

CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD,
WE SEEK, SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST.



DAY OF PENTECOST
Sunday, May 24, 2026

10:30 AM

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INTRODUCTION

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

GOD GIVES MORE THAN ENOUGH

It is the "first day of the week" (John 20:19), the day of the new creation, but to those locked away in the upper room in fear, the world is as it always has been. So entrenched are they in the ways of grief and guilt that the Risen One in their midst needs to offer his life-giving invitation twice: "Peace be with you." The logic of the new age is peace, not retribution; forgiveness, not vengeance. With the invitation to new life comes also the means: the gift of the Holy Spirit, breathed upon them and within them. Just as the Father sent Jesus into the world, so now are these disciples sent as witnesses to God's saving work.

Pentecost is therefore the crowning achievement of the Jesus story. Now, more than ever, these huddled disciples would have just cause to sing the "Dayenu" ("It would have been enough") verses from the Passover seder meal, but revised: It would have been enough for the Word and wisdom of God to have been born in the flesh . . . Dayenu! It would have been enough for the Word to grow to adulthood and share his stunning parables about God's gracious activity in the world . . . Dayenu! It would have been enough for this Word to say to his enemies, "Father, forgive them" . . . Dayenu! It would have been enough for this Word to have died on a cross for us . . . Dayenu! It would have been enough that he rose again in blessing, not vengeance . . . Dayenu! But now, beyond what we would even expect—the Word becomes our word and it is written on our hearts at Pentecost . . . Dayenu! It is enough, and more than enough to enflame our ministry of reconciliation in a world in need of a healing word.

*** indicates to stand as you are able.*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

"Veni Sancte Spiritus"

based on the Sequence for Pentecost

text by the Taizé Community • music by Jaques Berthier

Chancel Choir

Veni, Sancte Spiritus.

Come, Holy Spirit; from heaven shine forth
with your glorious light. Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Come, Father of the poor; come, generous Spirit;
come, light of our hearts. Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Come from the four winds, O Spirit; come, breath of God;
disperse the shadows over us; renew and strengthen your people.
Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Translation:

"Veni, Sancte Spiritus"

"Come, Holy Spirit"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Mallory Morris

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Spirit of the Living God"

Musical score for "Spirit of the Living God" in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef staff with lyrics. The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Spir - it of the". The second system contains the next two lines: "liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me,". The third system contains the final two lines: "use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God. fall fresh on me." The music consists of chords and simple melodic lines.

OPENING LITANY

God of wind and fire,

revive us with your Spirit, and make us new.

God of mighty oceans and gentle brooks,

rain down your healing waters, and wash away our sin.

God of sun, grain and vine,

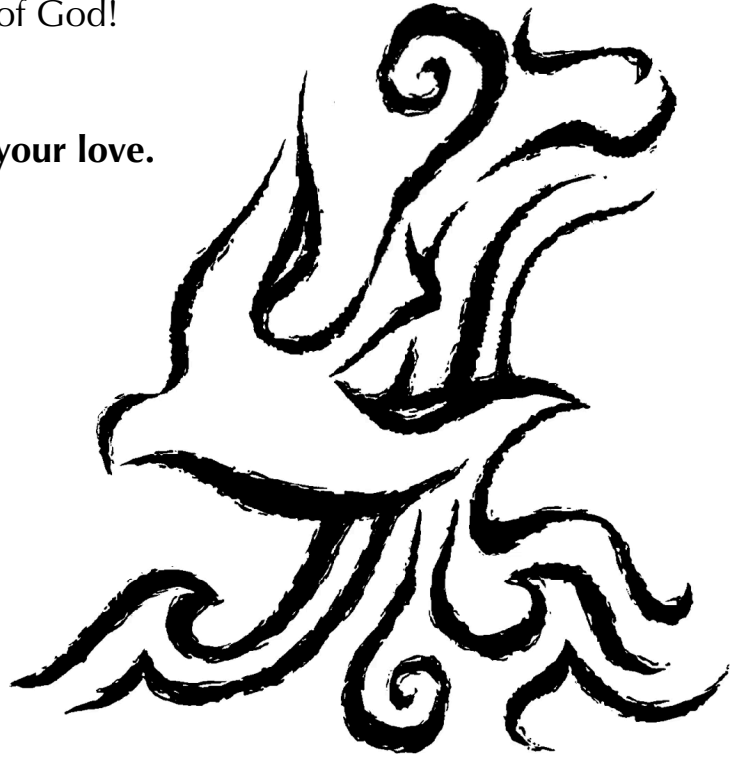
transform our earthly bread into food for the life of the world.

