

Holy Trinity

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The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

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WELCOME! We welcome our guests and visitors this morning and pray that your worship with us will be meaningful, blessed, and especially Christ-centered. We hope that you will worship with us again soon! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider making Grace Lutheran your church home.

IN THE INTEREST of good pastoral care, Grace Lutheran Church practices close communion. We believe, teach and confess that the one Holy Apostolic Christian Church throughout history and Holy Scripture teach that those who commune together should be one in faith and doctrine. For this reason, we reserve Holy Communion for those who are confirmed members of Grace Lutheran Church, and for confirmed members in good standing of sister LC-MS congregations. We respectfully ask those who are members of other church bodies to commune at the altar of their church, in accordance with their public confessions and under the care of their pastor.

THOSE who serve us:

ElderJeff Jaggers	
AltarNikki Waugh	Piano/Organ
Flowers	Courtesy
Greeters	
Ushers	
Church Cleaner	Lisa Johnson
Church Secretary	Leah Sherman
Little Lambs Preschool Teach	er Deb Evans

REMEMBER in your prayers: Jan Flueckinger, DeOnna Anderson, Bob Mills, Jim Kamerzell, Odessa Elwood, Ellen Zlomke, Edna Schaer, Kristy Winter, Ray Zlomke, Wynn Coon, Nate Harris, Bonnie and Leonard Harris, Kolton & Korbin Sommerville, Lori Liggett, Allison Judy, Joanie Burleigh, Onda Hupp, the family of Eva Hix, Sherry Rhoadarmer

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We rejoice to be back in the house of the LORD! What a blessing to be able to gather under the same roof, hear God's Word, receive His gifts, pray and sing His praises together.

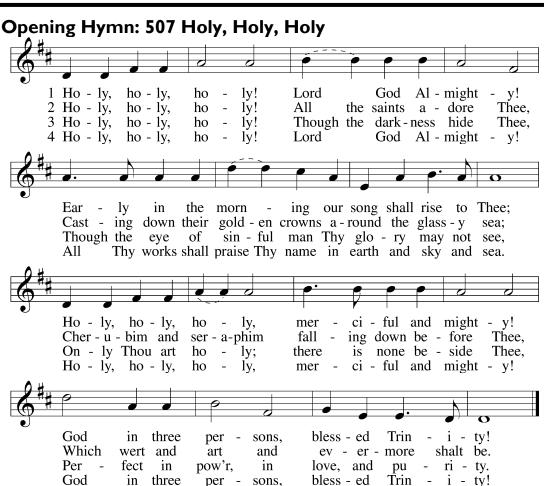
At the same time, we recognize that the threat of disease is not over and we are still being asked to take precautions in an attempt to keep one another and our community healthy. Here at church, those precautions include the following things: 1) individuals and family groups need to be seated six feet apart; 2) we will refrain from shaking hands; 3) there will be no passing of the offering plate; 4) distribution of the Sacrament will be done individually; 5) when lining up for communion, we ask you to line up one family group at a time; 6) the communion vessels have been prepared in a sanitized environment, and arranged in a way that seeks to avoid cross-contamination; 7) at the end of the service, we ask everyone to leave one family group at a time and not linger in the building.

Some of what is on this list is good, common-sense stuff, but much of it causes me sadness to even write it out. We are the body of Christ, and physical presence and closeness is a part of that. We pray God to deliver us from evil and continue His work to carry us through this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

We will continue to watch the health reports, and make adjustments so that we may continue to worship, and still continue to help and support our neighbors in their bodies and lives.







Please stand, as you are able

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

P In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. [Matthew 28:19]

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

 [Hebrews 10:22]
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the H Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 C Amen.

 [John 20:19-23]

Introit Psalm 8:1–2a, 3–5; antiphon: Liturgical Text

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Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

O | LORD, our Lord,*

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

You have set your glory above the | heavens.*

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have es- | tablished strength.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your | fingers,* the moon and the stars, which you have | set in place,

what is man that you are mind- | ful of him,* and the son of man that you | care for him?

