

# Ascension Lutheran Church

**Pentecost Sunday ..... May 23, 2021**

**Welcome, All, In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!**

*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.*

\*Congregation stands

## **PRELUDE**

(Please stand as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.)

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires 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 our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In**

**your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**HYMN #394 ..... "Hail Thee Festival Day"**

*Refrain*

Hail thee, festival day!  
Blest day to be hallowed forever;  
day when our Lord was raised,  
breaking the kingdom of death.

1 Bright and in likeness of fire,  
on those who await his appearing,  
he whom the Lord had foretold  
suddenly, swiftly descends: *Refrain*

2 Daily the loveliness grows,  
adorned with the glory of blossom;  
heaven its gates now unbars,  
flinging its increase of light: *Refrain*

3 God the Almighty, the Lord,  
the ruler of earth and the heavens,  
guard us from harm without;  
cleans us from evil within: *Refrain*

4 Jesus, the health of the world,  
enlighten our minds, great redeemer,  
Son of the Father supreme,  
only begotten of God: *Refrain*

5 Spirit of life and of pow'r,  
now flow in us, fount of our being,  
light that enlightens us all,  
life that in all may abide: *Refrain*

6 Praise to the giver of good!  
O Lover and Author of concord,  
pour out your balm on our days;  
order our ways in your peace: *Refrain*

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Please stand.

**\*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.**

**\*KYRIE**

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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.**

Please be seated.

**READING: Acts 2:1-21**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of

them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>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, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, 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:

<sup>17</sup>“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 men shall see visions,  
and your old men 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.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

**\*GOSPEL: John 14:8-17, 25-27**

The holy gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say,

‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the

Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the

Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will

also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so

that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

**SERMON** .....

**The Rev. Christina Auch**

Please remain seated.

We are not singing in worship; please take this time to reflect on the music and lyrics.

**HYMN #400** ..... **“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”**

1 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!

2 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!

3 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!

4 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!

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**RITE OF CONFIRMATION (AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM)**

**Emily Richards, Ford Turner**

**May 23, 2021**

**PRESENTATION**

*Pastor Christina meets the confirmands at the chancel steps.*

I present Emily Richards and Ford Turner, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Have you been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?

**[Confirmands] I have.**

*Pastor and the confirmands stand in the chancel, surrounded by those who are supporting their decision to affirm their Christian faith.*

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Are you ready with your own mouth and your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

**[Confirmands] I am.**

*Pastor asks those supporting the confirmands:*

Do you believe that Emily and Ford have been carefully prepared in their understanding of God's grace and love through our Savior Jesus Christ?

**[Parents and other supporters] We do.**

Do you believe that they ready to affirm the promises God made to them at Baptism—love, forgiveness, and eternal life?

**[Parents and other supporters] We do.**

Do you believe that they ready to take on more responsibility for their faith through worship, study, and service?

**[Parents and other supporters] We do.**

## **RENUNCIATION OF EVIL**

In Baptism, God calls us from darkness into his marvelous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with Him. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**[Confirmands] I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that draw you from God?

**[Confirmands] I renounce them.**

[P] Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**[Confirmands] I renounce them.**

Let us profess together with these candidates the faith of the whole Christian Church in 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. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

### **THE CONFIRMATION**

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Who made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

**Now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose Son Jesus Christ was crucified and rose again to break the power of sin and death: we give you thanks and praise for the gift of your Holy Spirit, by whom your servants receive new life today. Grant that in the power of your Holy Spirit, these children of God will continue to grow in faith. Make their spiritual gifts aware to them and to all of us. Grant them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and inward strength, the spirit of knowledge and godly living, and fill them with the spirit of reverence and love for You.

*Each confirmand is called up separately to kneel at the foot of the altar.*

*Family and friends may join the confirmand and lay their hands on the confirmand as the pastor prays.*

Emily and Ford, God has called you by name at Baptism and made you His own child.

Confirm, dear Lord, your servant: Emily/Ford, with your heavenly grace, that s/he will continue to be your servant, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until he enters your eternal kingdom.

