

Day of Pentecost

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Gethsemane Lutheran Church

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Worship God, welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.

Welcome to worship! We're delighted you are here!



Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* Congregation. **You are welcome here.**



We ask all members, guests, and visitors to please fill out the **attendance slip** in your worship folder and place it in the offering plate.



Please **silence** phones and other devices during the worship service. Sharing that you're at Gethsemane on social media is encouraged! "Check in" using hashtag: #glcstlCheckIn.



The presence, energy, and noise of **children** are always welcome in worship at Gethsemane. The sound of a child in worship is music to our ears. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. Additional space to move and Wiggle Bags are located in the narthex entry area.



Postures are a way in which we engage the body in worship. These movements (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are optional; please engage in them only as you are comfortable or able.



Holy Communion is offered to all who seek the presence of Christ. This is a welcome table.



Gethsemane Lutheran Church wishes to acknowledge and honor the Osage, Quapaw, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówiŋ, Kaskaskia, and Kickapoo peoples upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place—this land—and call it their home.

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Now the Feast and Celebration

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

PRESERVICE MUSIC: Bell Choir - *Song of the Wind*

Arnold Sherman

GATHERING

PRELUDE: Taizé - *Veni Sancte Spiritus*

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

OPENING LITANY:

P: The God who created space and time, journeyed with us in human form, and travels with us still, be with you all..

And also with you.

P: What should we pack as we begin our journey?

What should we bring along?

P: The word of God to illumine our path.

The light of Christ to show us the way.

P: The gifts of the Spirit to share with those we meet.

The love of God to be our compass and guide.

P: Let us pray. God of our salvation,

you are the source of all our beginnings. As we plan for our journeys, strengthen us through your word. Orient our lives toward Christ, the bright Morning Star. Send your Holy Spirit as our companion along the way. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

KYRIE:

Assistant: *Congregation: Refrain*

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,

to Verses

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

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE:

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

GREETING:

P: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: 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

The congregation is seated.

WORD

THE FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

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 people 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 Jewish-born 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, "You Judeans 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 children shall prophesy, and your youth shall see visions, and your elders shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon all of my slaves, 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.'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

The choir will lead the singing of the Psalm with the congregation singing the bolded lines.

²⁴How manifold are your ^l works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full ^l of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man-^ly to number,
living things both ^l small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships ^l to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the ^l sport of it.

²⁷**All of them ^l look to you
to give them their food ^l in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they ^l gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled ^l with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, ^l they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return ^l to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they ^l are created;
and so you renew the face ^l of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD en-^ldure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in ^l all your works.**

³²You look at the earth ^l and it trembles;
you touch the mountains ^l and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long ^l as I live;
I will praise my God while I ^l have my being.**

³⁴May these words of ^l mine please God.
I will rejoice ^l in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, ^l O my soul.
Hal-^l lelujah!**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

PENTECOST PROCLAMATION *Sung by choir*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th and 16th chapter:
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

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, the Advocate 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 the one 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 the Advocate to you. ⁸And having come, the Advocate 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, that Spirit will guide you into all the truth, for the Spirit will not speak out of the Spirit’s own authority but will speak whatever the Spirit hears, and will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴The Spirit will glorify me, taking what is mine and declaring it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *As the Wind Song*



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -



breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,
 gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the voice with - in the
 as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .



storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
 mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing pow'r to the world,
 true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
 as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: Let us confess our faith using the words of 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 into hell. 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.

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, you bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially today for the milestones that these graduates have attained. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they know your love in all the experiences they have.

Bless the parents of these students, who have raised their children and nourished them in Christian faith. Give them strength in your holy presence, and give them many joyful reunions with their children, those who are leaving home to go far away, and those staying close by. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

P: Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS

AM: 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.

AM: ... God of grace,
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 PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also, with you.

P: Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

The congregation is seated.

