



He will guide you into all the truth.

John 16:13

Day of Pentecost • May 19, 2024

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Voluntary on ‘Come Down, O Love Divine’” John Barr

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor’s house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor’s.**

Confession and Absolution

Hymn: “Holy Spirit”

Verse 1

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.
No thing can compare, you're our living hope.
Your presence...

Verse 2

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone.
In your presence, Lord...

Chorus

Holy Spirit, you are welcome here.
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by your presence, Lord.
Your presence, Lord...

Interlude

Your presence, Lord...
Your presence...
Oh, God, how we love your presence, Lord.

Bridge

Let us become more aware of your presence
Let us experience the glory of your goodness (Lord)

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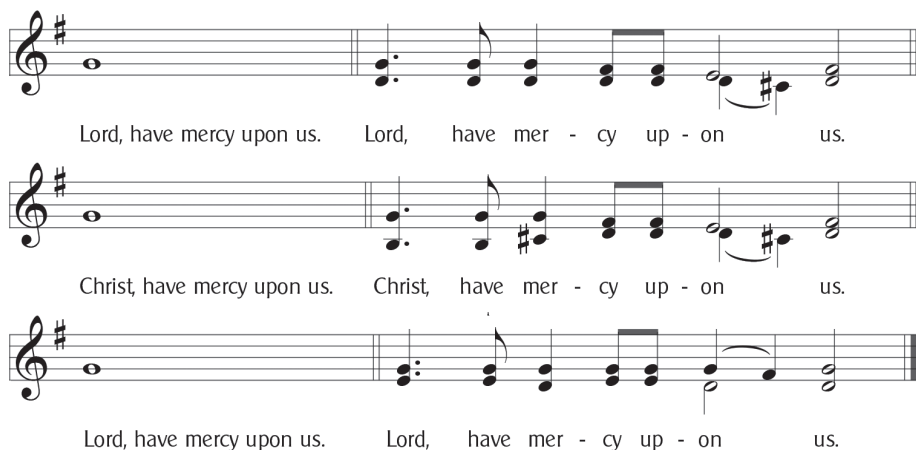
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Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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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.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:

And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,

we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,

O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit.

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, forever one God.

A - men.

Please be seated.

Psalm 139:1-16

¹LORD, you have searched me | out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my
thoughts | from afar.

²**You trace my journeys and my | resting places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.**

³Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.

⁴**You press upon me behind | and before
and lay your | hand upon me.**

⁵Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.

⁶**Where can I go then | from your Spirit?
where can I flee | from your presence?**

⁷If I climb up to heaven, | you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you | are there also.

⁸**If I take the wings | of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts | of the sea,**

⁹Even there your | hand will lead me
and your right hand | hold me fast.

¹⁰**If I say, “Surely the darkness will | cover me,
and the light around me | turn to night,”**

¹¹Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright | as the day;
darkness and light to you are | both alike.

¹²**For you yourself created my | inmost parts;
you knit me together in my | mother’s womb.**

¹³I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.

¹⁴**My body was not hid- | den from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in
the depths | of the earth.**

¹⁵Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written | in your book;
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet
there was | none of them.

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Anthem: “As the Deer”

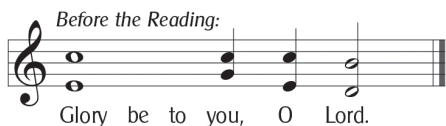
Hila Canup and Lindsey Whisnant

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Holy Gospel is written in the 15th and 16th chapters of John.



Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Zoe Wells



Apostles Creed

We confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

Children's Chat

Alexander Canup

Sermon

Luke Barringer

Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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The Rite of Confirmation

Presentation of the Confirmands

The following persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make a public affirmation of their baptism. As I read their names, I ask them to come forward and face the congregation.

Brady Bost
Amaya Cerda
Zoe Wells

In his first letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul writes: “I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord” (1 Corinthians 1:4-9).

Through the education program of this congregation, you have had the opportunity to learn and grow in your understanding of the Scriptures, as well as the opportunity to assume a greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world. We thank God for the many ways your faith has been confirmed among us.

Statement of Approval and Prayer

We give you thanks, Almighty God, for the gifts of wisdom, understanding, and faith that you have granted to these confirmands through their study of your Word. We pray that you would continue to increase their faith toward you and their love toward all your people, that the gifts of your Holy Spirit may always be evident in their lives. Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God. **Amen**

Confirmands are seated.

Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer:
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

Exhortation

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Preface and Sanctus

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Leader *Congregation*



The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it.

Leader

Lift up your hearts.

Congregation

We lift them to the Lord.

Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out on this day the Holy Spirit as he had promised upon the chosen disciples, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly 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

The Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹**hallowed be thy name,**

²**thy kingdom come,**

³**thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴**Give us this day our daily bread;**

⁵**and forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶**and lead us not into temptation,**

⁷**but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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

Distribution of Communion

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If you need a gluten-free wafer or juice, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the rail.

