

Music Today

Terrie Sanchez & Choir

AS WE GATHER

A familiar sight along highways and roadways in summer is the posting of work-zone signs as repairs are made to streets and bridges during the season of good weather. These signs bring a special level of care and concentration for drivers. For Christian people, the Church is the “work zone” of the Holy Spirit. In his hymn paraphrasing the Apostles’ Creed, Martin Luther writes of the Holy Spirit at work: “Who the Church, His own creation, Keeps in unity of spirit. Here forgiveness and salvation Daily come through Jesus’ merit.” As we are called and gathered, we are assured that we are in the most vital of work zones—the one to which we can give our greatest care and concentration.

Gathering Song

Shine Jesus Shine

Welcome & Invocation

Opening Song

O Holy Spirit, Enter In LSB 913

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,

Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing

Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love

us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.

That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er

Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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Call to Worship *Psalm 43:3, 5b; 66:4*

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

Pastor: Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;
People: let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!

Pastor: Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,

People: my salvation and my God.

Pastor: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;

People: they sing praises to Your name.

Confession & Forgiveness *Psalm 38:18, 22; 140:6; 145:8*

Pastor: With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: for the LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

People: Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

Pastor: I say to the LORD, You are my God;

People: give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires are 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, Your Son, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: In repentance, let us now confess our sins unto our gracious God.

People: Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, grant us Your divine absolution so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and for eternity. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. To them that believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

People: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Reader

Carolyn Wickert

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

(The prophet Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones)

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will

cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Acts 2:1–21

(The Holy Spirit comes on the Day of Pentecost.)

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and 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, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on 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 on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

(Jesus promises to send the Spirit.)

²⁶[Jesus said:] “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. . . .

“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, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

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 authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Pastor: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message

Song of the Day

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling LSB 650

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's

realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,

O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,
Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,
Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,

ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,
ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we
ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -

life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.
praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.
mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Sermon

Pastor Aaron Boerst

Creed – APOSTLES' CREED

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

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Grant Your blessing, O Lord, on the Church here and in all places, that You will confirm it in the Gospel, inspire it with unity and concord, and extend and prosper it throughout the world. Grant that the Holy Spirit continually call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the Church and keep it in the one true faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Confident of Your care, we pray for our families, those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship, and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also we pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all those in need. Grant that the Holy Spirit move us to be those who live out our Gospel calling in deeds of love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bless, we pray You, the nations of the world that there be times of peace and security. Remember in Your grace our schools, hospitals, homes for the aged, and all charitable institutions. Bless those who minister to human need, whether of body, mind, or spirit, and grant them wisdom, strength, and love for You and those in their care. Let Your blessing rest upon the seedtime and harvest, commerce and industry, leisure and the arts, and culture of our people. Take under Your special protection those whose toil is difficult or dangerous and be with all who contribute to the well-being of our society. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, Hear us now on behalf of those in our congregation and all who stand in need:

Local concerns may be added by congregational elder here.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Sharing Peace

Offering

Give Thanks LSB 806

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.

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Presentation of Gifts

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You are the giver of all good things, and Your Word makes clear that every good and perfect gift comes from You. We ask that You accept these gifts back unto Yourself and use them to Your glory. [*Psalm 145:15, James 1:17*]

People: **Amen.**

Holy Communion

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [*Colossians 3:1*]

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [*Psalm 136*]

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

The Words of Our Lord [*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*]

Proclamation of Christ

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. [*1 Cor. 11:26*]

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** [*Revelation 22:20*]

Lord's Prayer [*Matthew 6:9–13*]

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: **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.**

Distribution

The Church's One Foundation *LSB 644*



1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 3 Through with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth has u-nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.
 Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,
 She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more
 And mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,
 O bless-ed heav'n-ly cho-rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.
 And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic-to-ri-ous Shall be the Church at rest.
 That we, like saints be-fore us, May see You face to face.

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Voices Raised to You We Offer *LSB 795*



1 Voic-es raised to You we of-fer; Tune them, God, for
 2 All cre-a-tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your
 3 Christ, the song of Love in-car-nate, Touch-ing earth with
 4 Spir-it, flam-ing through cre-a-tion, Kin-dle faith with-
 5 How can an-y praise we of-fer Mea-sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib-ute
 works dis-play. Art and mu-sic, gifts You lend us,
 heav-en's grace, For Your liv-ing, suf-f'ring, dy-ing,
 in each heart. Lift our voic-es high in cho-rus;
 thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic-es—



For Your gifts through all our days. Al-le-lu-ia!
 We re-turn to You to-day. Al-le-lu-ia!
 For Your ris-ing, hear our praise! Al-le-lu-ia!
 Through our hands Your love im-part. Al-le-lu-ia!
 Gifts of love we can be-stow. Al-le-lu-ia!



