



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

# DAY OF PENTECOST

May 28, 2023 - 10:00 AM - in the Sanctuary

# Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Pat Blackstone by Connie and Marcus Blackstone.

# SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Organist and Choir Director	Rick Smith
Lector	Mary Mueller
Cantor	Amanda Cook
Prayers	Jonathan Preacher
Acolyte	Ben McCormack
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Anna Fagala Maggie Boliek Danny Fagala
Ushers	Mark Allen Maggie Boliek Fagala Family Sandra Hamann Cathy O'Neill Pat O'Neill Andrew Weiner Joyce Weiner Steve Boguski Teresa Harrington
	Calvin Harmon David Potts
Refreshment Hosts	Beth and David Hill
Video Audio	Henry Wilcox Gregg Alley

### GATHERING

### PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

#### HOLY BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

In baptism our gracious heavenly parent frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

#### **Presentation**

We present Abigail Rose for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have this child baptized into Christ?

### Response:

We do.

As you bring Abigail to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she 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 help Abigail grow in the Christian faith and life?

### Response:

We do.

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

Please stand as able

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? **I renounce them.** 

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.** 

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.** 

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. Amen.

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.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. Christ sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your children, no longer slave and free, no longer lonely and isolated, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

Water is poured on the child's head, as the presiding minister says: Abigail Rose,

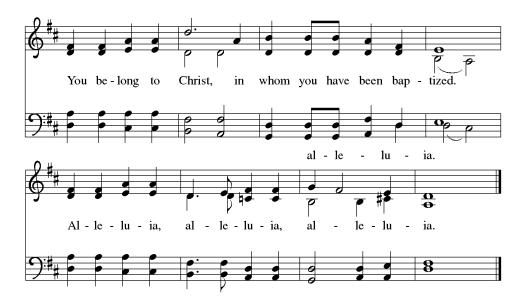
I baptize you in the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

#### BAPTISMAL ACCLAMATION



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

Sustain Abigail 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.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Abigail Rose Goldstein, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

#### Amen.

Let us welcome Abigail into our church family.

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.

Those gathered at the font share the peace before returning to their seats.

Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew. It's your leading that we're needing, help us to follow you.

Refrain

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ.

Bless the faithful, may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced. Refrain

Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty; turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty. Refrain

Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure. Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. Refrain

#### 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.** 

Refrain



#### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, with the help of your Holy Spirit you call and empower us to build and nurture your beloved community, a community of grace and love where all are equally held, sustained, nourished, and sent forth to shine the light of your Son into the world. Help us to set aside the rules and expectations of the world so that we can take up the hopes and dreams of the Kin-dom of God. Guide us always with your radical love for this burdened and broken world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

Word

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. 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? 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, 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, "Citizens 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. <sup>16</sup>No, 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 shall see visions, and your elders 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. 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 God's great and glorious day. 21 Then everyone who calls on God's name shall be saved."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The refrain is introduced by the cantor.

Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.





- <sup>24</sup>How 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 man-  $^{|}$  y to number, living things both  $^{|}$  small and great.
- <sup>26</sup>There go the ships | to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.
- <sup>27</sup>All of them | look to you

# to give them their food | in due season. R

- <sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they | gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.
- <sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, | they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.
- <sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they I are created; and so you renew the face I of the earth.
- 31May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;
  O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. R
- <sup>32</sup>You look at the earth | and it trembles; you touch the mountains | and they smoke.
- $^{33}I$  will sing to the LORD as long  $^{\dagger}$  as I live; I will praise my God while I  $^{\dagger}$  have my being.
- <sup>34</sup>May these words of I mine please God. I will rejoice I in the LORD.
- 35bBless the LORD, | O my soul. Hal- | lelujah! R

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:3-13

A reading from first Corinthians.

<sup>3</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 God for the people of God.

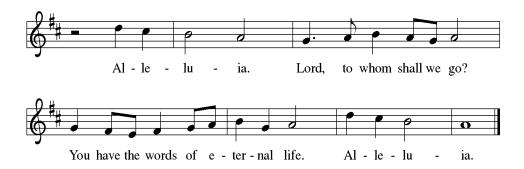
### Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

A Place for All in the Kin-dom of God

Please stand as able

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the twentieth chapter.

### 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 temple authorities, 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 Abba God has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When Jesus 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

Please be seated

SERMON

Why Pentecost...Again?

Please stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of Gentleness

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Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing:

"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." Refrain

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, and you goaded your people with a law and a land; and when they were blinded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. Refrain

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still; and down in the city you called once again, when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. Refrain

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes. From bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.

