Pentecost 4

July 6, 2025



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church Lancaster, PA

The Holy Eucharist

If you are visiting with us, a special welcome. We invite you to return and worship with us as often as you are able. Please sign the guest book in the narthex. Guest cards are also available. Please take one, fill it out and return it to an usher. The offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary. If you need a large print bulletin, please ask an usher. As you enter the nave, please conclude all conversations and silence all cell phones and other electronic devices, as to fully enter into this time of worship.

Please indicate to the Pastor if you require gluten free wafers, prior to worship, if possible.

The pass thru room at the top of the steps next to the office is now broadcasting our church service LIVE every Sunday. If you need to leave the sanctuary for any reason, you are welcome to continue worshiping by viewing the service in that room.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

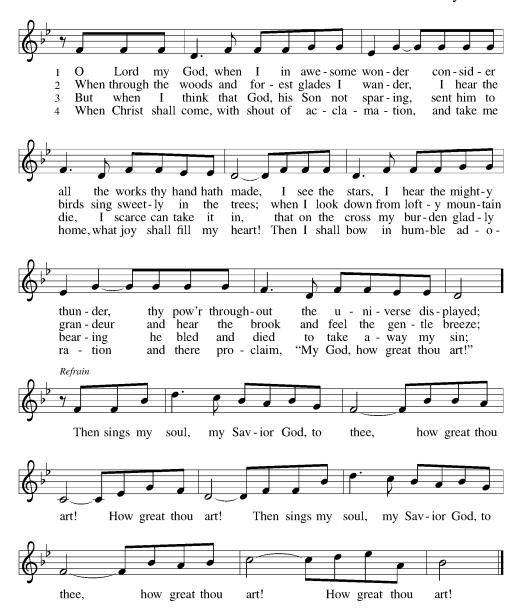
P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C Amen.

The Gathering Hymn

How Great Thou Art Hymn #856



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The Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day

P 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.

P Let us pray. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Isaiah 66:10-14

C Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,

all you who mourn over her—

11 that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast,

that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

¹² For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream, and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm

and bounced on her knees.

13 As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass, and it shall be known that the power of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

Second Reading

Galatians 6:1-16

A reading from Galatians.

¹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads.

⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the tenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

Silence for reflection follows.

The Hymn of the Day

We All Are One in Mission

Now let us

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Hymn #576

Word.



- 1 We all are one in mis sion; we all are one in call,
- wit-ness in God's name. We all are called for vice, to ser Now let he us u nit ed. and let our song be heard.



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for God's re - deem-ing





to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love. ev - 'ry folk and na tion may feel God's warm em - brace. SO var - ied gifts u -Christ, the nit ed by Lord all. our

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Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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The Apostles Creed

C 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.

The Prayers of the Church

A Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

Please sit or kneel for the prayers.

After each portion of the prayers:

- A God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- P Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

The Peace

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Without leaving your seat offer a wave to your neighbor, sharing God's peace, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

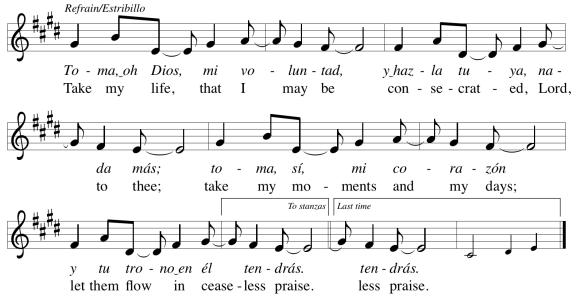
Offering

During this time our offerings are represented through the gift of music, bread, and wine. Following the service you are invited to give your financial gifts in the offering plates located in the back of the sanctuary.

Please stand.

