

+ Day of Pentecost June 8, 2025



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+ Day of Pentecost Order for Worship

On the Day of Pentecost, the Church celebrates that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, languages, or life paths. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom given by God's grace with all the world.

Welcome to St. Andrew!

- St. Andrew welcomes all who are seeking a place of healing, wholeness, and acceptance in a nurturing and faith-forming spiritual home. We are striving toward racial equity worldwide and we seek to honor the lived experience of all individuals regardless of background. Our community embraces people of all ages, ethnicities, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and family constellations. Come and See!
- Worship Services are live-streamed to multiple online platforms. By attending worship, you agree that your image and voice may be broadcast.
- Everyone is invited to make a name tag at the black bookcase in the back of the worship space if they would like. There are stickers indicating pronouns on the bookcase if you would like to include them on your name tag.
- A nursery is available through the doors at the left side of the sanctuary and across from the doorway to the Social Hall. Look for a purple-colored room.
- Worship "toolkits" to help children engage with the service, along with "busy bags" for younger children, are available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children.
- Holy Communion is served with bread (gluten-free available) and wine or grape juice. The
 presiding minister will distribute the bread (host). Please consume this and then pick up an empty
 glass from the tray. The Communion Assistant will pour wine or grape juice into your glass.
 Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice. Feel free to kneel at the altar for prayer
 and reflection. As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either
 side of the center section.
- A restroom is available on the main level of the church, through the doors to the Social Hall and to the right in the main office.

Abbreviations

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

ACS: All Creation Sings hymnal

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

A: Assisting Minister

L: Lector

C: Congregation

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

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

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of Baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of Baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. C: Amen.

come.



Nio - o kwe - tu,

Ro - ho mwe - ma,

M - fa - ri - ji we tu.

Gra - cious Spir - it,

heed our plead-ing,

fash - ion us all a new.

Come to teach us,

come to nour - ish

those who be-lieve in Christ.

Guide our think-ing

and our speak-ing

done in your ho - ly name.



Tu - fu - ndi - she It's your lead - ing Bless the faith-ful, Mo - ti - vate all

Come,

ya mbi - ngu - ni, that we're need-ing, may they flour-ish, in their seek-ing,

tu wa - tu wa pya. help fol - low us to you. strength-ened by grace un - priced. free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain Njo njo - o, Ro - ho 0, njo 0, mwe ma.

Njo0, njo njo - o, Ro - ho mwe 0, ma.Come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty; turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty. Refrain

come,

5 Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure. Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. Refrain

come, Ho - ly Spir - it,

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Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.



Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of the earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our hearts and tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song

The reading from Acts 2 recounts the coming of the Holy Spirit to faithful people of all nations and languages. A portion of the text will be read simultaneously by several members of the congregation in various languages, to evoke how that Pentecost experience may have sounded.

First Reading – Acts 2: 1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ '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.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit,

and they shall prophesy.

- ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood.

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

The psalm will be sung responsively, led by the cantor, with the congregation responding with the bold verses and refrain.

Psalm tone



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Psalm refrain



Psalm 104:30

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²⁴ How manifold are your | works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵ Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man-|y to number, living things both | small and great.

²⁶ There go the ships | to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

 27 All of them † look to you

to give them their food | in due season. R

²⁸ You give it to them; they | gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹ When you hide your face, | they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created; and so you renew the face | of the earth.

31 May the glory of the Lord en- | dure forever; O Lord, rejoice in | all your works. R

³² You look at the earth | and it trembles; you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³ I will sing to the Lord as long | as I live; I will praise my God while I | have my being.

³⁴ May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.

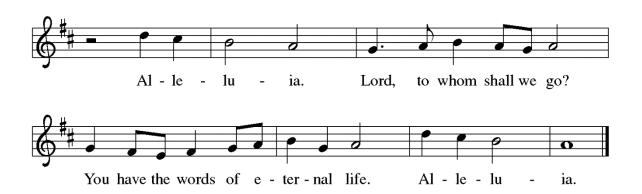
35b Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hal- lelujah! R

Second Reading – Romans 8: 14-17

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel – John 14: 8-17 [25-27]

P: The holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁸ Philip said to [Jesus], "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ 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'? ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² 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. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ 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.

