

# Christ Lutheran Church & The Bridge Campus Ministry

## May 28, 2023 – Pentecost

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### INTRODUCTION

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

## WELCOME

### PRELUDE

"Spirit of the Living God" Arr. Christian Yoder

Mixed Ensembles

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
as citizens of the new creation.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.  
Holy God,  
holy and merciful,  
holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring.  
In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.  
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.  
Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.  
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.  
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,  
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**

**Empower our witness to your resurrection.**

**Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.  
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.  
Where despair prevails, grant hope.  
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.  
We ask this through Christ,  
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.  
**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

### *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine (ELW 398)*



- 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
- 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
- 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
- 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
- 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.  
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.  
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.  
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.  
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892

Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

### **FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21**

A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup>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.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)**



**GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**



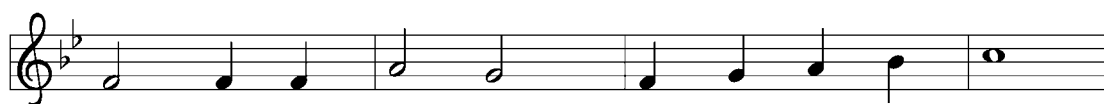
**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* (ELW 800)



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

**PRESENTATION (ELW p. 227)**

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Jessica Lynn Makar called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

As you come to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live among God's faithful people,  
 to engage the word of God and receive the holy supper,  
 to learn the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

to study the holy scriptures,  
and nurture *your* faith in prayer,  
so that *you* may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to pursue growth in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Jessica and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

**We do.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH (ELW p. 229)**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly. All Stand.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT (ELW p. 230)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

### **BAPTISM (ELW p. 230)**

Jessica Lynn Makar, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**You belong to Christ,  
in whom you have been baptized.**

**Alleluia.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Jessica with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Jessica, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

### **WELCOME (ELW p. 231)**

Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

Dear God, Thank you for bringing us together today in person and online, and thank you for all of the blessings in our lives. Thank you for the Easter Season and Pentecost, and for sending Jesus and the Holy Spirit into the world for all of us. You show us your love in so many ways. Help us this week as we share your love in our daily lives. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Hope, many people are dealing with problems caused by war, weather, disasters and other emergencies. Many people face stress, anxiety, sadness for numerous reasons that we do not know about. Many people feel alone and helpless. We ask you to help them as they face different challenges, and help us to show them love, provide them with comfort, and give them hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Love, thank you for being with us in good times and in bad. Help us to remember that you are always with us and you truly do wonderful things in our lives. And please also help us to remember that while we are all different in so many ways, we are all Your children because You made us in Your image. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Peace, so many people live in danger and in fear in our world. Please be with everyone whose lives are filled with danger of any sort. We ask you to help our leaders around the world to work for peace instead of conflict. Please protect those who serve in the military, comfort military families and bless our veterans. We ask you to also bless all refugees and help them to find comfort, respect, and acceptance. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Compassion, we ask you to comfort those experiencing grief and loss and to relieve those who are suffering. Please also bring strength to those who are hospitalized, confined to homes, or undergoing tests. We pray for healing for anyone who is ill in mind, body, or spirit. Restore to wholeness those who are struggling with addictions. Bless our shut-ins and help us to bring them joy. Please hear us now as we ask for blessings for those we name aloud or in our hearts..... Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Comfort, be with those to whom death draws near and those who have lost loved ones. Bring peace and comfort to all who mourn; knowing with the conviction of our faith that

because you so loved the world that you gave your Chosen Son, who died and rose again, we too will have eternal life. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

#### **GENEROSITY MOMENT**

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#### **OFFERTORY**

"Offertory" John Ness Beck

Mixed Ensembles



# OFFERING SONG

## "Rich in Blessings"

George Weckman

1. Man - y years of faith - ful wor - ship, Rich in bless - ings from a - bove,  
 2. Here in A - thens our good ci - ty, Here we keep our wit - ness clear,  
 3. Hear our pipes and hear our voic - es As we con - tem - plate our place,  
 4. True to Lu - ther and Mel - anch - thon, Set for what the fu - ture brings,

5  
 Man - y years of deep re - flec - tion On the Gos - pel's Word of Love.  
 Here in Ap - pal a - chian foot - hills We preach Je - sus with - out fear.  
 Lis - ten while we tune our hearts to hear God's words of love and grace.  
 Hap - py in our past tra - di - tions, O - pen to our world's new things.,

9  
 In our lives of will - ing ser - vice, Thanks to God who guides our way.  
 U - ni - ver - si - ty and coun - ty, This our par - ish, this our role.  
 Praise to God who, rich in bless - ings, Gives this world its glo - rious glow.  
 On - ward, up - ward, in - ward, out - ward, Je - sus guide us in our ways.