Come from the four winds, O Spirit of God!

Breathe life into your people!

Make us one in heart and mind.

Kindle within each of us the fire of your love.



GATHERING SONGS

“We Are the Church”



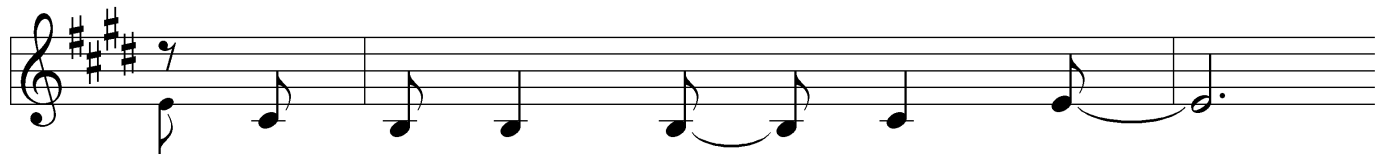
We are the church, the bo - dy of our Lord;



we are all God's chil - dren. We have been re - stored.



- 1 The church is not a build - ing
- 2 You can go to wor - ship
- 3 The church is not a busi - ness,
- 4 The church, it is the peo - ple



where peo - ple go to pray;
but you can - not go to church;
a com - mit - tee or a board;
liv - ing out their lives,



it's not made out of sticks and stones,
you can't find a build - ing that's a - live
it's not a cor - por - a - tion for
called, en - light - ened, sanc - ti - fied

Refrain



it's not made out of clay.
no mat - ter how you search.
the busi - ness of the Lord.
for the work of Je - sus Christ.

"O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God"



1. O breathe on me, O breath of God, Fill me with
2. O breathe on me, O breath of God, Un - til my
3. O breathe on me, O breath of God, My will to
4. O breathe on me, O breath of God, So shall I



life a - new, That I may love the
heart is pure; Un - til my will is
yours in - cline, Un - til this self - ish
nev - er die, But live with you the



things you love, And do what you would do.
one with yours, To do and to en - dure.
part of me Glows with your fire di - vine.
per - fect life Of your e - ter - ni - ty.

"Holy Spirit"

(Verse 1 - Music Ministers)

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.
Nothing can compare; you're our living hope:
Your Presence.

(Verse 2 - Music Ministers)

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence, Lord.

(Refrain - All / Music Ministers)

Holy Spirit, you are welcome here.
Come, flood this place, and fill the atmosphere.
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord,
Your Presence, Lord.

(Verse 3 - Music Ministers)

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.
Nothing can compare; you're our living hope:
Your Presence.

(Verse 4 - Music Ministers)

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence, Lord.

(Refrain - All)

**Holy Spirit, you are welcome here.
Come, flood this place, and fill the atmosphere.
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.**

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Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord,
Your Presence, Lord.**

(Music Ministers)

Your Presence, Lord;
Your Presence, O God;
How we love Your Presence, Lord.

(Bridge - Music Ministers / All)

Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of your goodness.
Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of your goodness.

**Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of your goodness.
Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of your goodness, Lord.**

(Refrain - Music Ministers)

Holy Spirit, you are welcome here.
Come, flood this place, and fill the atmosphere.
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.

**** THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the minister continues.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us,
for the five rivers that flow through our land.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever. **Amen.**

**** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Assisting Minister

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture-reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection. In this updated reading of today's first lesson, you will hear countries referred to by their modern names.

A reading from Acts, the second chapter.

It was the festival of Pentecost, and the apostles were all together in a house. And suddenly from heaven there was a sound like a giant rush of wind, - *whoosh* - and it filled the whole house! Flames of fire that looked like tongues appeared among the apostles, and each of them were touched by one of the tongue-like flames. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, because the Spirit gave them that ability.

There were faithful Jewish people from around the world who were in Jerusalem at the time, to celebrate the festival of Pentecost, and when they heard the great *whoosh*, a crowd gathered at the house where the apostles were, and they were confused as they listened to the apostles speak, because each person heard the apostles speaking in their own native language.

Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Aren't all of these people from the same place in Galilee? How can they be talking in so many languages at once? We are from Afghanistan and Turkmenistan, Iran and Iraq, Israel and Palestine and many parts of Turkey, including near Istanbul and Ankara; some of us are from Egypt and northern Libya, or visiting from Rome in Italy, from the island of Crete or from Saudi Arabia. But still we all hear the apostles speaking about God's deeds of power in our own languages!" All of them were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another "What does this mean?" But other people laughed at the apostles, saying they were drunk.