*The pastor marks the confirmand with holy oil in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Heavenly Father, we pray for your servants, Emily and Ford, upon whom we have now laid our hands and anointed them, following the example of the apostles, to assure them by this sign of your favor toward them. May your hand always be over them. Let your Holy Spirit always be with them. Lead them to know and to follow your words and then embrace them into eternal life. Amen.

### **THE COMMISSION**

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God. Will you continue to follow the teachings of Jesus through fellowship, prayer, and the breaking of the bread in Holy Communion?

**[Confirmands] I will.**

Will you continue to resist evil, but when you do fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**[Confirmands] I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God through Jesus Christ?

**[Confirmands] I will.**

Will you serve Jesus through all people, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**[Confirmands] I will.**

People of God, you have heard our sister Emily and our brother Ford respond to the goodness of our Lord Jesus Christ who called them at Baptism to be partners with God in life and ministry. Do you support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*The Rite of Confirmation is ended and the congregation may applaud.*

Please stand.

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God, you give the Holy Spirit to your church, filling it with many and varied gifts. In the church throughout the world, strengthen us in our visioning and dreaming, that it may discover anew the Spirit's creative work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, your mighty works are too numerous to count. The earth is full of your creatures, living things both great and small. Open your hand and give them the necessities of this life. Send your fresh Spirit over the face of the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, at the sound of the rushing wind, people speaking different languages proclaimed and heard together your deeds of power. Fill the leaders of nations with your Holy Spirit, so that they exercise your gracious will in the lives of people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of faithfulness, you tend to the needs of your people, even the sighs of our hearts. Hear those who cry out to you in distress. Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day. We pray especially for those we name aloud now or silently in our hearts...

**Kathy** Backof (Donna Lilly's friend), **Martha** Beam (Eleanor Hendrick's friend), **Dan** Birch (Carol Berger's brother-in-law), **Adam** Bridges & **Brittany** Smith (Libby Stone's cousin and his fiancé), **Cody** Bryant (Bob Bryant's grandson), **Kathy** Callahan (Ludie Wilkie's friend), **Mike** Callahan (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **Chris** Carman (Judy Bridges' friend), **Edna** Cooper (Bill Bridges' Aunt), **The Davenport Family** (Dave and Priscilla Williams' friends), **Charles and Mary** Degree (Karen Long's friends), **Saher** Degree (Gail Sherman's friend), **Barbara Duval** (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **Tim** Farmer (Pastor Christina and Jamie's friend), **Avan** Fields (Carol Berger's friend), **Ann** Fitzsimmons (Steve

and Jenny White's friend), **Carol Ann** Forgas (Bill Bridges' friend), **Chris** Galloway (Vicky Galloway's husband), **Mike** Greene (Gail Sherman's friend), **Carl** Greenwald (DeBell's friends), **Richard** Hollifield (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **Joe** Hutchinson (William Coyne's friend), **Debbie** Irvin (Bill Bridges' friend), **Patti** Jenkins (Priscilla Williams' friend), **Kay** Johnson (Eleanor Hendrick's cousin), **Steve** Jolly (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **Mark** Kailing (Bob and Vickie Jones' nephew), **Mark** Kent (Majorie Olsen's son), **Rachel** Kidwell (Dave William's niece), **Bryan** Legrand (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **Jim** Lilly (Dick and Donna Lilly's son), **Sonya and Gerald** Lovelace (Bill Bridges friend), **Brenda** Lowery (Gail Sherman's friend), **Pam** Lucas (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **Eva** McCombs (Sandra Waldrop's mother), **Janice** McGoven (Eleanor Hendricks' sister), **Sheri Dawn** Mack (Relative of Karen Hubbard), **Maribeth** Norris Mies (Carol Berger's cousin), **Mary Bell** Moore (Lacy's neighbor), **Jane** Morrow (Daryl and Rose Cook's friend), **Pat** Mullen (Johanna Gillespie's friend), **Wanda** Mullinax (Edith Kelly's niece), **Teresa** Olsen (Marjorie Olsen's daughter-in-law), **Bob** Patzer (Carol Berger's brother-in-law), **Linda** Patzer (Carol Berger's sister), **Gerard** Peruzzi (Carol Berger's brother), **Margaret** Peruzzi (Carol Berger's mother), **Liz and Ron** Dal Poggetto (Judy Bridges' friends), **Beth** Rhyne (Ladley and Jane Burn's friend), **Shannon** Sellers (Libby Stone's cousin), **Jean and Jim** Tesseneer (Bill Bridges friend), **Jerry** Tessener (Daryl and Rose Cook's friend), **Georgeanne** Thomas (Judy Bridges friend), **David** Waldrop (Sandra Waldrop's husband), **Edith** Walker (Allen and Lisa Philbeck's friend's mother), **Molly and Darryl** Waterstraat (Karen Hubbard's friends), **Alfie** Welch (Renee Buchanan's brother), **Christopher** Willever (David Williams' grandson), **Mary Ann** Woolley (Sandra Waldrop's aunt)

