

# LIVING AS



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## PENTECOST SEASON

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**“Love God, Serve Neighbor”**

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

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### Pastoral Welcome

### Call to Worship

L: All who are bent over with worry:

**C: this is a place of sanctuary.**

L: All who are burdened with life:

**C: this is a house of care.**

L: All who are lost to community:

**C: this is a company of welcome.**

L: All who travel with questions:

**C: this is a community of seekers.**

L: All who reach out for God:

**C: this is a sacred space to gather.**

L: Come, let us worship.

### Prelude

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Annette Nolan

### Prayer of Confession

L: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

L: Knowing that our God walks with us in our confusion, our doubts, our failings, our struggles, we now come humbly before God to ask for mercy.

L: For the times we fail to offer hospitality to those in our world who suffer injustice, oppression, and poverty, we pray:

**C: God, have mercy on us and your people.**

L: For the times we lack courage to address the causes of injustice, oppression and poverty, we pray to our God:

**C: God, have mercy on us and your people.**

L: For the times we allow our fears to triumph over the call to solidarity, we pray to our God:

**C: God, have mercy on us and your people.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

L: Merciful God, receive our petitions. Heal the brokenness in our hearts and in our world caused by injustice, indifference, selfishness, and fear. Open our hearts to hear the cries of your suffering people. Support us as we seek to respond in solidarity and with hospitality.

C: Amen.

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## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

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: Let us pray. Gracious God, in your Son Jesus Christ, you have drawn us into the heart of hospitality. Therefore, may our lives be sacramental gifts of welcome for those who have never known a table blessed by laughter and joy; for those who have seldom heard affirmations of acceptance; and for those who do not know your abiding love. In the name of Christ, we pray.

C: Amen.

## The First Reading

Psalm 133

## The Gospel Acclamation



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## The Second Reading

Acts 2:43-47

## The Message

*Sharing Our Values* (Slides Inserted)

## Song of the Day ELW #712 “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

## Prayers of the Faithful

L: Let us pray. Gracious God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. May we continue to live out our values – of service, living faith, agape love, and being a beloved community – so that the world may know that we are followers of Christ Jesus.

L: In your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Gracious God, we pray for people and situations where there is struggle and hardship, unrest and conflict, and hunger and hopelessness. For the country and the people of Ukraine, as well as other countries that are dealing with political unrest and conflict; for Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Yemen, Israel-Palestine, Haiti and Myanmar.

L: In your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Gracious God, hear us now as we pray for those families and friends you have placed upon our hearts.

We especially pray for:

- Melissa Butler
- Sean Cahill
- Tim Caldwell
- Terence Connelly
- Charliese Eichler
- Gary Homesley
- Donnell Horton
- Joe Johnson
- Waylon Kuklantz
- Chuck Mauney
- Kevin Middleton
- Andrew Milholland
- Leo Peeler
- Reagan Poli
- David Poe
- Chip Priser
- Joyce Quigley
- Chris Rasmussen
- Kenton Rhoreerg
- Michael Searing
- Reponda Smith
- Kelly Taylor
- David Townsend
- Laura Tucker
- Josie Upton
- Samantha Upton
- Holly Von Seggern
- Herbert Watson
- Renate Wilson
- Chuck Wolfe

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:

- James Lowder, uncle of Shawn Allred, died August 6
- Ralph Yarberry, member, died August 16
- Joyce Reed, sister of Pam Rhynes, died August 18

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: We offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving at the birth of America Violet Velez, born August 21<sup>st</sup>, grand-daughter of Mark and Connie Searing, daughter of Ashley & Keith Velez

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.**

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## SHARING THE MEAL

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**Offering** *(Please sign and pass the pew pads)*

**Offertory Song**            “Let Us Break Bread Together”            Whack-A-Bell”

### **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 *(sung)***

C: **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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the pow’r and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

### **Communion Hymn**

ELW #483 *“Here Is Bread”*

Here is bread here is wine  
Christ is with us He is with us  
Break the bread drink the wine  
Christ is with us here

In this bread there is healing  
In this cup there's life forever  
In this moment by the Spirit  
Christ is with us here

Here is grace here is peace  
Christ is with us He is with us  
Know His grace find His peace  
Feast on Jesus here

In this bread there is healing  
In this cup there's life forever  
In this moment by the Spirit  
Christ is with us here

Here we are joined in one  
Christ is with us He is with us  
We'll proclaim 'til He comes  
Jesus crucified

In this bread there is healing  
In this cup there's life forever  
In this moment by the Spirit  
Christ is with us here

## **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.**

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## **SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE**

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## **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**

### **“Humble Thyself/Awesome God”**

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord (Echo)  
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord (Echo)  
And He (and He) shall lift (shall lift) you up, (higher and higher)  
And He shall lift you up.

Humble thyself in the love of the Lord (Echo)  
Humble thyself in the love of the Lord (Echo)  
And He (and He) shall lift (shall lift) you up, (higher and higher)  
And He shall lift you up.

Our God is an awesome God,  
He reigns from heaven above.  
With wisdom, power, and love,  
Our God is an awesome God.

Humble thyself in the power of the Lord (Echo)  
Humble thyself in the power of the Lord (Echo)  
And He (and He) shall lift (shall lift) you up, (higher and higher)  
And He shall lift you up.

Humble thyself in the Spirit of the Lord (Echo)  
Humble thyself in the Spirit of the Lord (Echo)  
And He (and He) shall lift (shall lift) you up, (higher and higher)  
And He shall lift you up.

Our God is an awesome God,  
He reigns from heaven above.  
With wisdom, power, and love,  
Our God is an awesome God.

Humble thyself in the glory of the Lord (Echo)  
Humble thyself in the glory of the Lord (Echo)  
And He (and He) shall lift (shall lift) you up, (higher and higher)  
And He shall lift you up.

Our God is an awesome God,  
He reigns from heaven above.  
With wisdom, power, and love,  
Our God is an awesome God. (Repeat)

## **Dismissal**

**L:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**