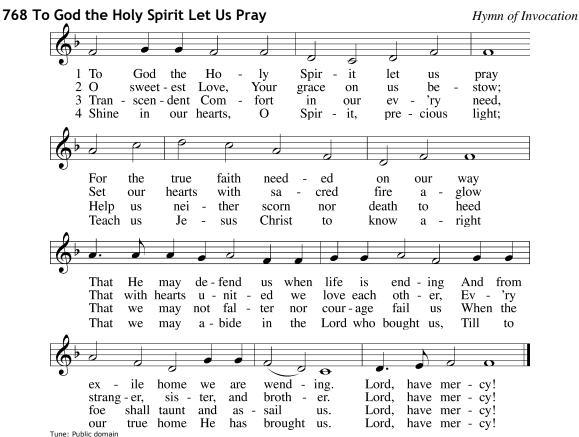


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## **Confession and Absolution**



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

#### **C** Amen.

- P 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.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

- **C** 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.
- P 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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

### Introit

Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

These all look to you,

to give them their food in due season.

When you give it to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

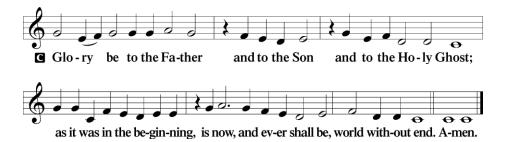
When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,

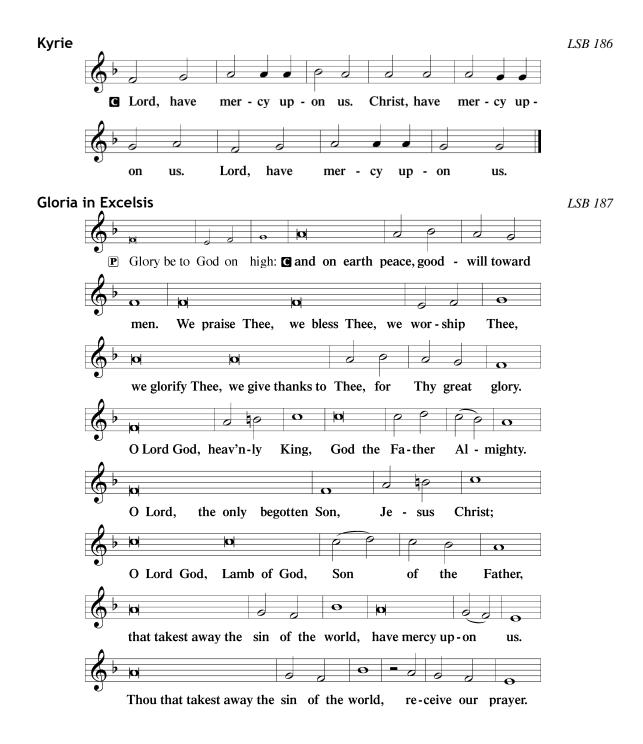
and you renew the face of the ground.

- Glory be to the Father and to the Son
  - and to the Holy Spirit;
- as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.







P O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**Old Testament Reading** 

Ezekiel 37:1–14

### Gradual

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. With the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

## Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21



## Holy Gospel

**Apostles' Creed** 

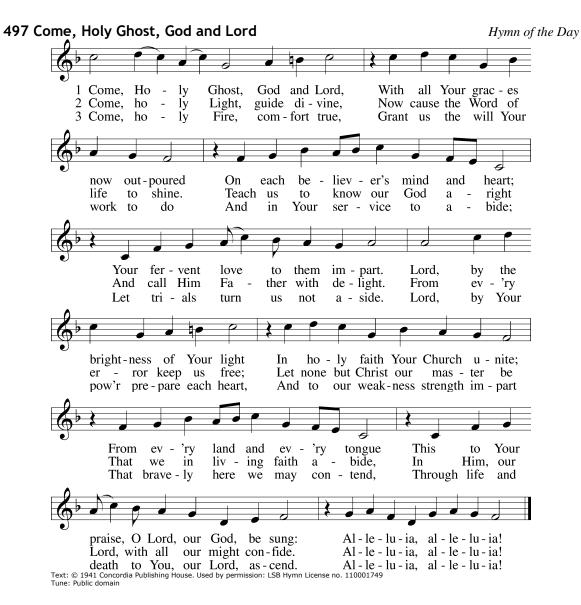
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John 15:26-27: 16:4b-15

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

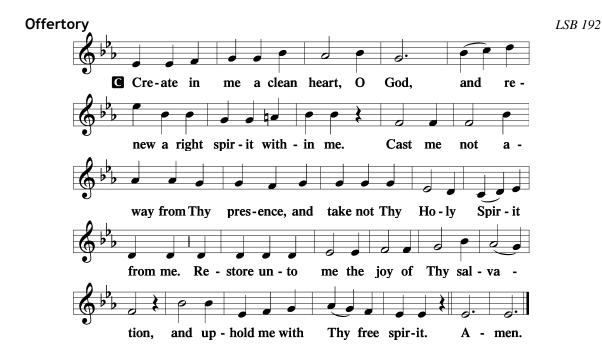
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.



