



“Son of  
man,  
can these  
bones  
live?”

EZEKIEL 37:3

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## As We Gather

The Day of Pentecost is the fiftieth day of Easter, marking the new dawn under the guidance of the Spirit. The Lord works through the preached Gospel and our life together as the baptized to deliver what He has promised. Thus the ministry of the Spirit is not some ethereal reality experienced in our feelings but the concrete reality of the Word spoken into our ears to bring forth faith and the body and blood of Jesus received by faith in Holy Communion. This is the way the Spirit continues to work in us and for us and we continue to receive His ministry by faith and to celebrate this with great joy.

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

224 – Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

#### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution

- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C** Amen.
- P** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

# ✠ The Service of the Word ✠

## Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

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

## Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us.

## Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo-ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of  
Lord Je-sus Christ, the Fa-ther's on-ly Son, You  
A-lone, O Christ, You on-ly are the Lord, At  
heav'n-ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship  
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of  
God's right hand in maj-es-ty most high: Who, with the  
You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-  
God, Your glo-rious vic-t'ry won, Re-ceive our  
Spir-it wor-shipped and a-dored, With all the  
might-y Fa-ther, heav'n-ly King.  
prayer, grant us Your peace with-in.  
heav'n-ly host we glo-ri-fy.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and 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, <sup>11</sup> both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup> And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup> But 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. <sup>15</sup> For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> " '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; <sup>18</sup> even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; <sup>20</sup> the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the

great and magnificent day. <sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 139:1-16

- P** O LORD, you have searched me and known me!  
**C** **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- P** You search out my path and my lying down  
**C** **and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- P** Even before a word is on my tongue,  
**C** **behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**
- P** You hem me in, behind and before,  
**C** **and lay your hand upon me.**
- P** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
**C** **it is high; I cannot attain it.**
- P** Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
**C** **Or where shall I flee from your presence?**
- P** If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
**C** **If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**
- P** If I take the wings of the morning  
**C** **and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
- P** even there your hand shall lead me,  
**C** **and your right hand shall hold me.**
- P** If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
**C** **and the light about me be night,”**
- P** even the darkness is not dark to you;  
**C** **the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.**
- P** For you formed my inward parts;  
**C** **you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.**
- P** I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
**C** **Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.**
- P** My frame was not hidden from you,  
**C** **when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**
- P** Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them,  
**C** **the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.**

## Gospel Reading

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

<sup>26</sup> [Jesus said:] “But 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. <sup>27</sup> And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning... <sup>4</sup> “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, 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. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. <sup>12</sup> “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When 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. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

## Alleluia

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are  
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the  
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!



## Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

## Hymn

236 – Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

## Sermon Text

Ezekiel 37:1-14

<sup>1</sup> The 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. <sup>2</sup> And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> And 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.” <sup>7</sup> So 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. <sup>8</sup> And 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. <sup>9</sup> Then 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.” <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. <sup>11</sup> Then 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 indeed cut off.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore 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. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves,

and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> And 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.”



*Sermon*

## The Holy Spirit Gives Life

### Offertory

Musical notation for the Offertory, consisting of six staves of music in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -  
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

### Hymn

351 – Love Divine, All Love Excelling

### Offering





## Offering Hymn

442 (2)



Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Glad - ly,  
free - ly, of Thine own; With the sun - shine of Thy  
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Thee at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.

## General Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Hymn

739 – Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

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## ✠ Announcements ✠

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### Upcoming Schedule

May 19	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
May 26	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
June 2	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

**Upcoming Meetings:** Here is a schedule of our upcoming meetings:

- **June 2** – Board of Elders/Church Council
- **July 7** – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting
- **August 4** – Board of Education/Board of Trustees

**Vacation Bible School:** Vacation Bible School is schedule for July 15-19 from 9:00am – 11:30am. Please speak with Pastor Sauers if you are able to help out this year.

**The Branches** – "The Branches" is a Christian women's magazine which is published quarterly by women of the CLC. Subscriptions are available for the 2024-2025 subscription year (July through June). The Branches staff prays that, through this publication, we serve:

- to encourage you in your personal and family Bible study
- to edify you in your daily walk with Christ
- to provide a means to use and share your God-given gifts
- to celebrate and reflect upon God’s gift of Christian sisters, near and far

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**CLC News:** Pastor David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton, WI, is still considering the call to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ has returned the call to be principal and teacher of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI.

<b>Fruits of Faith</b>		<b>May 12, 2024</b>	<b>Attendance: WH – 77; ORL – 11</b>	
<b><u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u></b>		<b><u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u></b>		
<b><i>General Budget</i></b>		<b><i>General Budget</i></b>		
\$2,330.00	General Budget	\$55.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	\$57.69	Weekly Need	
+\$907.00	-Under / +Over	-\$2.69	-Under / +Over	
\$31,479.30	Year to Date Offerings	\$1,140.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$27,037.00	Year to Date Need	\$1,096.11	Year to Date Need	
+\$4,442.30	Year to Date (+/-)	+\$43.89	Year to Date (+/-)	
<b><i>Non-Budgetary</i></b>		<b><i>Non-Budgetary</i></b>		
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund	
	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund	
\$105.00	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship	
	Sign Fund		ILC Tour Choir	
	School Fund			

## ✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

May 20-25

**Monday: John 7:37-39** – Jesus pictures the rich blessings which the promised Spirit would bring as a deep spring of “living water.”

**Tuesday: Hebrews 8:8-11** – Jesus, the great High Priest, establishes the new covenant, characterized by a deep knowledge of God in mind and heart, as prophesied by Jeremiah (Chapter 31). It is the work of the Spirit that God’s people both know and desire what God wants.

**Wednesday: Isaiah 44:1-6** – The eternal and only God (verse 6) speaks gently to His people (verse 2), and pictures the blessings of the Spirit poured upon the people like life-giving streams of water poured out upon dry ground.

**Thursday: John 4:19-24** – Jesus brings good news to a woman of Samaria. The time has come for all to worship the Father in spirit and in truth, as the Spirit is sent to create the kind of worshipers that God desires.

**Friday: Acts 2:22-39** – Peter preaches to the multitudes on Pentecost, telling them of Jesus’ resurrection and calling upon them to repent and be baptized in His name for forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Saturday: Ezekiel 36:22-28** – For the sake of His holy name, God will gather His people from all the lands. He will cleanse them from their sin, give them a new heart, and put His Spirit within them. They will be His people and He will be their God!