May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Nunc Dimittus

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Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
ac- | cording to | your | word.
For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.
Glory | be to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it | was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

Benedicamus

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The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.



Bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "O Day Full of Grace"

Michael Burkhardt

*We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude,
standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross,
now at the rear of the sanctuary.*

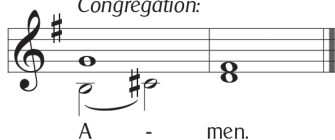
Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Congregation:



Special thanks to all our youth who assisted with the service today, including those who served as Greeters but whose names were undetermined at the time of printing the bulletin.

*The congregation is invited to a reception
in honor of our Confirmands
following worship in the fellowship hall.*

*Congratulations to Haily and Brandon Smith on the birth of a son,
Walker Jefferson Smith. Walker was born Wednesday, May 15, 2024,
at Atrium Health Medical Center in Concord.
The rose on the altar is in honor of his birth.*

Sunday, May 19—Confirmation and Youth Sunday

- Reception for Confirmands, Noon
- Christian Education Committee, 1:30pm
- Autumn Care worship, 2pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- Men's Choir, 4pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, May 20

- Council meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, May 21

- Bible study class, 10am and 6pm
- Staff meeting, 5pm
- Girl Scouts year-end celebration, picnic shelter, 6pm–8:30pm

Wednesday, May 22

- Articles for June newsletter due today
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm

Sunday, May 26

- Vespers, 6pm

Monday, May 27, Memorial Day

The church office will be closed for Memorial Day.

Graduating?

Members of St. Paul's who are graduating from high school or college — please call the church office this week. We would like to recognize our graduates in the June newsletter, including when you graduated, what degree you have earned, from where, and information on career plans or further education.

SON Summer Mission Trip

Mark and Julia Wilhelm are planning another mission trip this summer with the Spiritual Orphans Network. If you would like to help cover the expenses involved with their trip, please mark SON on your envelope.

May Blood Drive Results

Thanks to all who came to donate at our May blood drive. With only 26 appointments scheduled (and six of those did not show) it could have been the worst blood drive ever. However, eleven “walk-ins” (donors without appointments) saved the day! Counting three donors who gave “double red blood cells,” a total of 36 units were collected. A special thanks to all volunteers who helped make the drive a success. More information will be posted in the June Epistle.

VBS—The Adventures of Paul

VBS 2024 will be June 21st – June 23rd. There will be classes for Pre-K (3–4 yo), Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle School, and adult (this includes High School) on the life of the Apostle Paul, with lessons from the Book of Acts. Here Scripture tells the story of a serious man named Saul, who worked to silence Christianity — until the risen Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus and changed his life. With his new name, Paul, this one who had persecuted the Church went on to become one of the greatest apostles.

Crafts, games, music, lunches, snacks, and lessons means we’re going to see the light! Adults will also have instruction in calligraphy. Registration forms will be available soon.



General Fund Offering (5/12)	\$9,137
Other Offering (5/12)	\$2,605
Sunday School Attendance (5/12)	71
Worship Attendance (5/12)	198

This quarter, the children’s change collections will go to St. Paul Lutheran Seminary.