Sermon

The Real Miracle



#### Offering

Prayer of the Church

### 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;

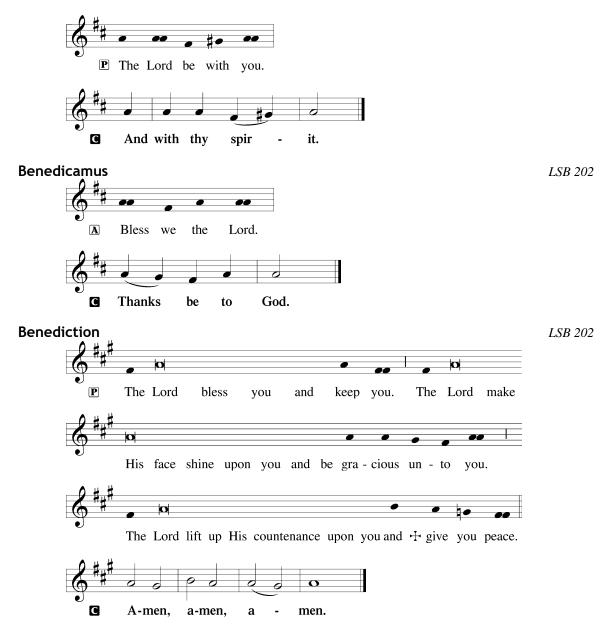
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

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but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## **Concluding Collect**





## Announcements for the Week of May 23, 2021

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
5/16	5/17	5/18	5/19	5/20	5/21	5/22
9:00 – Divine Service						
10:15 – Adult Bible Study &		2:00 PM -				
Sunday School		Online	6:30 – Bible			
		Devotion	Study			

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:** 5/23: Bev Hoeltke 5/26: Chris & Adelea Dobbins

### 5/16/2021 - 85

Operating Fund: \$2531.23 Synodical Fund: \$110.00 Building Fund: \$110.00

\*If you would like to contribute to our altar flowers, there is sign-up sheet in the parish hall, and the cost is \$20/week.

<u>150th Anniversary Pens</u> - There is a basket in the narthex with special 150th anniversary pens. Grab one for yourself and for your family and friends.

<u>Clarity Baby Bottle Campaign</u> - Baby bottles are available in the narthex of the church. Take your baby bottle home and fill it with your spare change, cash, or a check. Return you baby bottle to church by Father's Day. Clarity will send us a letter to let us know how much we raised. Baby bottle campaigns offer help and hope to others in their moments of uncertainty and are a great way to support Clarity financially.

<u>Game Night</u> - Join us Friday, June 4th for the return of Game Night starting at 6:00 PM! Come on out, bring your favorite games, invite a friend, and enjoy a night of fun. We will have hot dogs provided. If you would like to bring something, you could bring a side, drink, or dessert.

Each week between now and our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the bulletin and/or announcements will include excerpts from some of our Church's early board meeting minutes.

Below are some excerpts from Board Minutes from April 2, 1871 to October 6, 1912. These were written in German and translated by Rev. A. A. Mueller. It is worth noting how important church attendance and voter meeting attendance was and that being in church and living a life according to God's Word was extremely important. Christian life was to be lived every day.

**November 29, 1874:** Since Mr. S--- has shown himself to be an obstinate sinner with respect to his drunkenness, the congregation resolved to excommunicate him from the congregation until he shows improvement. May God grant that he will do so before he dies in his sins.

Below you will find a model you can use for your personal or family devotions that focuses you on the readings from the previous Sunday, while also preparing you for what you will hear the following Sunday. In modeling your devotions this way, you and your family can stay united to the church year and reinforce what you hear, sing, and pray every Sunday.

Mon. 5/24:	<ul> <li><u>Read the Old Testament lesson</u>: Ezekiel 37:1-14 – As the Word of God carried along by the Holy Spirit caused the dry bones to rise to life again, so too does the Holy Spirit bring Christ to us so that we may rise to life again.</li> <li><u>Sing the Hymn of the Day</u>: LSB 497 – Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord Pray the Collect of the Day: O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and</li> </ul>			
Tues. 5/25:	forever. Amen. <u>Read the Epistle lesson</u> : Acts 2:1-21 – On the Day of Pentecost, the Lord poured out the Spirit so the proclamation of Christ may go out into all the world and everyone who hears Christ and calls on His name may be saved. <u>Sing the Hymn of the Day</u> : LSB 497 – Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord <u>Pray the Collect of the Day</u> : (see 5/24)			
Wed. 5/26:	<u>Read the Gospel lesson</u> : John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 – The Holy Spirit comes to us to bear witness to Christ and the truth of His Word. This is always the work of the Spirit: to guide us to Christ. <u>Sing the Hymn of the Day</u> : LSB 497 – Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord <u>Pray the Collect of the Day</u> : (see 5/24)			
Thur. 5/27:	<ul> <li><u>Read the Old Testament lesson</u>: Isaiah 6:1-8 – The seraphim in heaven proclaim the truth and majesty of the Holy Trinity when they proclaim, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts."</li> <li><u>Sing the Hymn of the Day</u>: LSB 498 – Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest</li> <li><u>Pray the Collect of the Day</u>: 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. Amen.</li> </ul>			
Fri. 5/28:	<u>Read the Epistle lesson</u> : Acts 2:14a, 22-36 – Having received the Holy Spirit from the Father, Peter confesses the death and resurrection of Jesus who is both Christ and Lord. <u>Sing the Hymn of the Day</u> : LSB 498 – Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest <u>Pray the Collect of the Day</u> : (see 5/27)			
Sat. 5/29:	<u>Read the Gospel lesson</u> : John 3:1-17 – We enter the kingdom of God through Holy Baptism, where the name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is place upon us as we are born from above of water and the Spirit. <u>Sing the Hymn of the Day</u> : LSB 498 – Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest <u>Pray the Collect of the Day</u> : (see 5/27)			