



THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

May 19, 2013 - *Pentecost Sunday*



A Place to Belong

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word. If you are a guest, please fill out a Welcome card found in our entryway. You can place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor or an usher as you leave.

- ☞ Restrooms are located at the end of the hallway as you exit the sanctuary.
- ☞ Your children are always welcome at Our Savior. If your little one is having a difficult morning, there is a speaker in the entrance hallway.



TODAY'S THEME:

THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

After Jesus ascended into heaven, he fulfilled his promise and sent his Holy Spirit to his apostles in a miraculous way. By that same Spirit, he equips his Church for service as proclaimers of the gospel message.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Father in heaven, on this sacred day I remember the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. By his death and resurrection I am forgiven and permitted to come into your presence. Fill my heart with your Spirit as I worship you today. Hear my prayer for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE

WELCOME FROM PASTOR KRATZ

OPENING HYMN: #189 *Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore You*

PLEASE STAND

GREETING

(L)eader: We begin our worship today in the same way we were baptized: in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

(C)ongregation: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: As we prepare to worship God and have our faith fed through Word and Sacrament, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for personal confession and reflection

LORD, HAVE MERCY ~ *Kyrie*

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

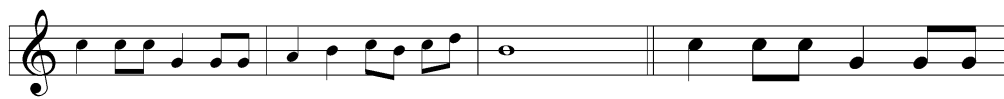
L: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

GLORY TO GOD ~ *Gloria in Excelsis*



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



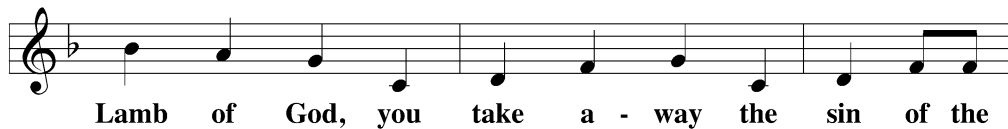
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.




Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



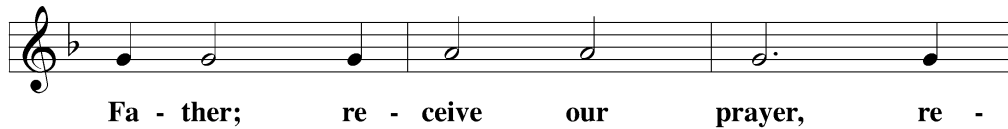
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the




world; have mer - cy on us.



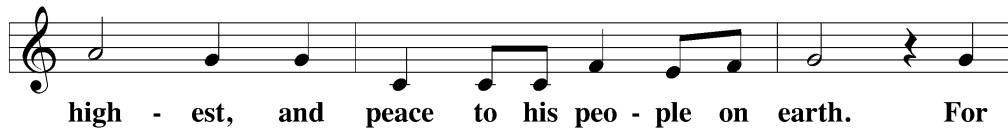
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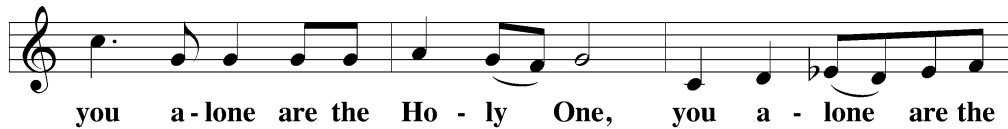
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -



ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



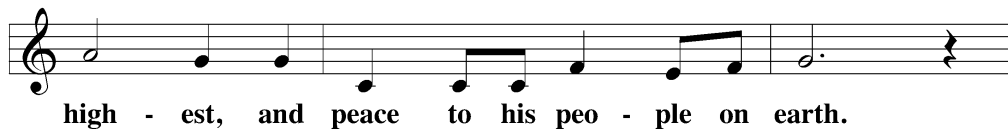
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: 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. We pray this and all things through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON: Genesis II:I-9 (Pg. 15)

The confusion of languages at Babel

11 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech.² As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

³ They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar.⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

⁵ But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building.⁶ The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

⁸ So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city.⁹ That is why it was called Babel—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.



PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 51

Refrain



Verses

1. Have mercy on me, O God. In the greatness of your love, cleanse me from my sin. Wash me.
2. Stay close to me, O God. In your presence keep me safe. Fill me with your spirit. Renew me.
3. Your salvation is joy to me. In your wisdom show the way. Lead me back to you. Teach me.

SECOND LESSON: Acts 2:1-21 (Pg. 1692)

The Holy Spirit filled the apostles and they began to speak

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?"⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ " 'In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

- 19 I will show wonders in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
- 20 The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
- 21 And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

CHOIR ANTHEM: COME HOLY SPIRIT

*Christopher Tye (ca. 1505-1572)
ed. William Tortolano*

*Come, Holy Spirit, eternal God, proceeding from above,
Both from the Father and the Son, O God of peace and love.
Visit our hearts, come to our minds, and heav'nly grace inspire,
That truth and godliness we may pursue with full desire.*

*You are the very Comforter, in grief and all distress.
The heav'nly gift of God most high, no tongue can it express.
And in the gifts so manifold, the Church of Christ will stand.
To faithful hearts you give the law, the love from God's own hand.*

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL: John 15:26-27 (Pg. 1678)

The work of the Holy Spirit

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



²⁶“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. ²⁷And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to assemble at the front for a children's message.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

During the singing of the next hymn, parents may choose to escort their young child(ren) to our children's church, where they will hear a Bible story, sing some songs, learn a prayer, and do a craft.



HYMN OF THE DAY: #176 *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord*

SERMON

PLEASE STAND



Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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OFFERING

The members of Our Savior Lutheran Congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a guest today, you need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

PLEASE STAND

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, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices "Close Communion" and asks that only members come forward to receive the sacrament.

There is a Personal Preparation for Communion available on page 156 in the red hymnal.

PREFACE

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

L: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ~ *Sanctus*



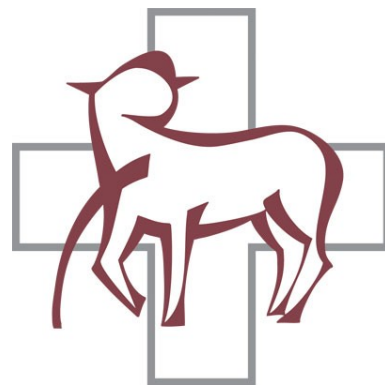
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat, this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

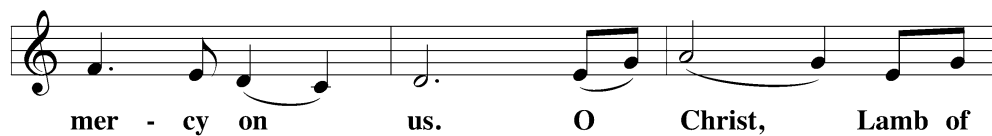
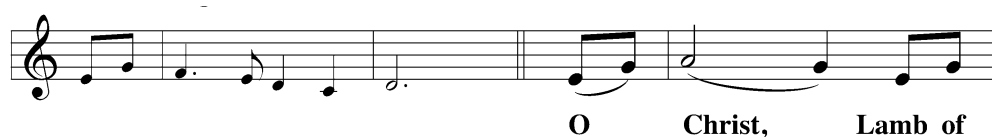
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD ~ *Agnus Dei*



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DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING

PLEASE STAND

SONG OF SIMEON ~ *Nunc Dimittis*



In peace, Lord, you let your
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

L: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

L: The Lord has refreshed us with His Word. Let us head into this new week equipped for lives of service.

C: Our mission is to worship God, to spread his Word to our community and to all nations, and to nurture all believers to prepare them for lives of Christian service.

BLESSING

L: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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 (t) give you peace.

C: Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN: #723 *Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent From Heaven* (see insert)

PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

Lord, you have revealed to me the sweet counsel of your Word, the joy shared with fellow Christians, the balm of peace for my soul. Accept the worship of my heart and the praise of my lips. With the complete assurance that my sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ, I commend myself into your care now and forever. Amen.



About Our Savior...

Our Savior Lutheran Church is a growing church that serves the southern neighborhoods of Birmingham. We are a Christian church that is looking forward to serving people with God's Word.

Our Savior's message is a wonderful message for you. Our theme is "**A Place to Belong**." That means that because of our Savior's love for you, you belong to him. You belong to his family. His love will always outweigh the wrongs you have done and the sadness you have had! Our loving God always loves us more.