Peter was standing with the other apostles, and he raised his voice and spoke to the crowd, "People of Israel and everyone who is in Jerusalem, listen to me! We are not drunk, as you might think, it's only nine in the morning! No, this is what the prophet Joel said, 'God tells us that in the last days, God will pour out his Spirit on all people, that your children will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit on them in those days and they will prophesy too. And I will show signs in the sky above them and in the earth below them, blood, fire and smoky mist. The sun will turn dark and the moon will turn red, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who says the Lord's name will be saved.'"

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 104: "Send Out Your Spirit"

Send out your Spir - it, O Lord, and re - new the face of the earth. En -

ví - a tu es - pí - ri - tu, Se - ñor, y re - nue - va la faz de la tie - rra.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the English lyrics: "Send out your Spir - it, O Lord, and re - new the face of the earth. En -". The second staff contains the melody for the Spanish lyrics: "ví - a tu es - pí - ri - tu, Se - ñor, y re - nue - va la faz de la tie - rra." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef.

Verse 1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul
Lord God, you are great indeed!
You are clothed with majesty and glory,
Wrapped in light as in a robe.

Verse 2 You founded the earth on its base,
Standing firm, it will never be shaken.
You wrapped it with the ocean like a garment:
Above the mountains the waters stand.

Verse 3 You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
They flow among the mountains.
On their banks, the birds of heaven dwell;
From the branches they sing their song.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

A reading from 1 Corinthians, the twelfth chapter.

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

** GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The holy gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUTH MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Mallory Morris

** 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 power of 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.

** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting Minister

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Each petition concludes:

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”

ADORO TE DEVOTE

arr. K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And with wisdom, kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ’s sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would, and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow’r to see, I would be like thee;
‘Gainst all weapons hell can wield by thou, my strength and shield,
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.

OFFERING PRAYER

Assisting Minister

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

** DIALOGUE

Lift up your heads; **we lift them up to God.**

Lift up your voices; **we lift them up to God.**

Lift up your hearts; **we lift them up to God.**

** THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

And so we gather at the table. We come from many different places in life. And as we come together around the table we discover that our differences are not something we just tolerate, but that our differences are indeed a blessing. So come, children of God, just as you are. Wherever you are on this journey of life and faith, you are welcome here - here in this place, here in this community, here at this table. Come, children of God, come and remember. Remember the stories that Jesus' friends tell: Stories of bread broken and shared to feed a multitude; stories of gathering both enemy and friend together around a common table; stories of unlikely guests revealing the face of the sacred.

On a night of both celebration and betrayal Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it; gave it to his disciples and said, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Then Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to his disciples 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."

And so we pray: Lord, bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes might be open, and that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst, indeed in one another.

** 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

Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

For those communing at home or in the pew:

COMMUNION — *Receiving the Lord's tangible presence*

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Each person may respond: Amen.

Communion Statement ~ We believe that the communion table is not Pr. Mallory's table, Good Shepherd Lutheran's table, or even the ELCA's table. This is God's table. And because this is God's table, we believe that anyone who wishes to receive communion can come forward and do so without condition or qualification.

Please note that we provide a non-alcoholic option (white) for those who do not want to partake of the communion wine (red). We also have gluten-free wafers available for those who need them. Simply let Pr. Mallory and the communion assistants know that you need something different when they come to you.

If anyone wishes to come forward and receive a blessing instead of communion elements, you are welcome to come forward to the communion rails with your arms crossed over your chest in the shape of an "X" instead.

If mobility concerns make it difficult to come forward for communion, you can alert the ushers, and they will let Pr. Mallory know to come to you.

REFLECTION DURING COMMUNION

As we prepare to receive the sacrament today, may we quietly take this time to center ourselves on Christ and ponder the amazing gifts of grace and forgiveness that we have been given. As we receive the body and the blood of our Lord, let us reflect upon His sacrifice. Finally, may we take this time to ask the Holy Spirit to enter our hearts, and then to work in us and through us each and every day.

**** TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and always keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

**** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Assisting Minister

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

**** SENDING OF COMMUNION**

Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament to those who are absent. The presiding minister may lead this prayer of sending.

