



*A: On this Memorial Day weekend we remember and honor those who have died in the wars and conflicts of our nation. . .*

*P: Let us Pray.*

**C: In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you Almighty God all of those we remember this Memorial Day. We give thanks that you have blessed us by their work and their lives. May these saints of the church inspire us to faithful living and dedicated service. And may they be welcomed by you to an honored place at your Table when you bring us all into your Kingdom on that great last day.**

*P: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend those who have given their lives in service to our country. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you,*

**C: sheep of your own fold,  
lambs of your own flock,  
sinners of your own redeeming.**

*P: Receive them into the arms of your mercy,*

**C: into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,  
and into the glorious company of all your saints.**

*P: The Lord bless them and keep them.*

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

*The Lord look upon them with favor and give them peace.*

*P: Rest eternal grant them O Lord*

**C: and let Light Perpetual shine upon them. Amen. Amen. And, Amen.**

# Memorial Hymn

## *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

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1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:  
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:  
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

# Confession & Absolution

*P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen**

*P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the Christ.*

*A: Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**C: who made heaven and earth.** [Psalm 124:8]

*A: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.*

**C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.** [Psalm 32:5]

*A: Almighty God, merciful Father:*

**C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace and compassion send me your Holy Spirit that I may be strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to your will and your way.**

*P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love.*

[Exodus 34:6] *Therefore, trust the promise of forgiveness declared to us through Christ. Embrace the liberation given by His faithfulness, leaving behind the old self, burdened with guilt, fear and shame and taking up the new life we have been given. Persevere in this hope and endure in manifesting good works for the sake of the world and the glory of God.*

**C: Amen.**

# Entrance Hymn *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind* **400**

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!

# Greeting & Prayer of the Day

*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.**

*P: Let us pray:*

**C: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you once sent the promised gift of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples long ago, stir up that Spirit in us this day, that embracing our own empowerment, our passion for the faith will be rekindled, and we will eagerly turn to your Word, declare your Good News and witness to Your grace through our own works of mercy, love and compassion. We ask this through your Son, Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit as one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## First Lesson

## Genesis II

**N**ow the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

And they said to one another, "Let's do this – let's bake bricks and heat them until they are hard as stone!"

So, for them, these brick-stones were like our building stone, and raw-bitumen was, for them, like our mortar.

Now they said, "Let's do this – let's build ourselves a city and a tower as tall as the heavens. This will be how we will make a name for ourselves and because of our fame, we will not need to scatter abroad over the face of the earth!"

As the people started their construction projects, Yahweh, God, came down to see the city and the tower that the humans were building.

Yahweh said, "Well look what we have here, one people with one language for them all, and they decide that they want to make a name for themselves so they don't have to follow my plan and scatter abroad across the face of the earth. Well, this is only the beginning of what they will do. There is nothing to stop them in all that they might scheme to do. So, let's do this – let's go down there and let's baffle their language so that no one will understand the language of their neighbor!"

In this way, Yahweh, God, scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth, and they had to stop building the city. Therefore, it was called Babel, for there Yahweh baffled the language of all the earth-folk, and from there, Yahweh scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Psalm

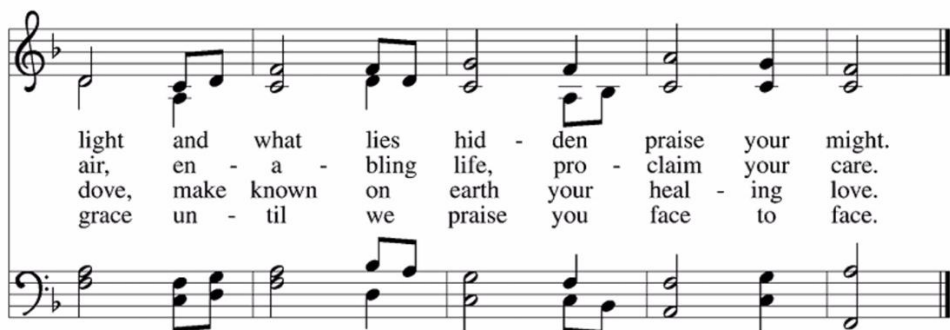
Hymn 684



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -  
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries  
3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -  
4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly



signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and  
known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with  
spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a  
with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by



light and what lies hid - den praise your might.  
air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.  
dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.  
grace un - til we praise you face to face.

