

AND THEY  
WERE ALL FILLED  
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

AND BEGAN TO SPEAK IN OTHER  
TONGUES AS THE SPIRIT GAVE  
THEM UTTERANCE.

ACTS 2:4

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**Sunday, May 24, 2026**  
Pentecost

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Service Theme  
**HE LIVES TO POUR OUT HIS SPIRIT**

When the disciples were distressed about Jesus ascending into heaven, he assured them, “It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you” (John 16:7). That Advocate is the Holy Spirit. If Jesus had stayed in the grave, the Holy Spirit would have had no reason to enter the lives of disciples. But Jesus lives, and it makes a difference. The Spirit provides faith and purpose for life. Pentecost, the celebration of the special arrival of the Holy Spirit and closes the festival half of the church year. The Church dresses in red on this day to commemorate the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit’s gift as well as the blood of the martyrs.

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# 477 O Day Full of Grace

CW 477



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, his 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 be  
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub - lime,  
 cross was hang - ing, and then he a - rose to claim his throne  
 life re - veal - ing, that we might no more from him be lost,  
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a - glow,



re - plete in his joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
 great joy for us all re - triev - ing, for Je - sus all  
 that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
 all dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the  
 all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and walk in the



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
 mor - tals did em - brace, all dark - ness and shame 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 his heal - ing.  
 light of God's own place, with an - gels his name a - dor - ing.

## The Service

*Setting One - Adapted (page 154)*

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

**Amen.**

### **Confession**

CW 155

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### 585 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

CW 585 st. 1

1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your grac - es  
be out-poured on each be - liev - er's mind and heart;  
your fer-vent love to them im-part. Lord, by the bright-ness  
of your light you gath - er and in faith u - nite  
your Church from ev - 'ry land and tongue: this to your  
praise, O Lord our God, be sung. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*On Pentecost the disciples proclaimed the gospel. Through their words the Holy Spirit unleashes his saving power.*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. <sup>7</sup>They were completely baffled and said to one another, “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” <sup>12</sup>They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them:

“Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. <sup>15</sup>These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>This is what God says will happen in the last days:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions.

Your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>I will show wonders in the sky above,

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

<sup>20</sup>The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

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

<sup>21</sup>And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 585 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

CW 585 st. 2

2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, and cause the Word of  
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right  
and call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror

The image shows a three-staff musical score in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score begins with a '2' in the first measure, likely indicating a second ending or a specific tempo marking. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and ties.

keep us free; let none but Christ our mas - ter be  
 that we in liv - ing faith a - bide, in him, our  
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3–11

*When God pours out his Spirit, it is for the benefit of the entire Church.*

<sup>3</sup>Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "A curse be upon Jesus," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.

<sup>5</sup>There are various kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord. <sup>6</sup>There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone.

<sup>7</sup>Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one person a message of wisdom is given by the Spirit; to another, a message of knowledge, as the same Spirit provides it; <sup>9</sup>by the same Spirit, faith is given to someone else; and to another, the same Spirit gives healing gifts. <sup>10</sup>Another is given powers to do miracles; another, the gift of prophecy; another, the evaluating of spirits; someone else, different kinds of tongues; and another, the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them to each one individually as he desires.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# 585 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

CW 585 st. 3

3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the will your  
 work to do and in your ser - vice to a - bide;  
 let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -  
 pare each heart, and to our weak - ness strength im - part  
 that brave - ly here we may con - tend, through life and  
 death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Gospel

John 7:37–39

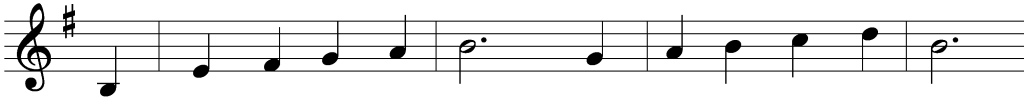
*Jesus promised that those who were spiritually thirsty would be filled with the living water of the Spirit.*

<sup>37</sup>On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and called out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink! <sup>38</sup>As the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from deep within the person who believes in me.” <sup>39</sup>By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were going to receive. For the Holy Spirit had not yet come, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

# 479 God's Holy Spirit Came

CW 479



1 God's Ho - ly Spir - it came with rush - ing wind and fire,  
2 God sent the Spir - it forth ful - fill - ing proph - ets' word,  
3 God's Spir - it filled each one as Je - sus had fore - told.  
4 God's Church a - live to - day con - tin - ues to pro - claim



Christ's pres - ence here to com - fort, bless and to in - spire.  
to those who fol - lowed Je - sus and who called him Lord.  
In man - y tongues they spoke God's Word, re - newed and bold.  
sal - va - tion by the Spir - it's pow'r in Je - sus' name.