MEAL

THE OFFERING: *The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

MUSICAL OFFERING: *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* arr. Jan Bender

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

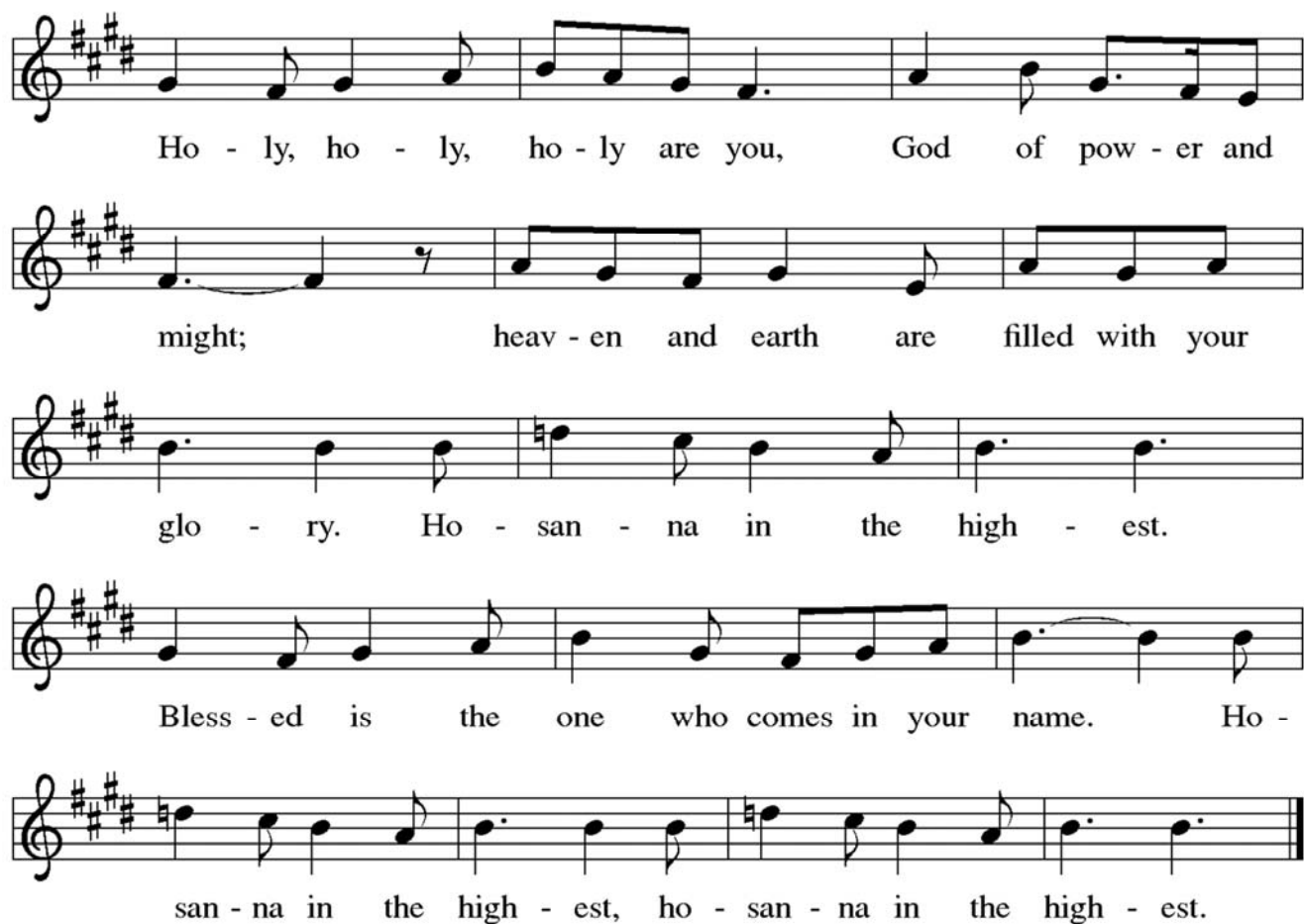


right to give God thanks and praise.

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P: It is our duty and delight.... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.
A - men.

The image shows a musical score for a congregational hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with the word 'Through' and ends with 'in the'. The second staff continues with 'u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is'. The third staff continues with 'yours, O God, now and for ev - er.'. The fourth staff concludes with 'A - men.'.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

The congregation is seated.

