

Pentecost

Saturday May 30, 31 2020 – 5:00PM St. John's Lutheran Church

Prelude Hymn Sings: #715- V1-5

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



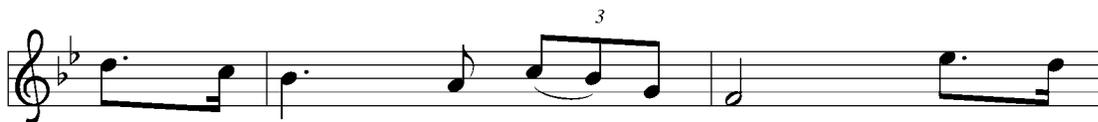
church gath - ered to - day.

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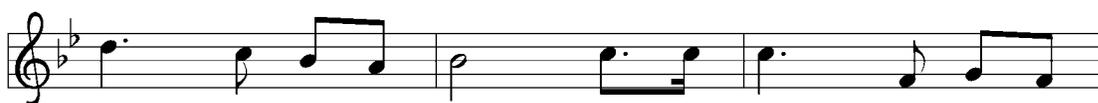
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Hymn # 755- V 1-3

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me



1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver
 2 As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst
 3 When at last I near the shore, and the



life's tem - pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me
 hush the o - cean wild; bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy
 fear - ful break - ers roar twixt me and the peace - ful



roll, hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal; chart and
 will when thou say'st to them: "Be still." Won - drous
 rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast, may I



com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 sov - 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

Text: Edward Hopper, 1818-1888

Music: PILOT, John Edgar Gould, 1822-1875

Hymn #818- V 1-4

O Master, Let Me Walk with You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.
 Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

Hymn #838- V 1-4

Beautiful Savior



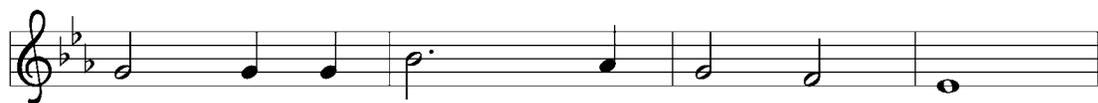
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Hymn #840- V 1-3

Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

A: Welcome

Introduction to the day:

P: 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.

Prayer to help prepare for worship:

A: God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Our worship continues with our prelude music.

PRELUDE *(Music utilized to prepare yourself for worship)*

INVOCATION *(A call to "invoke" God's presence into our midst)*

P: We gather In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Public statement of our wrong doings followed by the promise that God forgives us. Authorized by Christ!)*

A: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*
Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from You and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

(Invitation by worship leader to welcome ALL in the name of our God)

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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: 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

C: Amen

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

A: A reading from Acts.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷'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.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 104:24-34, 35b (Please read responsively)

P²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

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

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷**All of them look to you
to give them their food | in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

³²You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

A: A reading from 1st Corinthians

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

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

¹²For 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. ¹³For 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.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: (*Found in the New Testament, the Gospels provide first-hand accounts of the life of Jesus Christ*)

John 20:19-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th Chapter beginning with the 19th verse.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

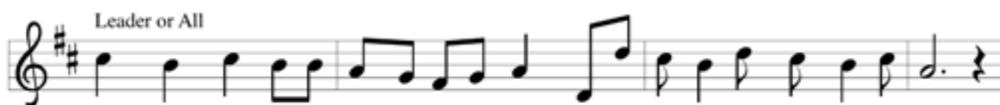
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Jerry Kulp

HYMN #787

On Eagle's Wings



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

. . .

Leader or All

2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no

Refrain

fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Leader or All

3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by

Refrain

day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All

4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Final refrain

All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

NICENE CREED *(A summary of our core beliefs)*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

A: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *(A brief silence)*. We call on Your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in Your church, that they reveal Your love for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: We call on Your spirit of life, present in air, wind, humidity, storms, and oxygen in our atmosphere, breathing energy into all things. Heal with Your breath the whole creation, especially those who struggle to breathe due to air pollution. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: We call on Your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Give each one of us a heart for justice and empathy. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: We call on Your spirit of strength. Walk with all who continue to care for others during this time of pandemic. For those who are working in the medical fields and attempting to bring comfort and healing to those who are sick. For those who are working to help find a cure for this disease. For those who are distributing goods and delivering those goods to the marketplace. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: We call on Your spirit of boldness. Guide our community and those within our community in leading lives that boldly proclaim Your great love for the world, free from fear. Empower each of us to be risk takers and rise up to meet the challenges of being disciples in this time and this place. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: We call on Your spirit of friendship. Give us a spirit of welcome to those whom we meet in this community of faith, through technology, and outside the doors of our homes. Surprise us daily with unexpected grace, that we rejoice in every blessing You send. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

A: We call on Your spirit of comfort, help those whose hearts are heavy and weighed down by many troubles. Comfort their suffering, ease their distress, and carry their burdens. Uplift those who are sick, lonely, suffering, or near death. Guide the thoughts of our hearts and the words of our mouth with Your comforting presence and free us from all of our fears. Bring Your children the peace and comfort we long for. Lord in Your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

P: We lift up our individual prayers to You (silence for reflection). Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: With bold confidence in Your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into Your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sharing of the peace

A: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: WE now invite you to say hello and share the peace with our worship community. (give some time)

Our Offerings

While the pastors are sharing information about the offerings, please prepare to receive Holy Communion. Unveil the elements that you have prepared at home.

Holy Communion

Preface

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 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:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

P: *(Please pick up your "host bread" and lift above your head emulating the pastor)*

On the night in which He was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is My Body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

(Place your "host bread" back on your altar. Now pick up your "host wine/grape juice" and lift above your head emulating the pastor)

Again, after the meal, 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."

(Place your "host wine/grape juice" back on your altar)

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

(At this point please pick up your "host bread." If there are multiple people in your house, please share the bread with one another. We will consume the bread at the same time sharing our unity through this Holy Meal.)

P: "The Body of Christ given for you!"

C: Amen. *(Please consume your "host" bread.)*

(At this point, please hold your "host wine/grape juice." We will consume the "host wine/grape juice at the same times sharing our unity through this meal.)

P: "The Blood of Christ shed for you!"

C: Amen. *(Please consume your "host" wine/grape juice.)*

P: I now invite those who have abstained from receiving Holy Communion to speak the prayer below, as those who have received this Sacrament maintain silence for personal prayer and reflection on the grace that God pours out to us all!

Please take note: If you are abstaining from receiving Holy Communion, please utilize this time of silence to share the following prayer.

C: I believe that You are truly present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. I always desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim Your resurrection. I love You above all things, and long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot receive You in the sacrament of Your Body and Blood, I implore You to come into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with Your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from You. May I live in You and You in me, in this life and in the life that is to come. Amen.

Based on a prayer from: *The Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)*

(At this point, please "veil" the elements as the pastors are veiling the elements at worship.)

P: The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and Christ's precious blood strengthen you and keep you in God's grace unto eternal life.

C: Amen.

Post- Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray:

C: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This time will be reserved for any comments or questions from the gathered community.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The

Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace! Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

LITURGY NOTES:

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