

# THE DAY OF PENTECOST



SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023  
9:30AM

## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PRELUDE

Variations on 'Veni Creator'

Durufle

INTROIT

Peace I Leave with You

Amy Beach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**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.**

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these words.*

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN AT THE PROCESSION**



Hail thee, fes - ti-val day! Blest day to be hal-lowed for - ev - er;



day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the world with his grace.



1 Bright and in like-ness of fire, on those who a - wait his ap - pear - ing,  
3 God the Al-might-y, the Lord, the rul - er of earth and the heav - ens  
5 Spir - it of life and of pow'r now flow in us, fount of our be - ing,



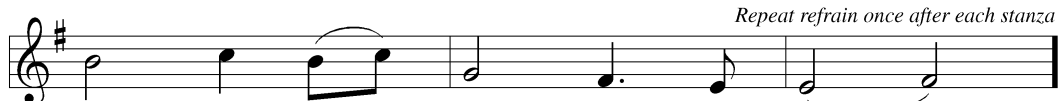
he whom the Lord had fore-told sud - den-ly, swift-ly de - scends:  
guard us from harm with - out; cleanse us from e - vil with - in;  
light that en - light - ens us all, life that in all may a - bide:



2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the  
4 Je - sus, the health of the world, en - light - en our  
6 Praise to the giv - er of good! O Lov - er and



glo - ry of blos - som; heav - en her gates un - bars,  
minds, great re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -  
Au - thor of con - cord, pour out your balm on our



fling - ing her in - crease of light:  
preme, on - ly be - got - ten of God:  
days; or - der our ways in your peace:

## \*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.**

## \*GLORIA

**Fast and lively**

*f*  
Org. *f* Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

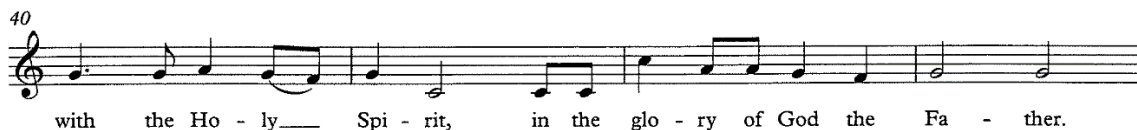
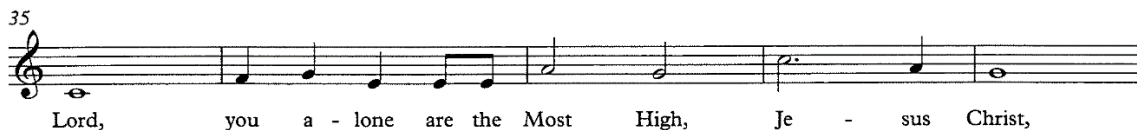
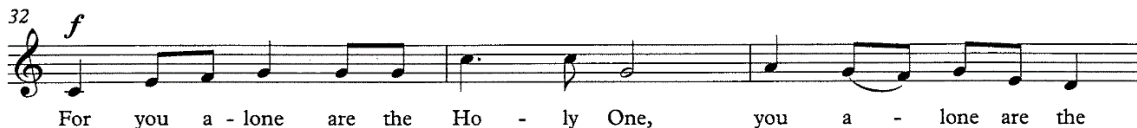
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peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al -

9  
- migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

13  
*mp* praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

18  
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

22  
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



### \*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.**

## WORD

### READING

ACTS 2:1-21

A reading from Acts.

**W**HEN 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.**

*Shona:* Cynthia Shumba

*Dutch:* Robert Statius-Muller

*French:* Connie Feydy

*Sung by the choir*  
*Chant by SARAH MACDONALD*

**O LORD**, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

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

There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

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

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

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

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

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

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

May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

A reading from First Corinthians.

**N**o 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.**

**\*SEQUENCE**

SING VERSE 1.



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;



word 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.



**\*GOSPEL**

JOHN 20:19-23

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**W**HEN 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.**

**\*SEQUENCE**

SING VERSE 2.

**SERMON**

PASTOR PEDERSON

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*





1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove,  
 2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry;  
 3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold,  
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part,  
 5 Keep far from us our cru - el foe,  
 6 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son,



de - scend up - on us from a - bove;  
 to you, the gift of God most high,  
 we God's al - might - y hand be - hold;  
 and shed your love in ev - 'ry heart;  
 and peace from your own hand be - stow;  
 and you, of both, to be but one;



with grac - es man - i - fold re - store  
 true fount of life, the fire of love,  
 while you with tongues of fire pro - claim  
 your own un - fail - ing might sup - ply  
 up - held by you, our strength and guide,  
 that through the a - ges all a - long



your crea - tures as they were be - fore.  
 the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
 to all the world God's ho - ly name.  
 to strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.  
 no e - vil can our steps be - tide.  
 your praise may be our end - less song.



7 Praise to your e - ter - nal mer - it,



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men.

**\*NICENE CREED**

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each intercession ends with these words:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

### \*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The Assembly greets one another with the peace of the Lord.*

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Breathe on me, Breath of God

Wilby

### \*HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

PUER NOBIS

**O Holy Spirit, root of life,  
creator, cleanser of all things:  
Anoint our wounds, awaken us  
with lustrous movement of your wings.**

### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

It is indeed right, *the celebrant continues, ending with:*  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# Majestic

Org. *f* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
 6 *ff* might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

# Slower

Org. *p* Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 4 *pp* Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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

Our Fa - ther who art in\_\_ hea - ven, Ha - llow'd be thy Name;  
 Thy king-dom come; thy will be\_\_ done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres-passes as  
 we for-give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us  
 not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from e - vil. For thine is the  
 king-dom, the po - wer and the glo - ry, for e - ver and e - ver.  
 A - men. For e - ver and e - ver. A - men.