Al-le-lu-ia! Tri-une God, to You we sing!
 Al-le-lu-ia! God, Cre-a-tor, source of life!
 Al-le-lu-ia! Christ, Re-deem-er, Lord of life!
 Al-le-lu-ia! Spir-it, Help-er, breath of life!
 Al-le-lu-ia! Tri-une God, to You we sing!

Benediction [Numbers 6:24-26]

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

Sending Song **Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest LSB 498 1, 6, 7**

1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make
6 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And You,
△ 7 Praise we the Fa - ther and the Son And Ho -
our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and
from both, as Three in One That we Your name may
ly Spir - it, with them One, And may the Son on
heav'n-ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.
ev - er bless And in our lives the truth con - fess.
us be - stow The gifts that from the Spir - it flow!

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Announcements

*** TODAY ***

Education Hour: Sunday School, Jr High Confirmation Class, and High School Youth education runs from **10:15-11:15 am** downstairs.

Sunday Morning Bible Studies: An adult Bible study will begin at **10:15am** following Sunday's service, studying St Paul's Letter - Romans. Come and join in the Fellowship Hall.

After Sunday Worship Fellowship: Following Sunday worship, all are welcome to enjoy snacks and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall for a time to get to know each other. Please consider volunteering to help with set up and clean up.

*** OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS ***

Save the Date: We are planning a Shine & Share event on Sunday, June 13th after worship. Pull up your sleeves and put on your working gloves for some property clean up, planting, landscaping, mulching, and pew cleaning. Pastor Aaron and Megan will also be opening the parsonage up for an Open House. More details to follow.

VBS: We are in the Lord's Army! Children ages 3k-6th grade are invited to take part in a 3-day Vacation Bible School learning all about God's strong protection and how we are all on a mission from God. This will take place on June 14th-16th from 1-4pm. Please turn in registrations forms by 6/1.

Thank you: A big thank you to Betty Zacharias for machine embroidering the communion napkins. She overcame a couple of obstacles along the way, however, was able to complete 12 of them a short while ago. Betty's talent is greatly appreciated!

Altar Guild: Altar Guild needs more members! Set up communion for a Wednesday and/or a Sunday service once every 4-6 weeks. It only takes a few minutes to set up. Many hands make light work! Please contact Judy Gitzlaff at (262) 370-8665 or jgitzlaff@gmail.com to learn more.

Women's Bible Study: Please join the women in the conference room this Tuesday, May 25th for bible study at 9am. This is the last one until they resume in September.

*** MISSION & OUTREACH ***

May Mission Focus: Please consider a donation to Camp LuWiSoMo for the month of May. This camp is located in Wild Rose, WI and is affiliated with LCMS. They provide faith-growing opportunities for all ages in a Christ-centered outdoor ministry setting. Please use the blue mission envelopes to donate. Learn more at www.luwisomo.org.

*** WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PRESCHOOL? ***

May is a fun and busy time in our preschool classrooms! The last few weeks have lent themselves to some planting and plant cycle activities, some wonderful Mother's Day projects, as well as the beginning of an exciting adventure. We are incubating eggs and are eagerly anticipating the arrival of our feathered friends. All of our classrooms have focused on the lifecycle of our chickens, and the classes go on Chick Patrol to ensure that our incubator is keeping the eggs at the right temperature and humidity level. Hatching days are full of excitement so we eagerly anticipate them next week! We just finished up an amazing Teacher Appreciation Week - it is always nice to honor the hard work and dedication of our preschool staff. Their week was filled with notes, treats and celebration!

This Week at Bethlehem

Sun	9:00 am Worship
	10:20 am Youth Education Classes
	10:30 am Adult Education Classes
Mon	6:00 pm Preschool Meeting
Tues	9:00 am Men's Bible Study
	9:00 am Women's Bible Study
	5:00 pm Preschool Celebration
	6:00 pm AA Meeting
Wed	7:00 pm Worship
Sun	9:00 am Worship
	10:20 am Youth Education Classes
	10:30 am Adult Education Classes