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Divine Service 4

PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS PROCESSIONAL AS WE GATHER

Throughout our lives, we look for a helper. Maybe that's a parent who can hold our hand to cross the street, a spouse who can open the pickle jar, or an expert who delivers wisdom we don't have. Our Lord Jesus Christ sends us a helper, the promised Holy Spirit. The Spirit opens our heart to faith and then fills it with heavenly wisdom. Present in our Baptism and present today in worship, the Spirit keeps our hand firmly in our Savior's, so that linked by love, we can walk confidently in His promises.

Confession and Absolution

HYMN OF INVOCATION: 500 CREATOR SPIRIT, BY WHOSE AID

- 1 Creator Spirit, by whose aid
The world's foundations first were laid,
Come, visit ev'ry humble mind;
Come, pour Your joys on humankind;

From sin and sorrow set us free;
May we Your living temples be.

2 O Source of uncreated light,
The bearer of God's gracious might,
Thrice-holy fount, thrice-holy fire,
Our hearts with heav'nly love inspire;
Your sacred, healing message bring
To sanctify us as we sing.

3 Giver of grace, descend from high;
Your sev'nfold gifts to us supply;
Help us eternal truths receive
And practice all that we believe;
Give us Yourself that we may see
The glory of the Trinity.

△4 Immortal honor, endless fame
Attend the_almighty Father's name;
The Savior-Son be glorified,
Who for all humankind has died;
To You, O Paraclete, we raise
Unending songs of thanks and praise.

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alt.

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BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

Stand

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of
their Baptism.*

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the
✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
G who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

CONFESSION OF SINS *LSB 203*

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

INTROIT

P Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

C **Forever, O Lord, your word
is firmly fixed in the heavens.**

P Your faithfulness endures to all
generations;
you have established the earth,
and it stands fast.

C **By your appointment they stand this
day,
for all things are your servants.**

P If your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my
affliction.

C **I will never forget your precepts,
for by them you have given me
life.**

**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.**

P Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

KYRIE

LSB 204

C **Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204

C **1. To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,**

Lord God, our heav'nly King.

- 2. To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**
- 3. For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

FIRST READING *Acts 17:16–31*

Paul in Athens

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.

¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

Paul Addresses the Areopagus

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel

their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for

“‘In him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

L ⁸Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,
⁹who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.

C ¹⁰**For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.**

¹¹**You brought us into the net;
you laid a crushing burden on our
backs;**

¹²**you let men ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through
water;**

**yet you have brought us out to a
place of abundance.**

L ¹³I will come into your house with burnt offerings;

I will perform my vows to you,
¹⁴that which my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was
in trouble.

C ¹⁵**I will offer to you burnt offerings of
fattened animals,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of
rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and
goats.**

L ¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear
God,
and I will tell what he has done for
my soul.
¹⁷I cried to him with my mouth,
and high praise was on my tongue.

C ¹⁸**If I had cherished iniquity in my
heart,
the Lord would not have listened.**

L ¹⁹But truly God has listened;
he has attended to the voice of my
prayer.
²⁰Blessèd be God,
because he has not rejected my
prayer
or removed his steadfast love from
me!

EPISTLE

1 Peter 3:13–22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you
are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even
if you should suffer for righteousness'
sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of
them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your
hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy,
always being prepared to make a
defense to anyone who asks you for a

reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15–21

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

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY: 496 HOLY SPIRIT, LIGHT DIVINE

- 1 Holy Spirit, light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn the darkness into day.
- 2 Let me see my Savior's face,
Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me
Which are only known to Thee.

- 3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me,
From sin's bondage set me free.
- 4 Holy Spirit, joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace,
Let it grow and still increase.
- 5 Holy Spirit, all divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne,
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

Text: Andrew Reed, 1787–1862, alt.

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SERMON: "The Impact Of The Half-Known God"

John 14:15-21

APOSTLES' CREED (Catechism)

P The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed is focused on the Holy Spirit and the ways in which the work of the Spirit has directed the life and growth of the church from its very beginnings, as is recorded by Luke in Acts. The Third Article presents and emphasizes what matters for our spiritual lives now and forever.

C 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.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the

**Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts,
sanctified and kept me in the true
faith.**

**In the same way He calls, gathers,
enlightens, and sanctifies the whole
Christian Church on earth, and keeps
it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian Church He daily and
richly forgives all my sins and the sins
of all believers.**

**On the Last Day He will raise me and
all the dead, and give eternal life to
me and all believers in Christ.**

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER RESPONSE

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

OFFERING

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.

Sit

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and
✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART: 650 HOLY SPIRIT, EVER DWELLING

- 1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit,
You we praise and magnify.

- 2 Holy Spirit, ever living
As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship
For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.

- 3 Holy Spirit, ever working
Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and
absolving,
Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending,
You we worship and extol.

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VOTERS ASSEMBLY May 17 after worship
Save the Date. We will be voting for Officers

NEW BIBLE STUDY FOR TUESDAY

MORNING: God's Word is our source for life. Through deeper study of the Gospel of John, we will see the bigger picture of God's plan for our lives. If you crave more intentional, comprehensible, and practical application study of God's Word, you will appreciate the Life by His Word study of the Gospel of John. Whether you are new to the church, a life-long member, or studying on your own, this study will connect you with the full story of God's work in your life and lead you to see His promises anew. Each lesson is divided into easy-to-use one-page handouts. Join us on Tuesday mornings **at 10:00!**

WORSHIP SERVANTS May 10, 2026

Acolyte: Sam Ratliff

Elders: Garet

Pastor: Pastor Ken Huner

Organist: Daniel Eppler

Special Music:

Altar: Barb Yek and Athena Reister

Counting: Bryan Bickle and Greg Eppler

Ushers: Dennis and Stacy Sprague

Greeters: Jim and Penny Myers

MINISTRY CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun May 10

9 am – Adult Bible Study Matthew

9 am – Children's Sunday School

10 am – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mon May 11

4:30 pm -- Confirmation

Tues May 12

10 am -- Adult Bible Study

11 am -- Prayer Warriors

Wed May 13

Thurs May 14

10:30 am -- Christian Art Class

7 pm -- Elders

Fri May 15

Sat May 16

Sun May 17

9 am -- Adult Bible Study Matthew

9 am -- Children's Sunday School

10 am -- Seventh Sunday of Easter

VOTERS MEETING AFTER WORSHIP