

DAY OF PENTECOST
May 19, 2024

PRELUDE "Veni Creator Spiritus" - Libby Larsen

Those who are able, please stand.

MISSION/MINISTRY

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.

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

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.

C: **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN 578 "Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE



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



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



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



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



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



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Please be seated.


FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21

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.'


Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Those who are able, please stand.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

THE GOSPEL READING John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated.

SERMON

Those who are able, please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY 804 "Come Down, O Love Divine"
(Choir stanzas 1 & 2)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**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.**

**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. Amen**

THE PRAYERS

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized. God of grace... **C: hear our prayer**

A: For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace... **C: hear our prayer**

A: For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. God of grace... **C: hear our prayer**

A: For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way. God of grace... **C: hear our prayer**

A: For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. God of grace... **C: hear our prayer**

A: We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. God of grace... **C: hear our prayer**

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

THE PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

Please be seated.

MEAL

We welcome all who believe that Jesus is Lord and truly present to join us at his table. Holy communion will be distributed using Gluten-free wafers, wine, or grape juice. Make your choice known to the Communion Assistant. Communion will be taken from the center aisle; baskets are available to dispose of your communion cup.

The following hymn, "Be Not Afraid," is sung twice by the entire congregation as the distribution of communion begins:

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first instance of the hymn is written on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The second instance of the hymn is identical to the first, written on two staves in the same key and clefs.

CHORAL ANTHEM "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" Robert Buckley Farlee

A: Let us pray....

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN 400 "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE "Komm Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist" – J. S. Bach

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

M Psalm 104:24-34, 35 **Tu** 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 **Wednesday** Ezekiel 37:1-14
Thursday Psalm 29 **Friday** Romans 8:9-11 **Saturday** John 15:18-20; 26-27 **The Holy Trinity** Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

pastor: Bob Cheyney, Jr. **co-cantors:** John Schwandt, MaryAnn Schwabe **John Lauby, Organist/Choir Director Emeritus** **communion assistants:** Dorothy Hendershot, Becky Popio **door greeter:** **usher:** Harry Rennecker

Church Council: Mary Amick, Marilyn Brodie, Alex Clevinger, Heather Coontz, Michael Kahlenberg, John Lauby, Doug Nabors, Amanda Oberhauser, Gary Smith, Lou Stange, Don Taranowski and Harvey Wagner

WELCOME VISITORS Whatever your religious background and however you have come to be here, we welcome you to Advent Lutheran Church. We hope that you will feel comfortable and fulfilled, and that you will be strengthened to meet the challenges of your daily lives. The service is printed in your bulletin. If at first you find it difficult to follow the service, please ask someone near you for assistance; after a few services, we hope it will become easier. **We always welcome** children during worship.

We encourage you to include the following people in your daily prayers this week: Joe Balough, Hylem Bahry, Shannon Bridges, Diane Frasier, Andrew Glover, Ronnie Haines, Gary Holmes, Dianne Johnson, Billie Llewellyn, Hunter Lumbatis, David Phillips, Al Shoe, Tina Tornow

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Geoff and Judy Tettelbach in honor of their wedding anniversary.

We are collecting peanut butter and tissues for the FISH Cupboard in May.

Your help is needed. Sign-up for your turn as door greeter or usher in May at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

Note: Our next VBS “Workshop” night is planned **tonight, May 19th** from **6:30-8:30pm**. We will gather in the fellowship hall to paint and create scenery and props needed for vbs week.

Mark your calendars now...The countdown to VBS has begun! Plan to be a part of this summer’s underwater adventure at Vacation Bible School on **July 8th-12th 9:00am – Noon**. **Pre-registration will begin on Sunday, May 19th!** Children in pre-school thru 6th grade are invited to be a part of this exciting week by filling out a form found on the counter at the welcome center or by registering online (adventuniontown.org). Anyone in 7th grade or older may also sign-up to be a crew leader. Get ready to “**DIVE**” into God’s word with us this summer!

Adult Volunteers Needed...come help us make this year’s vbs week go “swimmingly”! In order to do so, we could certainly use your help! If you are available for the entire week or just for a few days, we would love to have you come join us! Look for the sign-up sheet on the counter at the welcome center to let us know which days you can help and what your t-shirt size is for your free t-shirt! Also mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 9th for a special luncheon**, set up in the Sunday school opening room for, **ALL volunteers and crew leaders** (right after the contemporary service) Please plan to attend this informative meeting/luncheon! The **VBS kick-off party** will be during our last Sunday school class of this school year...**May 19th from 10:15-11:15am**. Join us in the Sunday school opening room!

Habitat for Humanity - Thank you to Paul Joestlein for being Advent’s contact person for this summer’s Habitat for Humanity house builds. Please look for a sign-up sheet on the welcome center counter if you are available to help build or provide lunches. If you have any questions, please email Paul at pjoestlein@gmail.com.

- Date: **Saturday, June 1** Time: **8:00am-10:30am** Sign up online at: Visit habi.build/advent and click “volunteer.”
- Location: **Site C - 440 Tremont Avenue Southeast, Massillon, OH 44646**
- Task: **Tar and Brace** ****AGE REQUIREMENT 18+**** Apply cool tar to foundation walls using large brushes and brace the walls. Protective suits provided.
- Number of Volunteers: 4 more Advent Habitat volunteers needed. Please see Paul Joestlein if you have questions.
- Minimum Age: 18
- *Lunch: no lunch needed

Also, I will have 2" x 4" Studs for people to sign this week and next week to support the Habitat homeowners.

Young adults...Our next opportunity to serve at FISH will be **May 30th** from 5:15-7:30 pm. with dinner to follow! We will be going to Carlos after we are done at the FISH pantry. Hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars, the next opportunity to serve at the FISH food pantry is... Thursday, **May 30th** from 5:15-7:30 pm (6-8 helpers needed). Please email Becky if you are able to help at BPopio@adventunions.org or sign up on the volunteer sheet found on the welcome center counter.

Come join the women's bible study in the church's library on Monday mornings at 10:30 am. We are using Adam Hamilton's material on "Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith" during the month of May. (*Please note: there will not be Bible Study on Memorial Day 5/27*).

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries provide places to engage people of all ages with the beauty of God's creation and programs that enrich faith formation. The Ohio Lutheran Outdoor Ministry camps homepage can be found at <https://hopewoodoutdoors.org/>. Remember, camp Scholarship are available from the Endowment Fund Team. Call or email Pastor Bob at Pastorbob@adventunions.org for details.

Worship is central to what we do as a congregation. The tech team is looking for individuals to assist at either of our worship services. **Traditional Worship:** Help is needed for doing the video recording and then posting the recording to our platforms. If you've created and posted videos online you can do this. Even if you haven't, we can teach you. **Contemporary Worship:** Help is needed to project the songs, prayers and other parts of the service on the screen for the congregation. **No special skills are required** – if you can login to a PC you have great potential! The work that the team does is vital because it enriches our worship and provides a means for others to experience God in this place. If you have any questions, contact Mike Pearch at michael.pearch@gmail.com or 330-760-4413