# LIVING AS



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# **PENTECOST SEASON**

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"Love God, Serve Neighbor"

#### **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

#### **Pastoral Welcome**

#### **Call to Worship** (Based on 1 Corinthians 12:4-13)

- L: Gathered in this place,
- C: We are the body of Christ.
- L: The hands and feet,
- C: The eyes and ears,
- L: The heart and lungs-
- C: All parts of the whole,
- L: Participating in the miraculous body.
- C: Together we are a body that worships,
- L: A body that sings,
- C: A body that works,
- L: A body that rests,
- C: A body that rejoices in the wonder of serving and loving God together.
- L: We are the body of Christ,
- C: Gathered in this place. Thanks be to God!

**Prelude** "How Sweet the Sound" Annette Nolan

# **Confession and Forgiveness**

- L: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- L: God, you have given each of us many gifts,
- C: but we cannot recognize the gifts we have to share, and we look with envy and suspicion at others and their gifts.
- L: God, you remind us that all gifts are needed,
- C: but we become convinced that some gifts are more special than others.
- L: God, you call us to work, to live, and to love together as members of one body,
- C: but we jockey for position and base membership on our own preconceived ideas.

- L: God, for the times we have ignored your gifts and for the times we have excluded others from the body of Christ,
- C: we offer words of repentance and we ask for forgiveness and grace.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: Brothers and sisters, this is the Good News:

God is the giver of all gifts.

God is the creator of the one body.

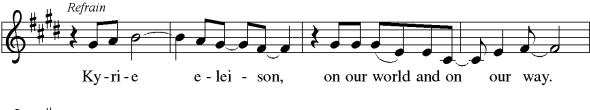
God is slow to anger and quick to forgive.

God heals the wounds and reunites the body.

We are forgiven, loved and accepted.

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

#### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**





For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; For this holy house, for all who worship and praise, Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Refrain

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
That we may live out . . . truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

### Refrain

# Greeting

- L: 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 Illumination**

- L: God, as we prepare to listen to your holy word, continue to pour out your Spirit upon us, giving us ears to hear, eyes to see, minds to discern, hearts to lead, and bodies to step out with courageous faith.
- C: Amen.

# **The First Reading**

Isaiah 41:6-10

# **The Gospel Acclamation**



The Holy Gospel

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

The Message

#### Song of the Day

#### ELW #576 "We Are All One in Mission"



### The 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.

# **Prayers of the Faithful**

- L: Let us pray. Gracious God, may we, as the body of Christ in this place, be the best evidence of your love by caring for one another, encouraging each other, and living as your hands and feet in the world.
- L: In your mercy,

#### C: Hear our prayer.

- L: Gracious God, like ligaments and tendons, we are connected and held together with others in our nation and with those around the world. We pray for people and situations where there is struggle and hardship, unrest and conflict, and hunger and hopelessness.
  - For those in Kentucky who wade through water and search through mud to reclaim their homes and their lives.
  - For those in Kentucky who grieve for the death of families and friends because of the flood.
  - For states and cities struggling with drought and oppressive heat.
  - For the country and the people of Ukraine, as well as other countries that are dealing with political unrest and conflict.
    - o Ethiopia
    - o Afghanistan
    - Yemen
    - Israel-Palestine
    - o Haiti
    - Myanmar
- L: In your mercy,

#### C: Hear our prayer.

L: Gracious God, we know that if one member of your body suffers, we all suffer. As the body of Christ, hear us now as we pray for those families and friends you have placed upon our hearts.

# We especially pray for:

- Karen Battle
- William Brady
- Melissa Butler
- Tim Caldwell
- Helen & Jim Cheyney
- Terence Connelly
- Charliese Eichler
- Linda Holden
- Gary Homesley

- Donnell Horton
- Mona Ingolia
- Joe Johnson
- John Kivett
- Waylon Kuklentz
- Kevin Middleton
- Andrew Milholland
- Leo Peeler
- Joyce Quigley

- Chris Rasmussen
- Joyce Reed
- Denny Refsnider
- John Schierlmann
- Michael Searing
- Reponda Smith
- Kelly Taylor
- David Townsend
- Laura Tucker

- Josie Upton
- Samantha Upton
- Herbert Watson
- Lisa Williams
- Renate Wilson
- Chuck Wolfe
- Florence Wolfe
- Ralph Yarberry

L: We now pray aloud or in the silence of our hearts for those we wish to name.

(Time for the community to pray.)

- L: We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially:
  - Dave Swanson, brother-in-law of Diane & Mark Large, died July 13th
  - Dick Poppler, former member of Advent, died July 17th
  - Jim Carney, brother of Colleen Karpovitz, died July 20th
  - Sonny Rodgers, friend of Harriett Easley & family, died July 22nd
  - Gale Dean Stuedle, uncle of Staci Noel & brother-in-law of Vicki Stuedle, died July 25th
  - Juliana Dixon, granddaughter of former members Allen & Debbie Fast, died July 26th – 7 years old
- L: By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.
- L: In your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.
- L: Gracious God, we offer these prayers to you, those spoken and those still unknown to us. Give us peace to trust you with the timing and the answers you provide. We ask all these things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: Amen.

#### SHARING THE MEAL

Offering

(Please sign and pass the pew pads)

#### **Offertory Song**

#### ELW #496 "One Bread, One Body"



### **Table Prayer**

- L: The table of bread and wine is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Jesus became fully human. So come to the table, all who have much faith and all who would like to have more; all who have been here often and all who have not been in a long time; all who have tried to follow Jesus, and all who have fallen short. Come. It is Christ who invites us all to meet him here.
- C: Amen.

#### The Words of Institution

#### The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

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.

#### The Blessing

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

#### SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

#### **Benediction**

- L: May you never feel alone in the struggle for justice and peace.

  May you know the support of family, friends, and people who feel as passionately about the world as you do.
  - May you feel a part of the great cloud of witnesses, who through the ages, did God's work and prayed for the coming of the Kingdom.
  - May you never feel alone. And if you do, may you carry in your heart the words of Jesus, who told his friends: "I am with you always."
- C: Amen.

#### **Sending Song**

# "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"



bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo-ken and seen and heard. teach-ing peo-ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex-press. gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man-u-el) ev-'ry-where!



Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

#### **Dismissal**

- L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.