

## The Theme of Today's Liturgy

The Holy Church waits expectantly and eagerly for the Lord to come again just as the disciples saw Him go at His ascension. But she does not wait passively. Instead, the Church waits both seeking the Lord's face in prayer (*Introit*) and with the fervent love for each other that shows itself in a generous care-giving (*Epistle*). Therefore, the Faithful pray that they always have a devout will towards God and pure-hearted service (*Collect*). In this way they will suffer adversity. Yet they are not without the comfort of their God. For the Spirit of Truth comforts the Church in the faithful remembrance of our Lord's Word and Supper (*Gospel*).

**Introit** *Psalm 68:1, 4a, c, 11a, 33b, 35a; Antiphon: Liturgical text; Psalm 68:3*



**P** The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alle- | luia! \*  
The righteous shall be glad, they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy! Alle- | luia!

**P** God shall arise, His enemies shall be | scattered; \*  
and those who hate Him shall flee be- | fore Him!

**C** Sing to God, sing praises | to His name; \*  
exult be- | fore Him!

**P** The Lord | gives the Word; \*  
behold, He sends out His voice, His | mighty voice.

**C** Awesome is God from His sanctu- | ary; \*  
the God of Israel – He is the one who gives power and strength to His | people.

**C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**P** *Antiphon is repeated*

## Collect of the Day

O God, who taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord...

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 11:1-9*

In those days: The whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in

the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## First Alleluia

*Psalm 104:30; Liturgical text*

**P** Alleluia, alle- | luia!\*

You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the earth. Alleluia!

**C** Alleluia, alle- | luia!\*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alle- | luia!

## Epistle Reading

*Acts 2:1-11*

In those days: When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, vis-

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## Welcome to Epiphany Lutheran Church!

*Here is where Jesus answers His promise to be with us always, by coming to us in His living and active Word and the Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood.*

### Parents of Small Children:

We are very happy that you are here today, honoring Our Lord's Words: "Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Lk. 18:16). If you feel you must step out with a fussy child, please hurry back! Like Jesus, we want your children in the Divine Service, not out.

### Visitors:

So we can get to know you better, please fill out one of the attendance cards in the hymnal rack in your pew and introduce yourself to Pastor Beffrey and the congregation! We hope you'll come back to Founders Hall after the service to share a cup of coffee and snack with us.

### Who may Commune at Epiphany?

The Sacrament of the Altar is offered at Epiphany in every Service. The normal communicant is a confirmed member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). Under no circumstances should an un-baptized person commune. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, or have not communed at Epiphany before, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder before the service begins.

itors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

### Sequence Hymn

*Come, Holy Ghost, in Love, "Insert*

### Holy Gospel Reading

*St John 14:23-31*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the fourteenth chapter.

**G** (♪) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

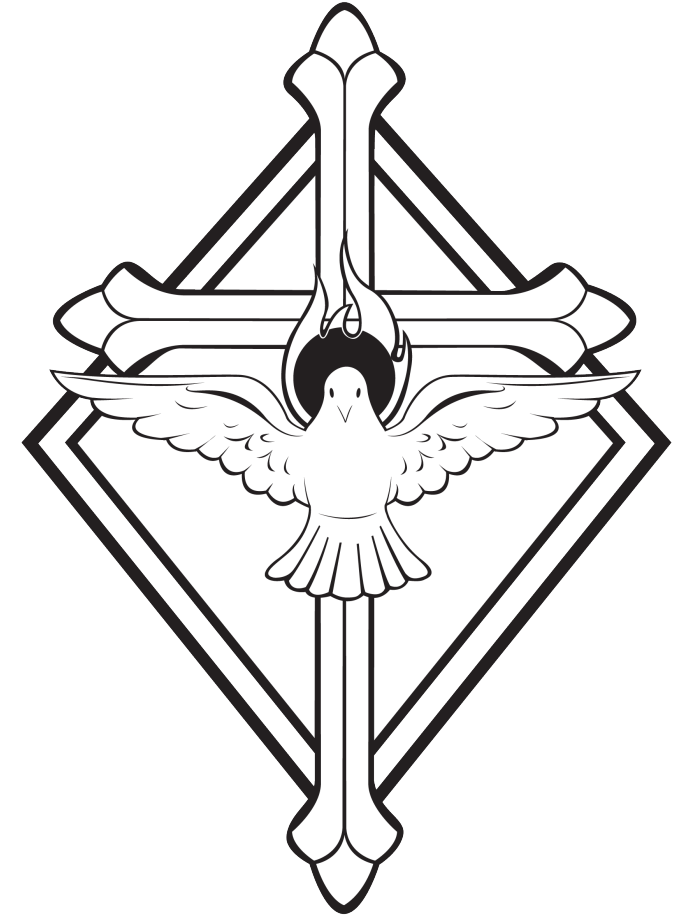
At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** (♪) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## The Feast of Pentecost

✠ Sunday 28 May Anno ✠ Domini 2023 ✠



Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of Hosts.  
—Zechariah 4:6

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