# \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
 Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## COMMUNION

### LAMB OF GOD

Slowly and gently

*p*  
 Org. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 7 *mp*  
 world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

13 *mf*

sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of \_\_\_\_\_ God, you

19 *p* *rit.* *pp* *ppp*

take a - way the sin of the world, grant us \_\_\_\_\_ peace.

## MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Listen, Sweet Dove

Burk

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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.**

## SENDING

### \*BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

**\*DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**VOLUNTARY**

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St. Martin's Mass, David Bendall, Oxford University Press



## **Worship Leaders Today**

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Duane C. Pederson
Organist	Cantor Nathan K. Lively-Greyling
Worship Assistant	Vincent Bell
Reader	Tim Brumbaugh
Communion Assistants	Tim Brumbaugh, Kathy Caraballo
Usher	Eric Lane
Altar Committee	Janet Segerdell
Counters	Tim Brumbaugh, Lois Coffin, Pat Fisher, Gary Esposito
Little Free Pantry	Cathy & Mike Mahler

## **Coffee/Fellowship Time**

Our thanks to *Kathy Caraballo* for hosting the fellowship time following worship today.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL // MUSIC CAMP**

July 17-21

*VBS* 9am-12noon / *Music Camp* 1pm-3pm

*VBS*: Age 3 – Entering Grade 5 // *Music Camp*: Entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade-8<sup>th</sup> grade

*Fee options*: 9am-12noon or 1-3: \$80 // 9am-1pm or 12noon-3pm with lunch: \$120 //

9am-3pm (includes lunch): \$140

Contact Nathan ([NathanKLively@gmail.com](mailto:NathanKLively@gmail.com)) for questions.

## **2024 Ireland Trip**

Last August almost 30 members from St. John's made a trip to the UK. It was an exciting time for everyone, singing or just traveling. Relationships were strengthened and new friends were made. Our next trip is to Ireland August 3-13, 2024.

The trip will cost approximately \$3,600.00. This will include airfare, lodging, daily breakfast and dinner, coach service, and tickets for excursions. Travel insurance will be offered. Payments will be made every other month. A non-refundable \$300 deposit is due by the end of May. Checks should be made to St. John's Lutheran Church and the memo line must say "Ireland 2024". If you give online, please mark it for "Ireland 2024" and you must let Nathan know of the payment. Questions, email Nathan ([Nathan.K.Lively@gmail.com](mailto:Nathan.K.Lively@gmail.com)).

### **Fellowship Event at Shippan Landing**

Members and friends of St. John's are welcome to a relaxing evening of beverages and eats from food trucks at the Beer Garden at Shippan Landing in Stamford, on Thursday, June 1 (rain date June 2) from 6:00-9:00pm. Come and enjoy one another's company. Contact: Joe Milukas at [joe@milukasfamily.com](mailto:joe@milukasfamily.com).

### **Summer Choir**

If you like to sing, this choir is for you! Starting Sunday, June 11, come to the church at 9:00 am sharp for a brief rehearsal of an accessible piece of music. Then, during the 9:30 am service, those who have rehearsed come to the chancel to sing an anthem. You don't need to be present every Sunday; just sing those Sundays you are in worship. Rehearse and sing!

### **Spring Cleanup of Church Grounds**

Can you volunteer to spread the mulch around the exterior of the church and chapel? You can do this according to your own schedule. Wheelbarrow and shovels are at the two mulch piles, one on each side of the parking lot. Thank you!

### **“Reconciled in Christ” 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

St. John's Lutheran decided to become an RIC congregation 30 years ago, which means we publicly stated that we would be a faith community that welcomes fully those in same gender relations and whose sexual identity is other than heterosexual. Our congregation made this decision long before LGBTQIA+ rights were adopted by most states. This openness is an important part of what it means to be a community where “All are welcome.” On Sunday, June 11, we will lift up this milestone in our worship.

**The Sonrise Singers** of Bethany Lutheran Church, Austin Texas present their 2023 musical BLINK at St. John's on Wednesday, June 7 at 7:00 pm!

The Sonrise Singers are a touring choir made up of 18 high school young people - that has been touring all around the United States and Bahamas for 40 years. This summer the choir will be touring the Northeast of the country. The entire musical, script, songs and choreography has been developed in house at Bethany Lutheran. The Sonrise Singers have a rich heritage of bringing the Gospel of Our Lord and Savior Jesus to life in their exuberant presentations each year.

In the musical BLINK a group of young people discover how heaven and earth are just a twinkling of an eye apart in our existence here. Each will see life and death in a new perspective. Young people will find the reason for their life reaches it fullest meaning when they embrace of God's grace and cross the line where real life begins. Others in the story, the heart-beat of heaven resonates strongly in their soul and they act on it as best as they can each day. For some, the question of "How will my end come?" receives a stunning answer. In the end, all heaven rejoices with those that believe in the hope of life after death through the resurrection and life of Jesus. They join the Ninety Nine, the Good Shepherd's flock, that awaits the last missing one, our Lord is bringing home.



#### **Birthdays this week . . .**

Marie Sweglar	May 28
Karen Bell	May 29
Ellen Murdock	May 29
Paul Gallo	May 30
Christopher Bell	June 1
Emma O'Connor	June 1
Matthew Effren	June 2
Anne Olive	June 3



# *Second Annual Pride Evensong*

*Sunday, June 11, 5pm*

*Celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
as Reconciling in Christ congregation!*

*St. John's Lutheran Church | 884 Newfield Ave., Stamford  
All are welcome. We share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.*