13  
 Through the tur - moil, times of strug - gle, Bring - ing us to joy to - day.  
 Our vo - ca - tion, rich in bless - ings, To reach out to one and all.  
 Peace and mer - cy, hope and glad - ness, Stay with us as on we go.  
 Rich in bless - ings, peace, and friend - ship, Make our lives true hymns of praise.

Text: George Weckman, 2019  
 Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

Hymn To Joy  
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# OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God,  
 in this meal you offer your very self.  
 We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.  
 In the breaking of this bread  
 reveal to us the Risen One.  
 In the pouring of this wine  
 pour us out in service to the world;  
 through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

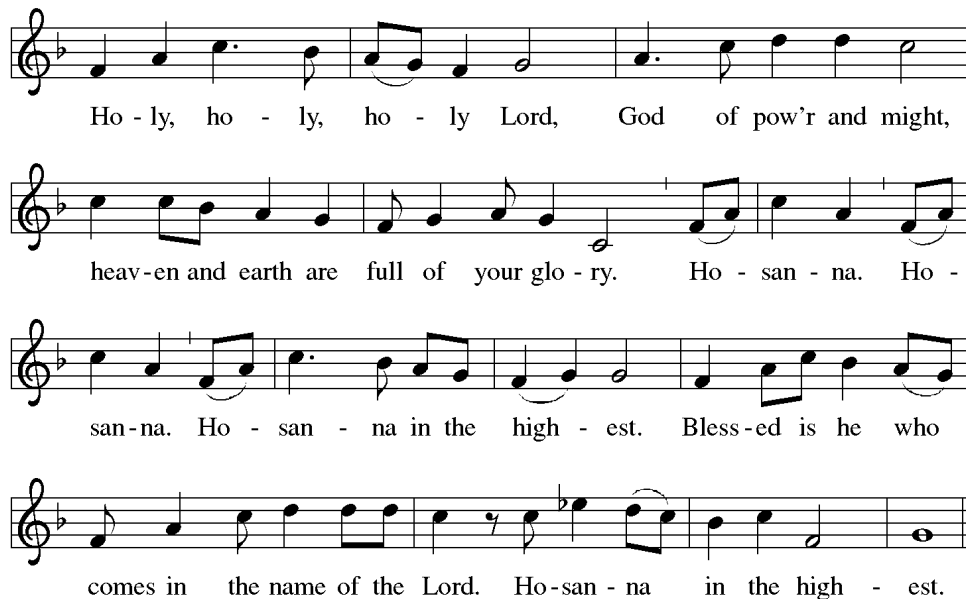
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,  
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,  
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,

Breath of life and Fire of love:

with a mighty wind you brought creation into being,

and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom.

We praise you for the gift of your Son,

who poured out your Spirit on his disciples of every race and nation.  
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.  
Remembering, therefore,  
his death, resurrection,  
and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit,  
we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth.  
Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal:  
anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love,  
that, with thankful hearts,  
we may be witnesses to your Son.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.  
**Amen**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,**  
    **hallowed be your name,**  
    **your kingdom come,**  
    **your will be done,**  
        **on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
    **as we forgive those**  
        **who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial**  
    **and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
    **and the glory are yours,**  
    **now and forever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ,  
broken and poured out for you.

### COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BLESSING

The God of all,  
who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG*****Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake (ELW 799)***

1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spake, "all in my way a -  
2 "I am the light; I light the way, a god - ly life dis -  
3 "I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your soul's sal -  
4 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, and take the cross ap -



bid - ing; de - ny your-selves, the world for - sake, o -  
play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day; I  
va - tion; from ev - 'ry guile your heart I free, from  
point - ed, and, firm - ly cling - ing to his word, in



bey my call and guid - ing. Oh, bear the cross, what -  
keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide; take my ex - am - ple for your guide."  
well I show how you should so - journ here be - low."  
of the soul and lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
bat - tle's strain the crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–1677; tr. Charles W. Shaeffer, 1813–1896, alt.

Music: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT, Bartholomäus Gesius, 1555–1613; adapt. Johann Herman Schein, 1586–1630

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The Holy Spirit leads us out in Jesus name.

**Thanks be to God.**

***SERVING TODAY:*** *Presider/Preacher: Chad Huebner; Organist: George Weckman; Asst/Lector: Jane Unger; Livestream: Sam Hanson; Greeter: Tammy Thompson; Ushers: Tim Prange, Jim Sillery; Time with Children: Cheryl Huebner; Acolyte: Rachel Prange; Children's Church: Lucy Crawford*