All who seek the Lord are welcome at Christ's table to receive the gift of God's grace! Those not receiving the bread and wine are welcome to come for a blessing. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

Lamb of God



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

Hymn# 400



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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O Spirit All-Embracing



1 O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:
you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.
you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

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

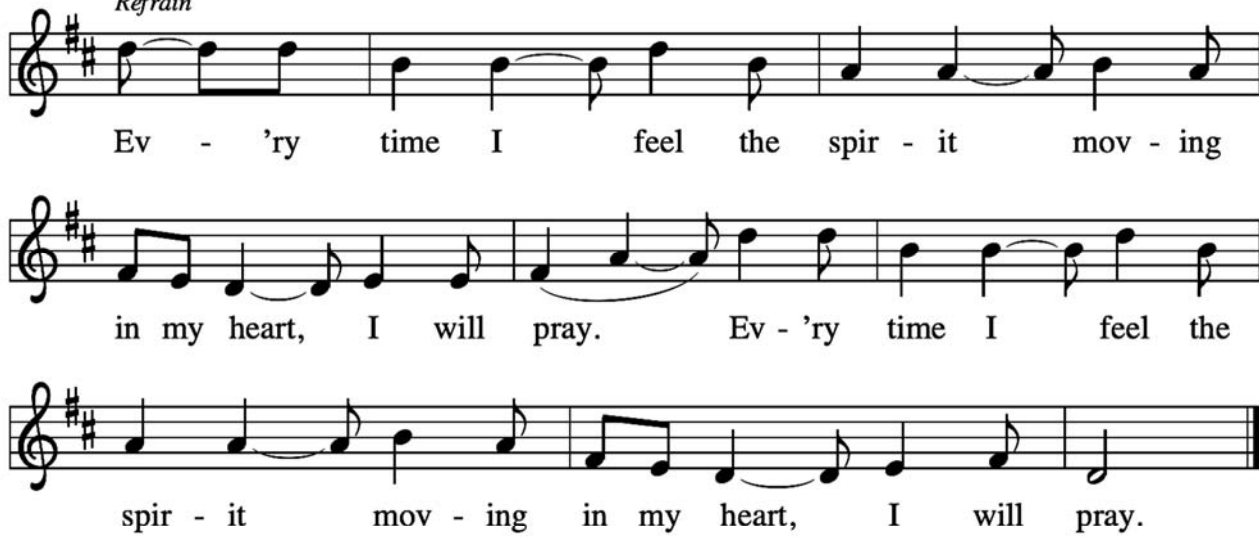
The congregation may stand as comfortable.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

African American Spiritual


Refrain



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the
spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

Refrain



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

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The earliest known performance of this song was attested by an escaped slave named Mary Dines, who for a time served President Lincoln's family. She also helped cook at a camp along one of Lincoln's routes out of DC. It was there that he heard a concert of the encampment sing Spirituals, of which "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" is one. Moved to tears, the Lincolns would repeatedly go back. – Dr. Aria Thomé

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

These are ways we welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.
Amen

SENDING HYMN: *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*

Hymn# 401



Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.

- 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
- 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
- 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.

It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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

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

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DISMISSAL

AM: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

African American Spiritual,
arr. Adolphus Hailstork

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We invite all **members, guests, and visitors**
to join us for coffee and refreshments between services
in the Walter Eckman Fellowship Hall downstairs.



Today's flowers were given by Barb Johnson
in memory of my parents, Harry and Ruth Johnson
and my grandparents, Arthur and Ruth Swenson.

WORSHIP LEADERS		
	8:30am	11:00am
GREETER	Betsy Bartholomew	Deb Schaller
USHER	Bill Scanlan	Steve Hetager
USHER	John Sandberg	Rob Schainker
ASSISTING MINISTER	Megan Yemm	tbd
LECTOR	Richard Lima	Deb Schaller
CHILDREN'S SERMON	Pastor Cheryl	
ALTAR GUILD	Nancy Luebke	
CAMERA	Gretchen Jenson	N/A
BREAD BAKER	Simone Richardson	
WINE	Olson-Fulton Family	
FELLOWSHIP HOST	Wisch Family	
DONUT DRIVER	Scanlan Family	

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Single Summer Services Start Sunday: Don't Forget: Worship is at 9:30am next Sunday!

Summer Fellowship Next Sunday: On May 26th, we will switch to our Single Summer Services schedule. Worship will start at 9:30am. If you are interested in hosting fellowship following one of the summer services (between Memorial Day and Labor Day), contact the office, sign up in the kitchen when you pick up your donut, or take a moment to indicate your interest on the weekly attendance form. Lemonade and coffee supplies will be provided. As host, you will be responsible for any additional refreshments. If we don't have a host, we won't have fellowship.

Congratulations Graduates: We are so proud of all of you. We can't wait to see what the future holds in store for you.

High School: Austin Brendel, Sam Yemm

College: Connor Boehlje, Joe Cooney, Rowan Elliott, Ben McElwee, Callie Yemm

Medical School: Mitchel Paulson

Additional information about our graduates can be found in the June Messenger.