The Offertory Response

Take My Life, That I May Be





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The Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray. Creator God,

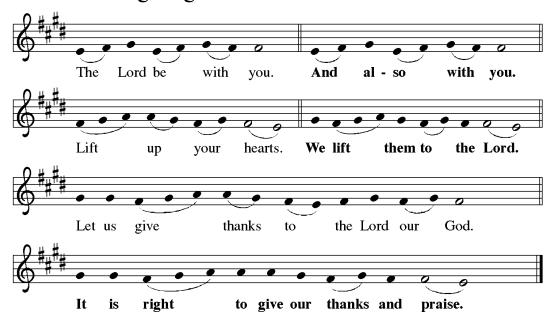
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor,

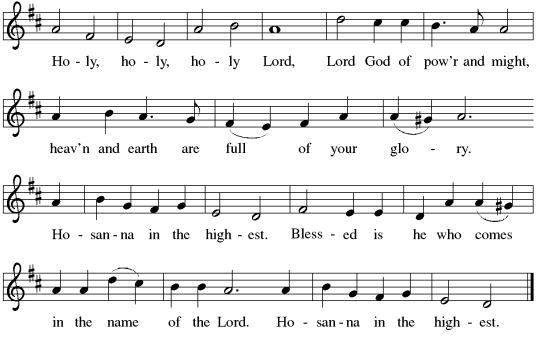
that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts to establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to receive our Redeemer who comes to us in his body and blood.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

C Amen.

The 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.

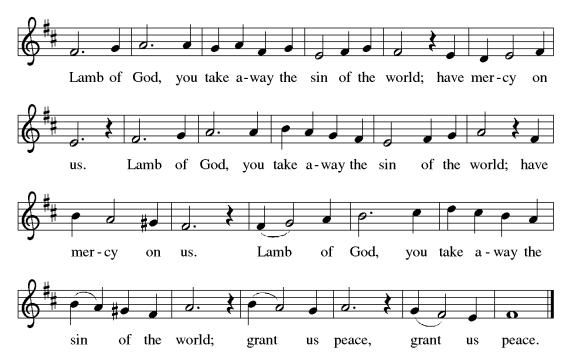
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

P The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

The Lamb of God



Please be seated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices open table hospitality. Baptized communicants of other Christian denominations, of all ages, are welcome to receive the sacrament. An usher will direct each seating area to come forward to receive the sacrament. Pick up a communion cup as you approach the altar. Please **stand** at the communion rail and the pastor will place the bread into the hands of communicants. The first chalice contains wine, the second chalice contains grape juice. A gluten free wafer is available upon request. Those persons not receiving communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Hymns During Distribution

Wash, O God Our Sons and Daughters Jesu. Jesu Fill Us with Your Love Hymn #445 Hymn #708

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho ly wis dom! Un im ag ined, all your ways!



Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv-ing bread. To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares, We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born.



Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, By your grace, our lives we of - fer. ho - ly dove and heart's de - light. by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



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all these neigh - bors are to us and you. this is the way will live with we you.

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neigh-bors

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Please stand.

The Post Communion Blessing

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

The Blessing

P The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace.

C Amen.

The Sending Hymn

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Hymn #888 Hymn provided on page 18

Dismissal

- P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
- C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



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Sponsors

Todays flowers are sponsored by Sandy Stouffer in memory of Joe Stouffer.

Todays bulletin is sponsored by Coleen Aston and dedicated to the glory of Christ our Lord.

The text for next week:

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Psalm 16 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62

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Mary Ann Russel	Marilyn Knaub
Usher	Usher
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Donna Null	Candy Steiner
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Donna Null	Candy Steiner
Altar Guild Clean-up	Altar Guild Clean-up
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Technology	Technology
Doug Dandridge	Tim Brixius
Danica	Jeff Reed

Coming up at Holy Spirit

Today Lemonade Social, following worship

Lemonade Socials will continue throughout the summer,

every Sunday in the narthex

July 9 Prayer & Meditation: In Person, 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study, 11:00 a.m.

July 13 Mini Church Picnic, Cake Walk, Bingo, Food &

Fellowship, following worship

Sign up at the ministry table

July 27 Hymn Sing, 9:15 a.m.

August 5 Book Club, 7:00 p.m.

