



**Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church & School
Grafton, WI
May 19, 2024**

Confirmation Sunday

Today's Focus: The Holy Spirit arrives, just as Jesus promised. We can witness the work of the Holy Spirit as he creates and strengthens faith, and as he sustains his church from generation to generation. Praise God, for he continues to sustain his church from generation to generation.

Stewardship from God's Word: Consider John 15:26,27; 16:4b-11 The Holy Spirit empowers us to testify about what Jesus has done for us and all people. We testify as individuals when we speak the good news of Christ to the people we meet. We testify to the truth about Jesus as a gathering of believers through our offerings to support the ministry of the gospel.

Welcome!

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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The 10:30 service is livestreamed for our members at home.



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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 188

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

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.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

I said, “Sovereign LORD, you alone know.”

⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.’ ”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin 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 it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’ ” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.’ ”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

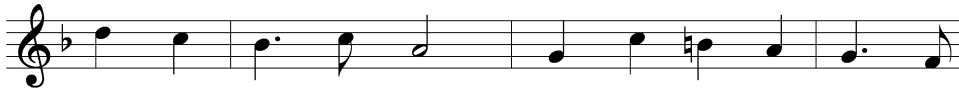
104C Bless the LORD, My Soul and Being

Psalm 104C sts. 1, 4

The cantors will sing the first stanza, the congregation will join in the second stanza.



1 Bless the LORD, my soul and be - ing! LORD my
4 LORD, how great are all your work - ings, wis - dom



God, you have such might. Cloaked with hon - or, grand and
marks them through and through. All the earth is your pos -



glo - rious, you are clothed with pur - est light.
ses - sion, great and small be - long to you.



Stretch - ing out the heav'ns like tent cloth, you are
Food you give in each due sea - son, at your



cham - bered on the deep. Rid - ing on the wings of
hand come all good things. By your Spir - it you cre -



wind - storm, flame and fire your bid - ding keep.
ate us; LORD, your breath re - new - al brings.

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Second Reading

Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“ In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood
 before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
²¹And everyone who calls
 on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

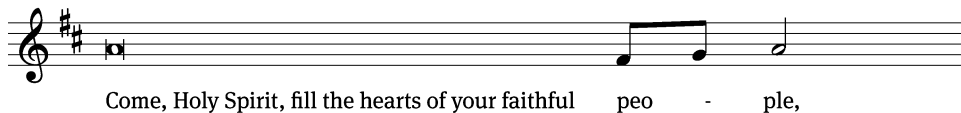
Antiphon for Pentecost



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

John 15:26–27; 16:4b-11

²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

CW 585

Sermon

Space is left for notes.

Stand

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.**

Be seated

Rite of Confirmation

Our confirmands, who publicly give the profession of faith today, are: Brock Becker, Abigail Behnke, Jonas Curtis, Hunter Harwood, Bryce Hilgendorf, Marcella Miller, Eli Nehring, Reese Rathke, Vincent Schiller, Colton Wichman and Brooke Witte.

Prayer of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, we thank you that you kept your promise and sent the Holy Spirit to your Church. Move us to celebrate the Day of Pentecost with special joy because you continue to send your Spirit to equip and empower us to be your witnesses in the world.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

The signs of fire and wind accompanied the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. We seek no signs but rely on your promise that the energy of the Spirit will encourage us as we believe and proclaim the good news.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

You, Lord Jesus, received the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit to equip you for your mission. Send those blessings to us, we pray. Cause your Spirit to rest on us and enrich us with wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, and the knowledge and fear of the Lord. Guide us to seek these gifts and use them as we share the message of your love.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Through the power of the Spirit grant us a determined zeal to reach out to the lost. Give us courage to confess the truth clearly and compassion to confess the truth in love. Guide us as we encourage brothers and sisters to join us in your mission and enable us to work together to make disciples of all nations.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

We pray that your Spirit may raise up many more men and women who are willing to be our voices in our nation and around the world. Prepare these witnesses in their education and life experiences to be able to reach out to every nation, tribe, language, and people. Keep them in your care as they serve in our place and for your cause.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Restrain the evil of Satan as we proclaim your truth. Protect all your people from social and physical persecution. When we endure the cross for following you, provide courage and patience. Safeguard our economy and guide our political leaders so that we may proclaim the gospel freely to all.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

We pray each day that you keep in your care all who are enduring the troubles and tragedies of life: those whose bodies are racked with pain, those who struggle with depression and fear, those who endure the frustration of poverty, those who grieve because of a sudden loss, and those who are facing the reality of death. Let your Spirit bring their prayers and ours to your Father's throne of grace.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.


Silent prayer

Lord Jesus, continue to pour out your Holy Spirit that he may renew us with his pentecostal power. May his love ignite our hearts and his breath impel our steps to preach the gospel to every creature.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.

Offering

Our Savior's ministries are supported by the joyful and generous gifts of her members. If you are not a member of Our Savior, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. It is our privilege and pleasure to serve you with God's Word today. You may make your gift in the following ways:

Give In person	The offering is collected during each service.
Give with the App	Download the <i>Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement</i> app. Search near me and select "Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran".
Give Online	Oursaviorgraffton.org/give 

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 199

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The first staff is an instrumental introduction. The second staff begins the vocal melody with the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,'. The third staff continues with 'heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.' The fourth staff has the lyrics 'Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The fifth staff has 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' The sixth staff has 'Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The seventh staff has 'Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The score uses various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. There are also rests and fermatas used throughout the piece.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

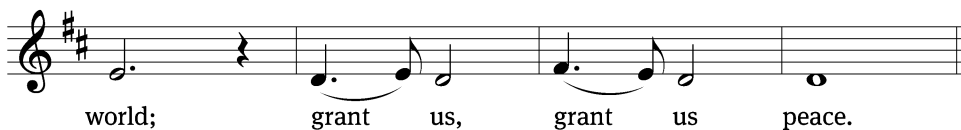
Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

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



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Be seated

Communion of our Confirmands.

Our first two tables will include our confirmands and their parent(s). After our confirmands are communed, the remainder of the congregation will be communed, following the direction of the ushers.

Distribution

Out of sincere love for the truth of God's Word and precious souls, we practice closed Communion in our congregation. This has been the practice of Christians for centuries and is thoroughly scriptural. It neither questions the faith nor judges the heart of any individual, yet expects that there be full doctrinal agreement among those who commune. For this reason, we ask that only members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) join us for the Lord's Supper today. If you have any questions please speak with Pastor Fischer after the service.

O Day Full of Grace

CW 477

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

CW 660

Stand

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Let Me Be Yours Forever

CW 715

At the 8:00 am service, the Sunday School children will sing.

After the service, the confirmands will form a receiving line to greet the congregation as they exit.

Acknowledgments

Setting Three from Christian Worship

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