Request of the Month: In May, we are collecting deodorant and adult incontinence protection products. Items may be placed on the shelves of the collection unit located in the main hall next to the Council corkboard and family mailboxes. Items placed in the grocery cart will be placed in Gethsemane's Little Free Pantry.

Adult Forum:

June 2nd — The Member Care Team has invited **Amanda Henderson from the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging** to discuss the services provided by her organization. These services include chore and home repair help, transportation, food services, Medicare, and much more. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 11:00 for refreshments and the presentation.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)! All potty-trained four-year-olds to those currently in the 5th grade are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Gethsemane, **July 29-August 2, 2024!** VBS will run from 9am-noon, and after care (aka VBS+) is from 12pm-5:30pm. The VBS+ portion will be run and supervised by Anja Walentik, a professional 1st grade teacher. Cost for VBS only (9am-12pm) is \$30/child or \$60/two or more children. Cost for VBS+ (9am-12pm PLUS 12-5:30pm) is \$100/child or \$200/two or more children. See the Friday e-newsletter or church website for more information and to sign up. We are accepting volunteer applications too! Current 6th graders to adults are welcome to apply.



Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar
May 19 - 26, 2024

Today	8:30 am	Worship Service: In-Person and on YouTube
Last Day of	9:45 am	Sunday School, BP, and Fellowship
Sunday School &	10:00 am	Committee Meetings: Social Action in Library
Graduate	11:00 am	Worship Service
Recognition	12:30 pm	Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Lunch
	4:00 pm	Youth Gathering Meeting
	5:00 pm	Vocal Choir Rehearsal
5/20 Monday	11:30 am	Women's Luncheon
5/21 Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Church Council
5/23 Thursday	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
5/26 Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service: In-Person and on YouTube
	10:30 am	Fellowship and Worship and Music Committee Meeting

Upcoming Dates to Consider

Date	Time	Event
May 27, 2024	All Day	Memorial Day – Office Closed
May 8, 2024	6:00 pm	Project Sanctuary

Blood Pressure (BP): First and third Sunday of each month in the fellowship hall.

Women's Luncheon: Fourth Monday of every month. *Except for Holidays.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Deanna Brooker: healing and strength
Stephen Brown: healing and strength
Mike Fenton: health management, patience, understanding
Damien and Neil Gustafson: healing and strength
Barb Johnson: increase in mobility and decrease in pain
Lilie Niebuhr: healing and patience
Sharon Salerno: healing and strength
Tatum Family

Request for:	<i>On Behalf of:</i>
My friend Jill (she is home with hospice resulting from stage 4 cancer); Becky (fight with endometriosis)	<i>Baster-Annis Family</i>
Family of Derek Anderson (comfort, peace)	<i>Boehlje Family</i>
Jeff and Celeste (managing chronic pain)	<i>Garrett Finazzo</i>
Melrick (healing); Mark and Scott (grace); Mom and Dad (continued health); thank you for draught correction, upcoming elections, farmers of the world; city of St. Louis	<i>Cat Leonard</i>
Darlene's mom (comfort, strength)	<i>McElwee Family</i>
Jessica Hoppe (health, strength)	<i>Penny Family</i>
Chris Sebcik (healing)	<i>Michael Rakey</i>
Courage and healing for family members	<i>Kate Schejbal</i>
Norma Allen (freedom from pain and fear)	<i>Schuessler Family</i>

Gethsemane is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation Affirmation of Welcome

Christ's welcome knows no boundaries! Therefore, our welcome knows no boundaries and we invite all people to full participation in the life of the congregation.

We at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Saint Louis embrace...

People of any race or ethnicity...

People who are male, female, transgender, or any other gender identity...

People of any age...

People wherever they are, or wherever they have been, on their faith journeys...

People who are single, married, widowed, divorced, separated or partnered...

People who are straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, or any other sexual orientation...

People with a variety of political perspectives...

People who have, or had, addictions, phobias, abortions, or a criminal record...

People who are homeowners, renters, living with parents, or homeless...

People who are fully-abled, disabled, or of differing abilities...

People of differing educational backgrounds...

People of any socio-economic condition...

People not mentioned above, all of whom are created and loved by God!

As we celebrate and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God's creation, we pledge to ourselves and to all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world. We are committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith.

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