**Members:** **Dean** Davis, **Lin** Washburn, **Dot** Paul, **Bob** Bryant, **William** Coyne, **Jim** Wilson, **Bobbie** Johnson, **Gerald** Washburn, **Ray** Valentine, **Lucinda** Wallen, **Lisa** Upton, **Sandy** Harman and **Ann** Sipe.

**In Undergraduate College:** **Emma** Auch, **Brooke** Buchanan, **Samantha** Hoffman, **Jacob** Stone, **Catherine** Lilly

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of love, fill this congregation with gratitude for the gifts we have received from you. Renew our ministries, heal our divisions, and open us to the needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, those who have died in you raise their eternal song of praise. We give you thanks for the many gifts of your people and rejoice in the witness of your saints. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (We are not “passing” the peace in any physical way. Online you are invited to share a greeting of peace in the comments.)

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

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Please remain seated.

We are not singing in worship; please take this time to reflect on the music and lyrics.

**OFFERTORY HYMN #184** ..... **“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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Please stand.

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.

Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.

Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;

for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be 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 praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Holy, mighty and merciful Lord,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross,  
opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

**DISTRIBUTION**

This is the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you. **Amen.**

Please remain seated.

If you are not communing, please receive this blessing for you:  
"Jesus loves you and keeps you all the days of your life."

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness  
and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.  
Risen to new life with you,  
send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world,  
in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The blessing of the living God,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you,  
keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

Please remain seated.

We are not singing in worship; please take this time to reflect on the music and lyrics.

## **HYMN #627 ..... “O Day Full of Grace”**

- 1 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.
  - 2 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.
  - 3 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.
  - 4 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.
  - 5 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.
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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Holy Communion** When you are worshiping at home, you are encouraged to set up a temporary altar called a tabernacle at home. Find a small table or bench, place on it a nice plate and a cup or goblet. Find a slice or loaf of bread and use either wine or grape juice in the cup. When the time comes for communion, lift the bread and wine with the pastor, giving thanks to God for the gift of communion that offers us forgiveness, community, and new life in Christ.

**Fellowship Hall Use:** The fellowship hall is available for use. No food or drink is allowed. The kitchen remains closed. Contact Debby in the church office for more information.

**Prayer Concerns:** Please call or email the office or text Pastor Christina at 704-472-7783 to update prayer requests. You may leave a voicemail but please provide the spelling of any names, and your relationship to the person being prayed for.

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## **A LOOK AHEAD**

### **Sunday, May 30 — Holy Trinity Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Zoom)

10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
(also on Facebook & Zoom)

### **Tuesday, June 1 — 7:00 p.m. Congregation Council Meeting**

(Zoom)

### **Sunday, June 6 – Second Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Zoom)

10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
(also on Facebook & Zoom)

### **Sunday, June 13 – Third Sunday after Pentecost**

No Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
(also on Facebook & Zoom)

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