” brought Job peace and hope in the midst of great affliction. Job suffered the death of his children, servants, and livestock. He also lost his home and health (see Job chs. 1-2). Yet, he understood that his present anguish, no matter how painful and seemingly all-encompassing, was not the final word. He knew a greater reality that trumped all his misery: He knew “my Redeemer lives” and that he would one day “see [him] for myself” (1:27). And, for Job, that knowledge of and his faith in his Redeemer sustained him in his trials.

And, in the midst of his suffering, Job didn’t just hold onto “a Redeemer,” or “the Redeemer;” he held onto “my Redeemer.” His Redeemer with whom he had personal relationship, the one he knew would one day advocate for him and declare his innocence (see 16:18-19). Now, Job shows us how to withstand the difficult, even excruciating, trials of life by so beautifully setting his hope on his Redeemer. We, like Job, can set our hope on our Redeemer and proclaim, “I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth.” We, like Job, can keep our eyes on our Redeemer with whom we have a personal relationship. We, like Job, can know that our Redeemer advocates for us and declares our innocence.

And we have an advantage over Job: We know our Redeemer’s name. We know his identity, his works, his unfathomable love revealed on the cross. We know his promises and his desires for us. And we have his precious Spirit living within us, guiding, convicting, comforting, counseling, empowering, sustaining, and walking with us every moment of every day.

We can say, “Jesus, my Redeemer lives. He remains with me and sustains me every moment. And because he lives, I will live too.