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

** BLESSING

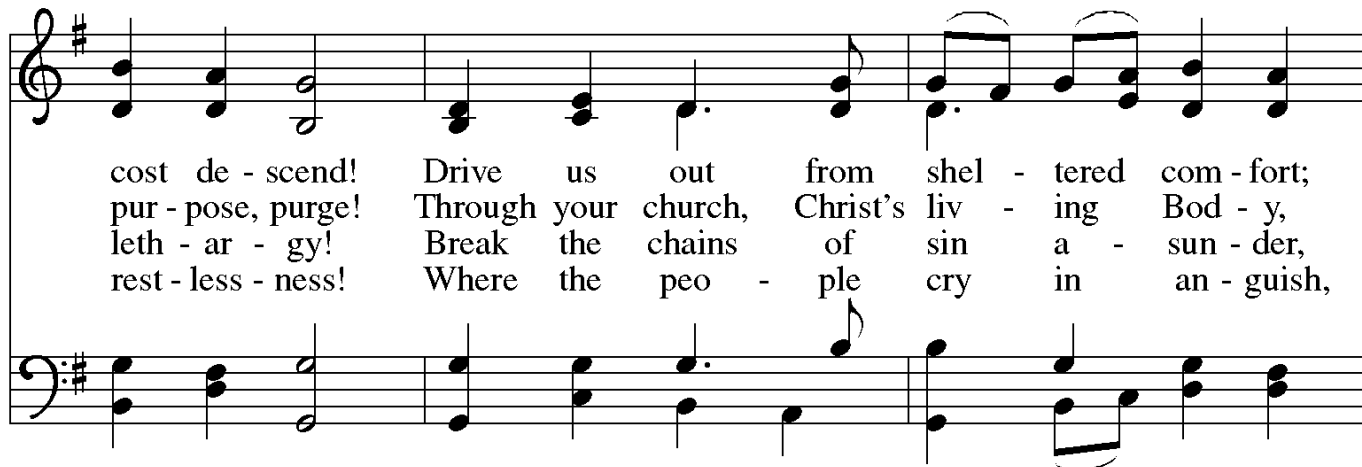
God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
‡ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

** SENDING SONG

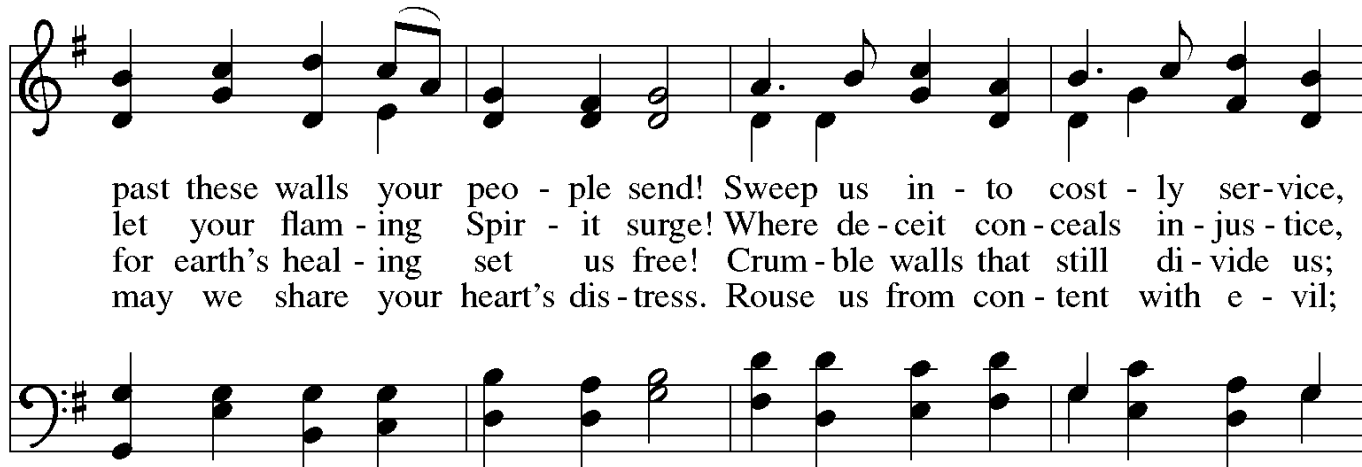
“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”



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!

**** DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Created, saved and gifted by God,

we seek, serve and share Jesus Christ. Hallelujah, thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“W + 2” = WORSHIP PLUS TWO

**MAKE A COMMITMENT NOT ONLY TO WORSHIP EACH WEEK,
 BUT ALSO TRY TO FIND A WAY TO SERVE IN THE CONGREGATION
 AND SEEK OUT A WAY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.**

YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

**Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543;
Leonhard Euler, died 1783; scientists**
Sunday, May 24, 2026

These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.

John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564
Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Gifted both as a systematic theologian and as an interpreter of scriptures, Calvin embraced the Reformation, and as a preacher in Geneva, Switzerland, brought a theocratic government to it. He is regarded as the father of the Reformed churches.

Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637
Friday, May 29, 2026

Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.