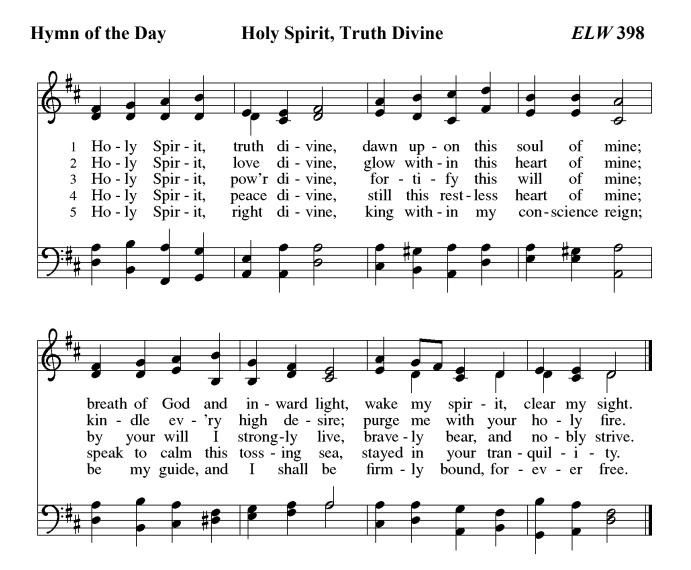
[²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

A time of silence for prayer and reflection follows the sermon. When the hymn of the day begins, please rise as you are able.



Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892 Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

Affirmation of Baptism

Those making affirmation gather with the ministers at the font. They may be joined by others from the assembly.

Presentation

The presiding minister addresses the assembly with these or similar words.

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of Baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism. *The presiding minister may note briefly the occasion for this affirmation*.

Those making affirmation are presented by a sponsor or another representative of the congregation:

R: I present <u>name</u>, who desires to make public affirmation of their baptism.

The presiding minister may continue with prayer.

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in Baptism.

You have called them to yourself,

enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,

and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of Baptism,

and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

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

Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*

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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

Affirmation of Baptism

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

P: You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

P: People of God,

do you promise to support these siblings and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

^{*}Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

Those making affirmation may kneel. The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The blessing may be repeated for each person. The minister may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:

P: Stir up in <u>name</u> the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

A: Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ!

C: We rejoice with you in the life of Baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

All are invited to join in singing the congregational refrain, which sis sung on special occasions in the life of the congregation.

Congregational Refrain

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When all have returned to their places, worship continues with the Prayers of the People.

Prayers of the People

A: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition

A: Gracious God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ. P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The people may greet those around them with a sign of Christ's peace and may say
Peace be with you or similar words. Please be mindful that not everyone will be comfortable
with sharing the peace, so please seek consent before shaking hands or hugging. Other possible
ways to share the peace include a simple bow with the verbal greeting of peace, or simply a
verbal expression of peace.

When the greetings of peace have concluded, please be seated.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering

We offer ourselves, our gifts, and our faithful service to God.

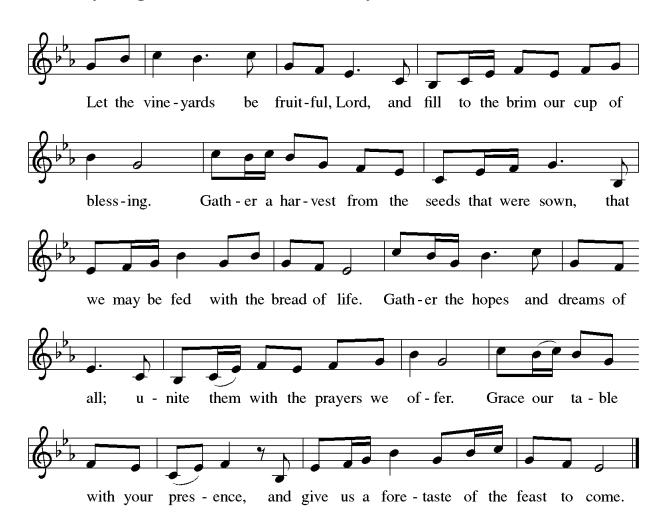
As the offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need, the table is set for Holy Communion.