The Spir - it thus be - gan God's ho - ly work on earth  
And as dis - ci - ples met near tem - ple courts for prayer  
"Re - pent and be bap - tized," preached Pe - ter in that hour,  
Let all be - liev - ers now their tongues and lives em - ploy.



at Pen - te - cost, a gift that gave the Church its birth.  
the Spir - it blew and rest - ed on those gath - ered there.  
and thou - sands came be - liev - ing by the Spir - it's pow'r.  
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, our high - est joy!

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## Sermon

Acts 2:4

*We can do the Impossible,  
when we're:*

- 1) Spirit FILLED
- 2) Spirit ENABLED

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# 596 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

CW 596



1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray  
2 O sweet - est Love, your grace on us be - stow;  
3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,  
4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;



for the true faith need - ed on our way  
set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow  
help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed  
teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right



that when life is end - ing he may de - fend us, on our  
that with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, ev - 'ry  
that we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us when the  
that we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, un - til



home - ward jour - ney at - tend us. Lord, have mer - cy!  
stran - ger, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!  
foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!  
home at last he has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: tr. Worship Supplement, 1969, alt.; (st. 1): German, c. 13th cent.; (sts. 2-4): Martin Luther, 1483-1546

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**Prayer of the Church**  
*Litany of the Holy Spirit*

Holy Spirit, who at the beginning moved upon the face of the waters:

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, by whose inspiration holy men spoke from God:

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, power of the highest, who overshadowed Mary:

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, through whom the holy Child Jesus grew in wisdom and stature:

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, who descended like a dove and lighted on Christ our Lord at his baptism:

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, by whom Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil:

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, by whose counsel and care Jesus endured the agony and purpose of the cross:

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, who on the day of Pentecost descended upon the apostles in the likeness of fiery tongues:

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, by whom we were born to a new life in Baptism:

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, through whom we confess that Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Have mercy on us.**

By your life-giving power and might:

**Deliver us, Holy Spirit.**

By your all-powerful intercession:

**Deliver us, Holy Spirit.**

By your continual presence in the Church:

**Deliver us, Holy Spirit.**

We beseech you to hear us, Holy Spirit, that it may please you to guide your holy Church into all truth and to fill it with your love:

**Hear us, Holy Spirit.**

That we may find joy in proclaiming the good news of salvation to all people, near and far:

**Hear us, Holy Spirit.**

That, as we live in the Spirit, we may also keep in step with the Spirit:

**Hear us, Holy Spirit.**

That we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

**Hear us, Holy Spirit.**

That we may have grace to persevere to the end:

**Hear us, Holy Spirit.**

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life:

**We implore you to hear us.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Come, Holy Spirit, renew the hearts of your faithful people  
And kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

### **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.  
Amen.

# 588 Come, O Come, Life-Giving Spirit

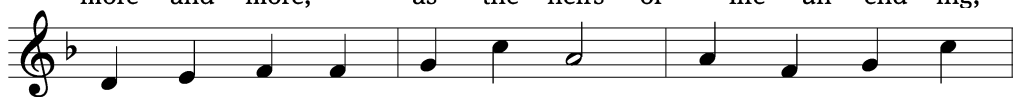
CW 588



1 Come, O come, life - giv - ing Spir - it, God from all e -  
 2 Show us, Lord, the path of bless - ing; when we tres - pass  
 3 Spir - it, guard our faith for - ev - er; let not Sa - tan,  
 4 And when life's frail thread is break - ing, then as - sure us



ter - ni - ty! May your pow - er nev - er fail us;  
 on our way, cast, O Lord, our sins be - hind you  
 death, or shame ev - er part us from our Sav - ior.  
 more and more, as the heirs of life un - end - ing,



dwell with - in us con - stant - ly. Then shall truth and  
 and be with us day by day. Should we stray, O  
 Lord, our ref - uge is your name! When our hearts op -  
 of the glo - ry there in store, glo - ry nev - er



life and light ban - ish all the gloom of night.  
 Lord, re - call; work re - pent - ance when we fall.  
 pose your will, let your Word prove strong - er still.  
 yet ex - pressed, glo - ry of the saints at rest.

Text: Heinrich Held, 1620–1659, abr.; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–1896, alt.

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# Announcements

## **Church Cleaners**

May 31 – Matthew / June 7– Andrew

### DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

**Su (24) 10:30 am Lay-led Worship**

11:45 am Coffee Hour

*Pastor will be out of town from May 20 through May 26*

**Su (31) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**

**10:30 am Worship**

11:45 am Coffee Hour

Th (4) 10:30 am Devotion at Longfield Manor

Fr (5) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study

**Su (17) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**

**10:30 am Worship (with Communion)**

11:45 am First Fellowship

12:00 pm Evangelism Meeting

**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**

4:00 pm Youth Confirmation in Poltimore

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