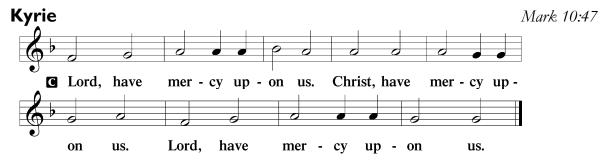
Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings* and crowned him with glory and | honor.

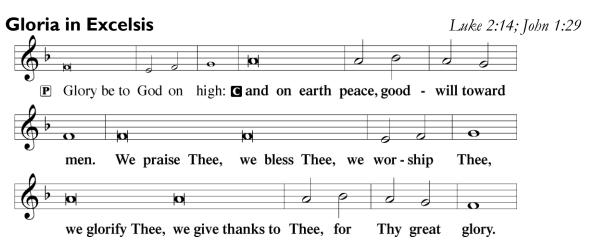
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.







Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 6:1–7 Isaiah's Vision of the LORD

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Gradual Liturgical Text

Blessèd are You, O Lord, who be- | holds the deep,* and who dwells between the | cherubim.

Blessèd are You, O Lord, in the firmament of | heaven,* and greatly to be praised for- | ever.

Epistle Romans 11:33–36

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

34"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"
35"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel John 3:1–17

- The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.
- Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

You Must Be Born Again

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you,

unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God So Loved the World

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

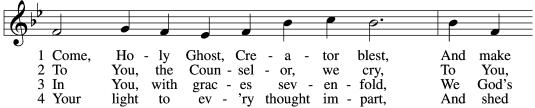
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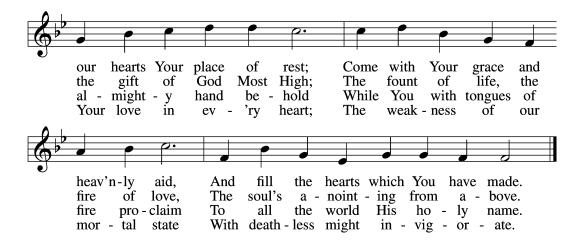
- L Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- **L** And the catholic faith is this,
- that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- L Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

- L the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
- L So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- L So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

- He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
- ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

Hymn of the Day: 498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

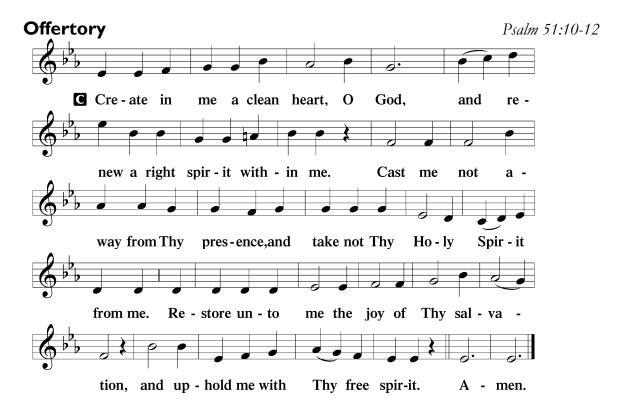




- 5 Drive far away our wily foe, And Your abiding peace bestow; With You as our protecting guide, No evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, And You, from both, as Three in One That we Your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.
- △ 7 Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One, And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Sermon

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **C** Amen. *Philippians 4:7*



[Offering at the back of church] [1 Cor. 9:14; Gal. 6:6-7; 1 Tim. 5:17-18]

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For an increase in devotion for all the saints, for the faithful proclamation of the Gospel by all pastors in Christ, for an end to schism and division within the Church Militant, and for the proper fear and fervent praise of the Holy Trinity among all those born again from above in Holy Baptism, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

For faithful catechesis and formation in the faith for our catechumens, both young and old; for a renewed vigor to study God's Word within the congregations of our Synod; for Christ to be fully formed within us; for

- courage to walk as children of the light; and for strength in the face of temptation, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.
- For the sojourner and stranger, for the persecuted and oppressed, for prisoners and their families, for the enemies of the faith, and for the true repentance of all, let us pray to the Lord:

 Lord, have mercy.
- For thankful hearts and for the faithful support of the Church and the work of the Lord, here and throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord:

 C Lord, have mercy.
- For the nations and those who lead them, for an end to violence and war, and for peace throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the end of the global pandemic, for a return to life and livelihood, for patience and understanding, and for the Gospel's increase despite every worldly setback, let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy
- For reverent awe as our lips receive the very body and blood of Christ from the holy altar, for the removal of our guilt and deliverance from evil, for the strengthening of our love for God and for one another, and for an increase of faith, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.
- For the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

All glory, honor and praise be to the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Holy, holy, holy is He whose name is majestic in all the earth, through whom we have forgiveness, life and salvation. For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

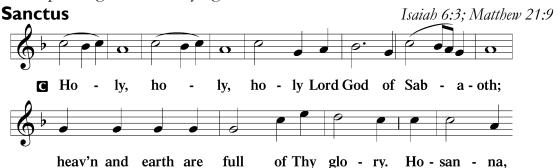
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

[Psalm 136]

C It is meet and right so to do.

[Meet means 'fitting, proper.']

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

- Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C Amen.

Agnus Dei John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

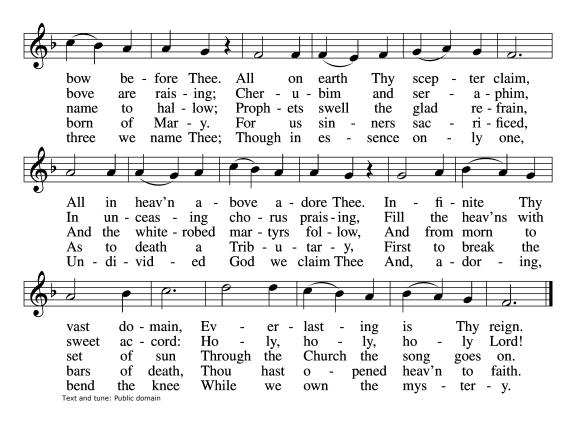
Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

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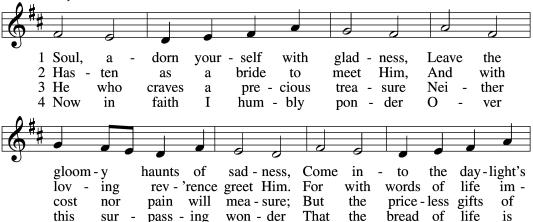
- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart \(\frac{1}{2} \) in peace.
- C Amen.

940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name sts. 1-5





636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness





5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure,

Peace beyond all understanding,

Joy into all life expanding: Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You; Worthily let me receive You

And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,

Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring:

At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker

Of this blessèd food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given. 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven

On the cross for me to languish

And to die in bitter anguish, To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness.

By this blood redeemed and living,

Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You.

By Your love I am invited,

Be Your love with love requited;

By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.

Through the gift of grace You give me

As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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Stand





Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

- (A) O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- and His mercy endureth forever.
- Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **CAmen.**
- P The Lord be with you. C And with thy spirit. 27

2 Timothy 4:22

Benedicamus

[Psalm 103:1]

A Bless we the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

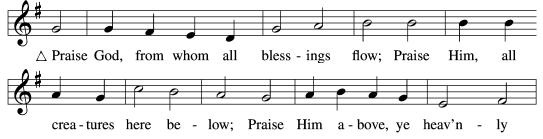
BenedictionNumbers 6:24-26

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.
- C Amen, amen, amen.

Hymn to Depart: 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow





Son, and Ho Fa - ther, ly Ghost. host: Praise A - men.

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STEWARDSHIP:

Acts 2:1 – "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place." Pentecost is the Old Testament harvest festival – it happens around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. Of course, this was a picture and foreshadowing of the

great harvest of humankind that God means to bring in through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest. From first to last, in things temporal and things eternal, we stand only by His grace.

Budget for 2020: \$123,485 As of May 27th, we have received \$45,849.74 in offerings.

Thanks to a generous donation, the remaining balance on our district missions pledge from 2019 has been paid! Praise God from whom all blessings flow.