There are laminated giving cards in the pew racks that feature a QR code for anyone who would like to give online. Those who give using the QR code, as well as those who give regularly online or through their bank are encouraged to place the laminated card in the plate as an expression of your offering.

Offertory Music

Down to the River to Pray Traditional/arr. Dempsey

As the gifts are brought forward for presentation, please rise as you are able.



Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God,

C: ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ,

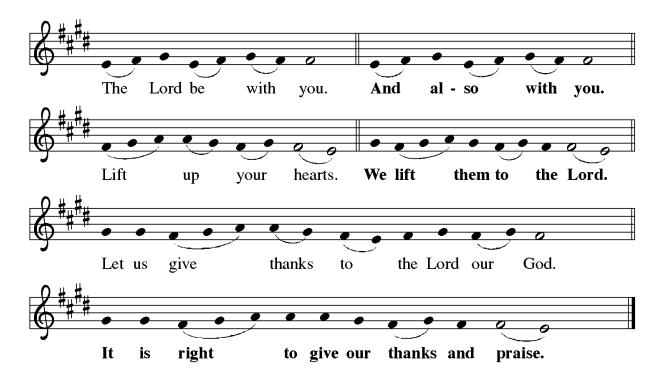
give us glad and generous hearts,

ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

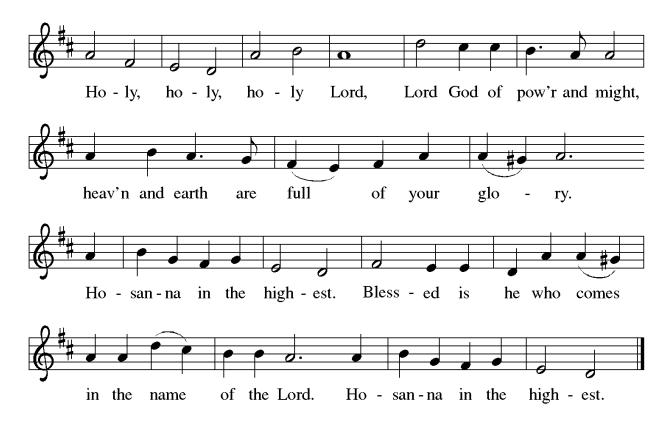
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Preface (Sung by the presiding minister)

P: 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 hymn:

Sanctus ELW p. 153



Eucharistic Prayer

P: Thanks be to you, O God ...

... Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Upon this bread and wine, come, Holy Spirit:

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Manifest here the body and blood of Christ. Come, Holy Spirit:

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Upon this assembly, come, Holy Spirit:

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

Upon the members of this Confirmation class, come, Holy Spirit.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Upon all who minister in your church, come, Holy Spirit:

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: We plead for your Spirit ...

... God of the power of justice and peace, now and forever.

C: Amen.

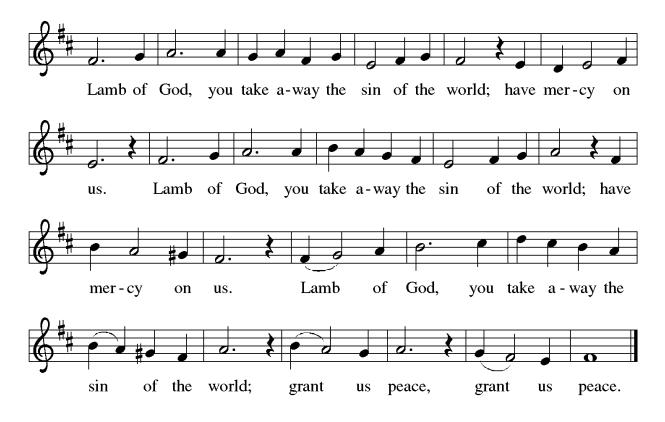
Lord's Prayer

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.

Fraction and Invitation

P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God of every nation and tongue. Drawn together as one by the Spirit, let us share the feast.





Please be seated.