Second Lesson

I Corinthians 12:I-13

**B**ut about the “spiritual,” brothers and sisters, I do not desire you to be unknowledgeable, for, do not forget that before you became followers of Jesus, you were being led in the wrong direction, guided by

speechless “idols.” Therefore, I am teaching you that no one speaking in the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is nothing!" and, also, no one has the power to say "Lord Jesus!" if not empowered by the Holy Spirit. However, even though there are varieties of giftedness, they come from the same Spirit. And even though there are a variety of “servant-roles,” they serve the same Lord. And even though there are a variety of motivational energies, it is the same God energizing everyone and everything. So, each of us is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the sake of the common good of the community. One of us might be gifted with words of wisdom through the Spirit, and another of us may be gifted with the utterance of knowledge from the same Spirit, and another might be gifted with faith by the same Spirit, and another might have gifts of healing from the one Spirit, and another might be gifted with the working of miracles, to another might be gifted with prophecy, and another might be gifted with the discernment of spirits, and another might be gifted with various kinds of tongues, and another might be gifted with the interpretation of tongues. But all this energizing is by the one and the same Spirit who divides out these gifts to each of us individually as the Spirit determines. 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.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord!* **C: Thanks be to God!**

**Verse** *Gracious Spirit Heed our Pleading* **401**

*Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.*  
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.  
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

*Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.*  
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*

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

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

- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
nor rootless liberty;  
turn disquiet to contentment,  
doubt into certainty. *Refrain*
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
unswayed by earth's allure.  
Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
which you alone assure. *Refrain*

## Third Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

When the Pentecost that was the fulfillment of what was promised came, Jesus' disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly, a noise came out of heaven! It was like someone breathing a tremendously dramatic breath. It filled the entire house where they were sitting. Their eyes were opened to see dividing tongues which, like when fire is divided, were not diminished when distributed. The tongues sat over each one of them and all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different tongues as the Spirit gave voice to them.

But there were devout Jews from every ethnicity under heaven living in Jerusalem and, this sound developing, many of them gathered and were confounded because each one heard their own dialect being spoken by the disciples. Ecstatic and amazed, these Jews were saying, "Look, aren't all those who are speaking Galileans? Then, how are we all hearing what they are saying in our own native dialects: Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we are hearing them speaking in our own tongues of the

greatness of God?"

Everyone was ecstatic and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whose will is this?"

But there were others who sneered and said, "They have been filled with sweet wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and declared to them, "People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and let my words come into your ears! Those you hear speaking are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day (9:00 a.m.). No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

*'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 will prophesy,  
and your young men will see visions,  
and your old men will dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they will prophesy.  
And I will give wonders in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below: blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood, before the coming of the great and  
glorious day of the Lord.  
And all who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'*

*Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!*

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

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*Refrain*





1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,  
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,  
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,  
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

## Apostles Creed

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

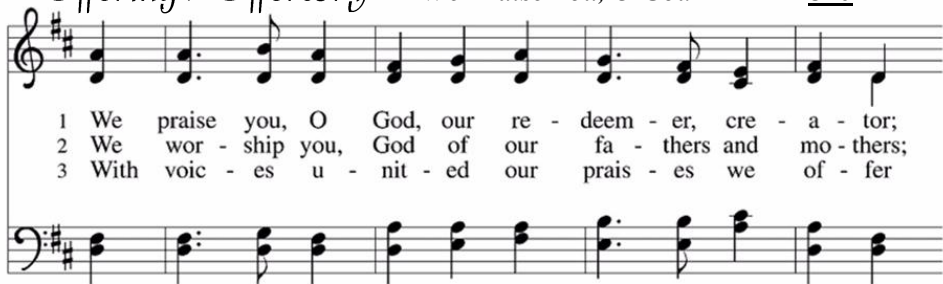
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

## Offering / Offertory

*We Praise You, O God*

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1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;  
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

*A: Let us Pray*

**C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

S 152

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This musical score is for the 'Great Thanksgiving' and is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff continues the melody with lyrics 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has lyrics 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth and final staff concludes with lyrics 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music uses a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together.

*P: It is indeed . . .*

S 153

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

Detailed description: This musical score is for the 'It is indeed...' section and is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is more rhythmic and features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff continues with lyrics 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.' The third staff has lyrics 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The fourth and final staff concludes with lyrics 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music uses a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together.

# The 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. 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 now and forever. Amen.**

## Distribution Hymns

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1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new  
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for

earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be  
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -

be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the  
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will

now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
 mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.  
 gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
 mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.  
 join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

## Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

### Benediction & Recessional *Let Every Christian Pray*

1 Let ev - ery Chris - tian pray, this day and ev - ery day,  
 2 The Spir - it brought to birth the church of Christ on earth  
 3 On - ly the Spir - it's power can fit us for this hour:

come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Was not the church we love  
 to seek and save the lost: God nev - er has with - drawn,  
 come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! U - nite, in - struct, in - spire

com - mis - sioned from a - bove? Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!  
 since that tre - men - dous dawn, the gifts of Pen - te - cost.  
 and fill us with your fire: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!

*Dismissal*    **A: Go in peace, serve the Lord!**    *C: Thanks be to God!*

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**Sunday, May 24**

*Pentecost*

*Last Day to RSVP for May Dining Out*

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. No Sunday School

9:45 a.m. No Confirmation Class

9:45 a.m. No Post-Confirmation Student Group Meeting

**Tuesday, May 26**

6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast

No Bible studies w/ Pastor Chris this week

4:30 p.m. No Confirmation class

**Wednesday, May 27**

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group Meeting

**Thursday, May 28**

6:00 p.m. Grace Dining Out @ Holy Smoke

**Sunday, May 31**

*Trinity Sunday*

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. No Confirmation Class

9:45 a.m. Post-Confirmation Student Group Meeting