Last Sunday: \$123.50 Total so far: \$913.00

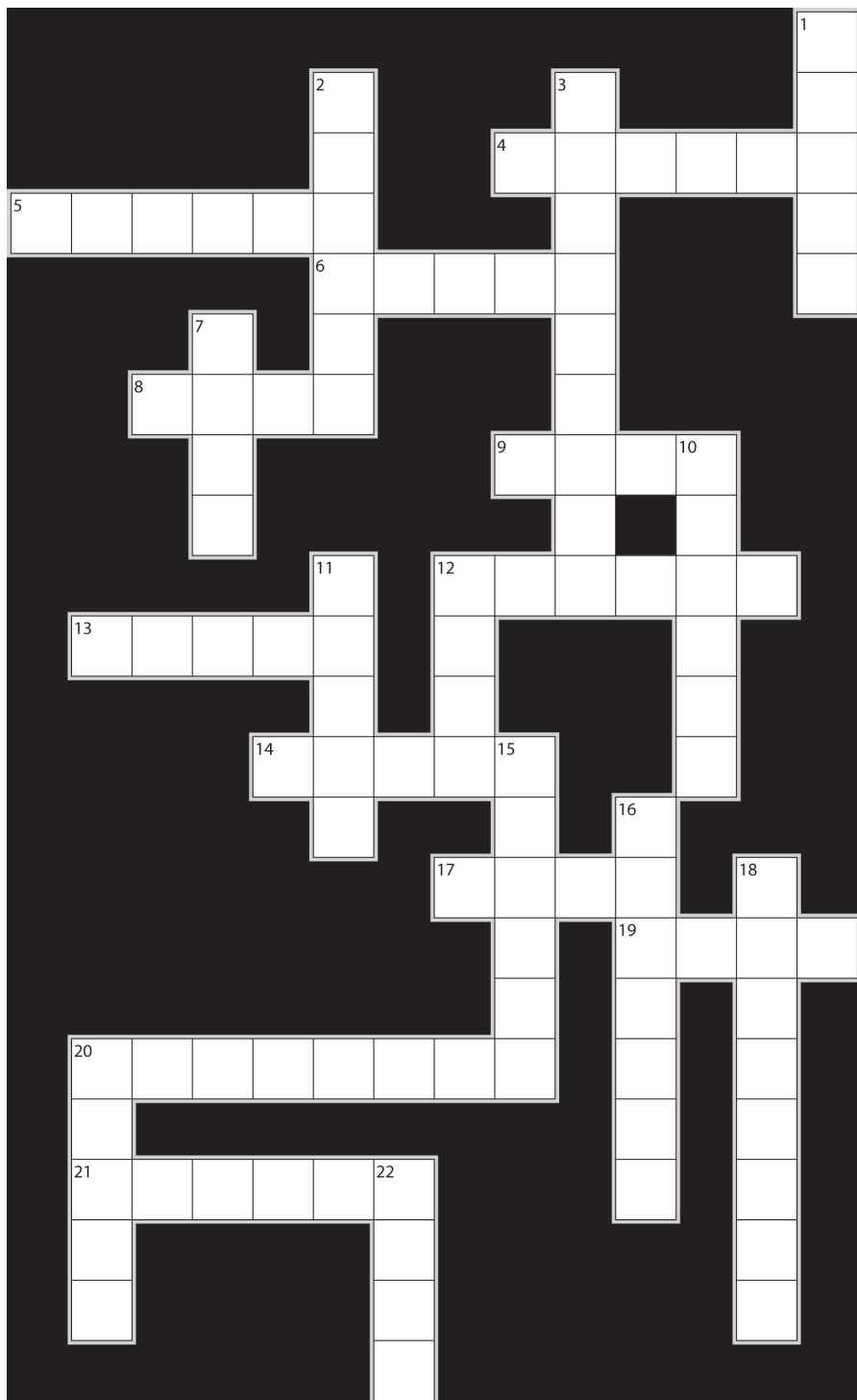
Recent Prayer Needs

- Linda Beaver – Hospice care
- Melissa Bernhardt – recovering from surgery
- Iverson Brendle – health concerns
- Sandy Corley – health concerns
- Terry Eller – recovering from surgery
- Michael Goodman – recovering at home
- Doris Hilliard – recovering from surgery
- Emerson Holder – health concerns
- Ray Kubitz – Trinity Oaks, room 206 A
- Rosemary Massey, friend of Sandy Corley – health concerns
- Mike Morris – health concerns
- Ronnie Pinyan – recovering from surgery
- Tommy Rabon – recovering from surgery
- Wendy Stamper, friend of Greg Wilhelm – health concerns
- Barbara Whisnant – health concerns
- Ashley Young – health concerns

The most recent requests are listed here. Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs.

**BELOVED,
I PRAY THAT ALL
MAY GO WELL WITH YOU
AND THAT YOU MAY BE
IN GOOD HEALTH,
AS IT GOES WELL WITH
YOUR SOUL.**

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Pentecost

*Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.
It may help with the Psalm if you use the English Standard Version
instead of the old Psalter in the bulletin.*

ACROSS

4. If Jesus did not go to the Father, he would not come to us.
5. The dry bones are this people.
6. The darkness is this to the Lord.
8. The disciples were filled with this Spirit.
9. We were knitted together there.
12. The Spirit proceeds from him.
13. Jesus told this to the disciples.
14. Ezekiel wondered if they could live.
17. The Lord knows when we sit and when we...
19. Whose hand was on Ezekiel?
20. The Spirit will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and...
21. Because Jesus said he was going to the Father, the disciples were filled with this.

DOWN

1. The ruler of what is judged?
2. The Spirit sat Zeke down there.
3. The Second Lesson describes this day.
7. In our unformed, embryonic state, we were already recorded here.
10. God caused this to enter the dry bones.
11. God is with us even in our deathbed or...
12. Tongues of this element rested on each of the disciples.
15. Where shall we go from him?
16. The Spirit convicts the world of sin because they do not...
18. Ezekiel was commanded to do this to the breath.
20. The Spirit bears witness about him.
22. 50 days after the Passover Sabbath, the gathered disciples heard a sound like a mighty...



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Next weeks lessons: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; John 3:1-17