Holy Communion

- All who seek God and desire a deeper and stronger life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
- Worshipers from the pulpit side will proceed forward first, followed by the center section, and then the lectern side.
- Please inform an usher if you would like the ministers to bring Communion to you.
- Holy Communion will be served with bread and wine (amber) or grape juice (purple).
- The presiding minister will first distribute the bread (host) to each communicant. Please indicate if you require a gluten-free host.
- Once you have consumed the bread, please pick up an empty glass from the tray next to the presiding minister. The Communion Assistant will pour wine or grape juice into your glass.
- Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice.
- Feel free to kneel at the altar rail for prayer after receiving the sacrament.
- As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty tray on the side of the center section.
- A blessing will be provided for anyone who does not yet receive the sacrament.
- All are invited to join in singing the hymns during Holy Communion.

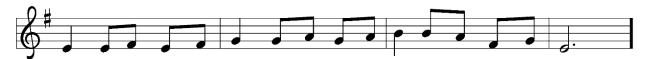
Hymns during Holy Communion

O Living Breath of God

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- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin ning up-on the wa ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre-a-tion to won-drous birth:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre a tion gives life a new:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre a tion for free-dom's birth:





O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

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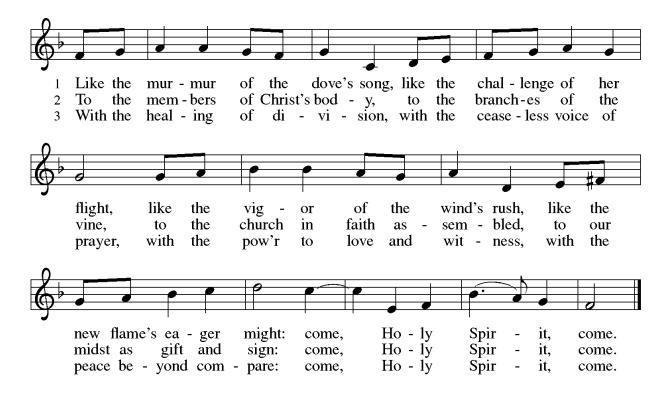
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Hymns during Holy Communion

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

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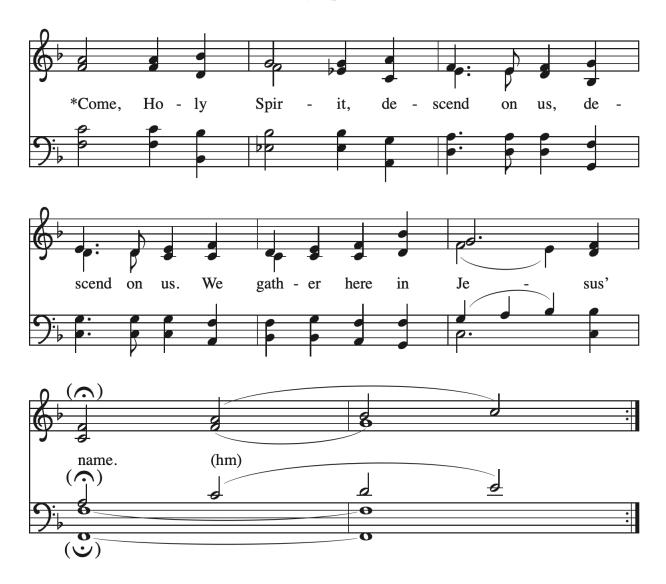
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Hymns during Holy Communion

Come, Holy Spirit, Descend

ACS 980



*Additional verses ad lib:

Come, Breath of heaven, . . .

Come, Word of mercy, . . .

Come, Fire of judgment, . . .

Come, great Creator, . . .

Come to unite us, . . .

Come to disturb us, . . .

Come to inspire us, ...

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: BREATH OF HEAVEN, John L. Bell

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As the Wind Song





come, wind of spring-time blow-ing, and warm us by your breath. un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new. in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

When all have returned to their places, please rise as you are able.

Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Life-giving God,

in the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world,

through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Please rise as you are able.

Benediction

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and love the risen Christ.