If you are new to the area or looking for a church home, accept our invitation to meet our pastor and find out more about us. Besides weekly worship, we also offer Bible class to individuals and groups of all ages, Christian counseling, and literature. Please come and worship with us again! Think of this as your community church, and know that you are welcome to join us here anytime.

We hope you find Our Savior "A Place to Belong!"

Benjamin Kratz, Pastor

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Announcements

- ☞ **Welcome to guests and visitors!** We are glad that you are here, and hope that you will join us again soon!
- ☞ **Spiritual Growth Opportunities:**
 - Sunday Bible Class: *Sunday mornings at 9:00 am.* God promises the believer that he will face trials in life. Join us as the Apostle Paul encourages the Thessalonians and you and me in our trials with the comfort of the Gospel. Our Sunday Bible class will be studying 1-2 Thessalonians.
 - Sunday School: *Sunday mornings at 9:00 am.* Our Sunday school, which uses the award-winning Christ-Light curriculum, offers Bible lessons for children from nursery age through grade 12.
 - Wednesday Bible Class: *Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.* Join us as we study Paul's letter to the Colossians and see not only the joy the believer has in life, but learn to live a life worthy of the Gospel.
 - Bible Class for Beginners: *Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm.* Don't feel like you know enough about the Bible to attend a regular Bible class? Join us for this class designed just for you! We will be taking a look at some of the important chapters of the Bible to learn not only the truths of God's Word, but how it all fits together!
- ☞ **FaithBuilders Class:** Our FaithBuilders class is for people interested in becoming members of Our Savior, or for people just looking to build their faith through the study of the basic teachings of the Bible. A NEW CLASS is starting Tuesday, May 7, at 7:00 pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Pastor Kratz. Childcare is available.
- ☞ **Looking to serve?** Were you greeted by a warm smile as you entered the service today? Would you like to bless someone with your smile on an upcoming Sunday, or put yourself to work in other ways make our guests feel welcome? Then why not serve as an usher or greeter next week? For most of these, just show up about 10:00 am and be ready to smile, shake someone's hand or help serve some coffee and snacks. Contact Pastor Kratz at Pastor@OurSaviorBirmingham.com or 677-8642 for more information about serving opportunities.
- ☞ **Keep in Your Prayers This Week.** God promises us that the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. He also tells us to pray for one another. Hearing God's powerful promises, confidently bring these requests to the throne of our heavenly Father: *(If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Kratz.)*
 - Members and friends of Our Savior** who, by God's grace, have been brought through trials. Join them in thanking the Lord for his mercy and goodness.
 - Members and friends of Our Savior** who are struggling with physical, financial and emotional hardships. Ask the Lord to give them the peace and strength they need.
- ☞ **Looking for more information?** If you would like to learn more about Our Savior Lutheran Church, check out our information table in the entryway, speak with Pastor Kratz after the service, send him an email at: Pastor@OurSaviorBirmingham.com, or call the church office at (205) 677-8642.
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This Week at Our Savior

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
20	21 <i>Aurora Vaughan's Birthday</i> FaithBuilders 7:00 pm	22 <i>Marcus Kratz's Birthday</i> Wednesday Night Bible Class 7:00 pm Bible Class for Beginners 8:00 pm	23	24 <i>Sheila Jones' Birthday</i>	25	26 Sunday School/ Bible Class 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am

1 Year Chronological Bible Reading: Week #21

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27	28 FaithBuilders 7:00 pm	29 Wednesday Night Bible Class 7:00 pm Bible Class for Beginners 8:00 pm	30	31	1	2 Sunday School/ Bible Class 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Canvassing 12:00 pm

1 Year Chronological Bible Reading: Week #22

📅 Upcoming Schedule

Cleaning: Month: May (Benz/Bumgardner/Copeland/Jones/Roberson/Rosser/Wright)
 Flowers: 5/19: Copeland
 5/26: Don/Shiela Jones (Shiela's Birthday)
 6/2: Roger/Christina Benz
 Nursery / Children's Church: 5/19: Emily Kratz
 5/26: Pam Copeland
 6/2: Yauney Sikes
 Lawn care: 5/19-25: Rader / Roberson
 5/26-6/1: Benz / Jung
 6/2-8: Kratz / Sikes



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