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Hymn of Invocation: "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" LSB 497

- Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,
  With all Your graces now outpoured
  On each believer's mind and heart;
  Your fervent love to them impart.
  Lord, by the brightness of Your light
  In holy faith Your Church unite;
  From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue
  This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:
  Alleluia, alleluia!
- Come, holy Light, guide divine, Now cause the Word of life to shine. Teach us to know our God aright And call Him Father with delight. From ev'ry error keep us free; Let none but Christ our master be That we in living faith abide, In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide. Alleluia, alleluia!
- Grant us the will Your work to do
  And in Your service to abide;
  Let trials turn us not aside.
  Lord, by Your pow'r prepare each heart,
  And to our weakness strength impart
  That bravely here we may contend,
  Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend.
  Alleluia, alleluia!

### Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

### Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation LSB 184

- 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.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

### **Confession of Sins**

LSB 184

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.

Absolution LSB 185

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.

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. Alle- | luia. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be | created. \* And You shall renew the face | of the earth.

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 gath- | er it up;\*
when you open your hand, they are filled with | good things.
When you send forth your Spirit, they are cre- | ated,\*
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 be- | ginning,\* 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. Alle- | luia. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be | created. \* And You shall renew the face | of the earth.

Kyrie LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

- **P** Glory be to God on high:
- We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- Let us pray... 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.

C Amen.

Sit

## **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 11:1–9

(The tower of Babel: one language confused and many people scattered)

<sup>1</sup>Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup>And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup>And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup>And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup>So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup>Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



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

(The Holy Spirit enables the apostles to be heard in many languages.)

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these men are

not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

<sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

17... And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams;

<sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel John 14:23–31

(Jesus promises that the Father will send the Holy Spirit as the Counselor.)

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.
- **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. <sup>30</sup>I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, <sup>31</sup>but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" LSB 498

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which You have made.

- To You, the Counselor, we cry, To You, the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the fire of love, The soul's anointing from above.
- In You, with graces sevenfold, We God's almighty hand behold While You with tongues of fire proclaim To all the world His holy name.
- 4 Your light to ev'ry thought impart, And shed Your love in ev'ry heart; The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might invigorate.
- Drive far away our wily foe, And Your abiding peace bestow; With You as our protecting guide, No evil can with us abide.
- Teach us to know the Father, Son, And You, from both, as Three in One That we Your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.
- △ 7 Praise we the Father and the Son
  And Holy Spirit, with them One,
  And may the Son on us bestow
  The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

**Sermon:** "From Babel to Home: The Spirit Gathers Us in Christ." Texts: Genesis 11:1–9; Acts 2:1–21; and John 14:23–31

## **Votum**

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

Offertory LSB 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

Preface LSB 194

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- **C** It is meet and right so to do.

## **Proper Preface**

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, on this day poured out Your promised Holy Spirit to gather those scattered by sin, uniting them in the confession of Your wondrous deeds. For by Your Spirit, You have made Your home with Your people, granting them Your peace. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

**P** 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 Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

### The Distribution

**Distribution Hymn:** "Built on the Rock"

LSB 645

- Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
  Even when steeples are falling.
  Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
  Bells still are chiming and calling,
  Calling the young and old to rest,
  But above all the souls distressed,
  Longing for rest everlasting.
- 2 Surely in temples made with hands
  God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
  High above earth His temple stands,
  All earthly temples excelling.
  Yet He who dwells in heav'n above
  Chooses to live with us in love,
  Making our bodies His temple.

- We are God's house of living stones,
  Built for His own habitation.
  He through baptismal grace us owns
  Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
  Were we but two His name to tell,
  Yet He would deign with us to dwell
  With all His grace and His favor.
- Here stands the font before our eyes,
   Telling how God has received us.
   The\_altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
   And what His Supper here gives us.
   Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
   Christ yesterday, today, the same,
   And evermore, our Redeemer.
- Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
  That, when the church bells are ringing,
  Many in saving faith may come
  Where Christ His message is bringing:
  "I know My own; My own know Me.
  You, not the world, My face shall see.
  My peace I leave with you. Amen."

## **Distribution Hymn:** "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" LSB 637

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured; Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields; With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

#### Stand

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving LSB 200

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- and His mercy endureth forever.

### **Post-Communion Collect**

- A Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Salutation LSB 201

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus LSB 202

- **A** Bless we the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction LSB 202

C Amen, amen, amen.

Hymn to Depart: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LSB 922

1 Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you;

You are My own.

In My love's baptismal river

I have made you Mine forever.

Go, My children, with My blessing—You are My own.

2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,

At peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you,

What I can cure.

Here you heard My dear Son's story;

Here you touched Him, saw His glory.

Go, My children, sins forgiven,

At peace and pure.

- Go, My children, fed and nourished,
  Closer to Me;
  Grow in love and love by serving,
  Joyful and free.
  Here My Spirit's power filled you;
  Here His tender comfort stilled you.
  Go, My children, fed and nourished,
  Joyful and free.
- And give you peace;
  I the Lord will smile upon you
  And give you peace:
  I the Lord will be your Father,
  Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
  Go, My children; I will keep you
  And give you peace.