With bold new decisions your people arise. Refrain

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

### A brief silence.

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Make us open to the workings of your Spirit in this place and in the world around us. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind as a sustainable energy source. We pray for birds who fly on the wind and delight us with song. We ask you to protect firefighters and lands facing destructive fire. Bless those of us who cook with fire on grills and stoves. May our bodies be nourished and may our tables have enough to share. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Where words are misunderstood or cause strife, bring peace, healing, and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through those in this congregation, the South Carolina Synod, and the greater Church who continue to advocate for LGBTQIA+ adults and youth. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for the baptism of Abigail Rose Goldstein. Having passed through your waters, she begins her lifelong journey as a follower of Jesus. We pray that she may never go a day without feeling the power of your radical love. As you have clothed her in Christ, so clothe her in abundant grace to share with the world. Strengthen family and friends who strive to raise Abigail in the faith. Bless and strengthen Paul and Becky so that their family might bear witness to your inclusive love for all people. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Loving God, you call us all to be one body. Help us and the world to see all people as blessed members of the body of Christ. Soften hearts that have been hardened by a sinful world, so that all people, including those who are incarcerated, the unemployed, the racially marginalized, senior citizens, trans people, and the underserved may be seen as holy and valued within the body of Christ. Console your people who are grieving the imminence of South Carolina's all but total abortion ban. Grant all people control over their own bodies. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

Protecting God, bring an end to gun violence. As the downtown community continues to process the recent shooting next door at Towers East, we call on you to surround us all with your comfort and peace. Calm those who are anxious and traumatized after seeing such violence. Bring solutions for the systemic problems of drug use and houselessness which at times result in violence or death. Grant family, friends, and neighbors a sense of peace knowing you have welcomed Timothy (the victim of gun violence) into eternal life. Bring healing, hope, and restoration to Ronald, who we know as "Fifty," as he faces imprisonment. Hear us, O God,

# Your mercy is great.

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Convince your people to lay down guns and swords. Bring us peace. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

AMEN.

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

MEAL

OFFERING

Cum Sancto Spiritu Antonion Lotti

Adult Choir

Please stand as able

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Repeat

Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. Refrain

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'ry where! Refrain

Let us pray, 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is 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, 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.

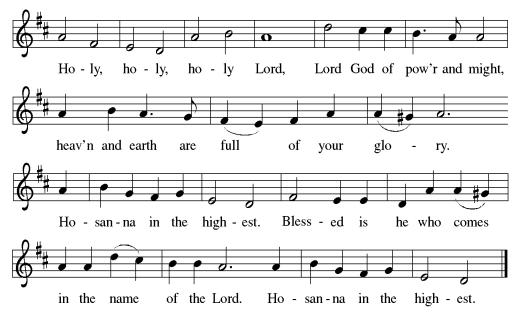
Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,

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:



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'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.

### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

### Thanks be to God!

Please be seated

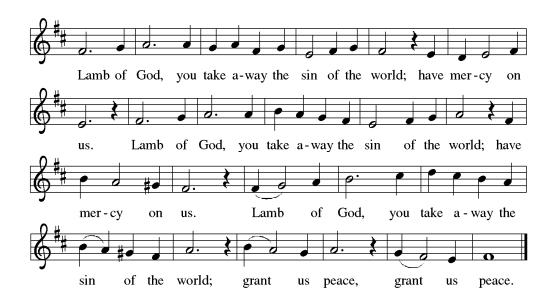
#### COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.

Gluten free wafers are available.

Worshipers are invited to come to the Altar—kneeling as able—receive a wafer and a small cup of wine.

#### Music During Communion



O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon, bring light from our God that we may be abundant in joy this season. God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.

O day full of grace, O blessed time, our Lord on the earth arriving; then came to the world that light sublime, great joy for us all retrieving; for Jesus all mortals did embrace, all shame and despair removing.

For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the cross was hanging; and then he arose and moved the stone, that we, unto him belonging, might join with angelic hosts to raise our voices in endless singing.

God came to us then at Pentecost, the Spirit new life revealing, that we might no more in death be lost, its pow'r over us dispelling. This flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all true healing.

When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us preparing, we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, all joy of the heavens sharing, and there we will join God's endless praise, with angels and saints adoring. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

# O Living Breath of God

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O living Breath of God, wind at the beginning upon the waters; O living Breath of God, bearing the creation to wondrous birth:

### Refrain

Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant. O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.

O living Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth among us; O living Breath of God, who to the creation gives life anew: Refrain

O living Breath of God, bearing us to life through baptismal waters; O living Breath of God, sighing with creation for freedom's birth: Refrain Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! so now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you, that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true. Alleluia!

Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

Please stand as able

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

SENDING

#### 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.

God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend! Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send! Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!

God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose purge! Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge! Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth, kindle us to speak your truth!

God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy! Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free! Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!

God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness! Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress. Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work, claim us for your kingdom's work!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.** 

Everyone is invited to gather on the Front Lawn following worship for refreshments and fellowship.

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