Sending Hymn

Following page

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Sending Hymn

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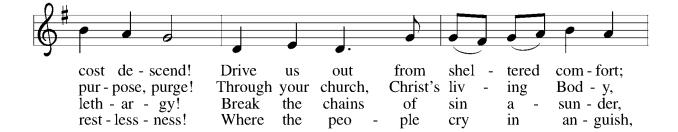
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past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser-vice, let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de-ceit con-ceals in - jus - tice, for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum-ble walls that still di-vide us; may we share your heart's dis-tress. Rouse us from con-tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, kin - dle us to speak your truth, make us one in Christ our Lord, claim us for your king-dom's work, there with Christ to bear the cross! kin - dle us to speak your truth! make us one in Christ our Lord! claim us for your king-dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923-2007

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St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements June 8th, 2025

- Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew on the Day of Pentecost! We are so glad you are here, and we offer a special welcome to all visitors and guests who are here for the first time! There are worship "toolkits" to help children engage with worship and "busy bags" for younger children available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children. A nursery is available through the door to the left of the worship space and across the social hall (look for a purple room). Everyone is invited to gather in social hall for coffee, other drinks, food, and conversation after worship!
- Congratulations and Blessings to Adam and Kai, Making Their Confirmation Today! Two youth of St. Andrew, Kai and Adam, will be making their Confirmation through Affirmation of Baptism today during worship. They have participated in two years of weekly learning and faith formation, along with a summer session of Confirmation camp. We invite your prayers for Kai and Adam as they commit themselves more deeply to living their faith and the promises of Baptism!
- Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly Thursday, June 12th Saturday, June 14th Each year, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, of which St. Andrew is a member congregation, meets in assembly. This year's assembly is significant because we are electing a new bishop, only the third since the founding of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We invite your prayers for the nine candidates for bishop, including The Rev. Melissa Stoller, member of St. Andrew and current Assistant to the Bishop! For more information on the assembly, please see Synod Assembly 2025 Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod. There is also an option to Watch the Livestream >>.
- June Shelter Dinner for Guests of East End Cooperative Ministry Third Thursday of the Month, June 19th, 6:30 p.m. Each month, people of St. Andrew provide dinner for guests of East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM), 6140 Station St. (East Liberty), 15206. This month's shelter dinner is on Thursday, June 19th, with arrival/drop-off at 6:00 p.m. and the meal served at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to contribute, please sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-57031436-june.
- Bethel AME Church Juneteenth Celebrations Sunday, June 22nd, 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Friends at Bethel AME Church have invited St. Andrew to join in their events on Sunday, June 22nd in celebration of Juneteenth. Morning worship will be at 11:00 a.m., with Bishop Stafford J.N. Wicker, Presiding Bishop of the Third Episcopal District of the AME Church, preaching. A fellowship meal will follow the service. Afternoon worship will be at 2:00 p.m. with Bishop Kurt Kusserow of our Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, preaching. Musicians, choir members, and soloists are invited to help lead worship. Please contact Minister of Music Laura Reynolds at ministerofmusic@standrewpittsburgh.org if you would like to participate and she will coordinate with Minister Holt of Bethel.
- Renaissance City Choir "This Is Me" 2025 Pride and 40th Anniversary Concerts Friday, June 27th and Saturday, June 28th, 7:30 p.m. Renaissance City Choir, Western Pennsylvania's LGBTQIA+ choir, is presenting "This Is Me," its 2025 Pride concert as the choir celebrates its 40th anniversary. The concerts will be Friday, June 27th and Saturday, June 28th at 7:30 p.m. at Point Park University Pittsburgh Playhouse, 350

- Forbes Ave. In-person tickets may be purchased at <u>RCC 2025 #THIS IS ME Pride</u> <u>Concert in Pittsburgh Checkout</u> and tickets for the live-stream can be purchased here: <u>#This is Me LIVE-STREAM TICKETS ONLY in Pittsburgh Checkout</u>. Accessibility questions may be directed to <u>accessibility@rccpittsburgh.com</u>. An ASL interpreter will be present on both dates.
- Coffee Hour Signups Available One way that St. Andrew builds community is by sharing conversation over food and drinks at coffee hour after worship on Sundays. We invite people of the congregation to sign up to coordinate coffee hour each week, which includes brewing the coffee; setting out cups, napkins, food items, and cold drinks; and cleaning up afterward. Everything needed is at St. Andrew and instructions are available. Please sign up to host coffee hour here:

 https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-47069030-coffee.
- New Christ in Our Home Devotional Booklets for July-September Available at Entrances This resource offers a daily Bible reading with a short reflection and prayer, along with additional readings and prayer topics for those who would like to expand their devotional practices. We encourage people of the congregation to take one for yourself, your family/household, or others. There are still some copies of the April-June edition available, too!