

Day of Pentecost  
May 19, 2024



# Pentecost Sunday



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WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU JOINED US



# Confirmation Sunday



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# **Announcement**

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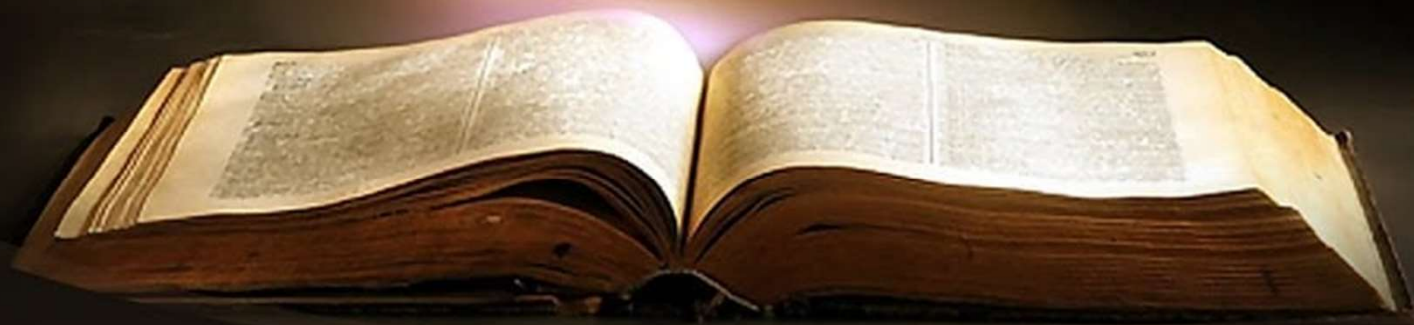
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*Maddie Wilson*

***Congratulations to our High School Graduates:***

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# PENTECOST: THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH



## **INTRODUCTION**

*Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.*

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of God,  
who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us,  
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**Amen.**

Holy One,  
**we confess that we have wandered far from you:  
we have not trusted your promises,  
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,  
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.  
Have mercy on us!  
Forgive us and turn us again to you.  
Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love,  
and help us to love our neighbor.  
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
the Word draws near to you,  
and all who call out to God shall be saved.  
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again  
and gathers you under wings of love.  
In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.  
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in  
love.

**Amen.**



**Gathering Song**

**“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”**

**Hymn # 398**

**<sup>1</sup> Holy Spirit, truth divine,  
dawn upon this soul of mine;  
breath of God and inward  
light,  
wake my spirit, clear my sight.**

Hymn # 398

**2 Holy Spirit, love divine,  
glow within this heart of mine;  
kindle ev'ry high desire;  
purge me with your holy fire.**

Hymn # 398

**<sup>3</sup> Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,  
fortify this will of mine;  
by your will I strongly live,  
bravely bear, and nobly strive.**

Hymn # 398

**4 Holy Spirit, peace divine,  
still this restless heart of mine;  
speak to calm this tossing sea,  
stayed in your tranquility.**

Hymn # 398

**Final Holy Spirit, right divine,  
king within my conscience  
reign;  
be my guide, and I shall be  
firmly bound, forever free.**

Hymn # 398

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **Kyrie**

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord*

***Lord, have mercy.***

*For the peace from above, and for our salvation,*

*let us pray to the Lord*

***Lord, have mercy.***



*For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being  
of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us  
pray to the lord*

***Lord, have mercy.***

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their  
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy***

*Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord*  
***A-men.***

**THIS IS THE FEAST**

***This is the feast of victory  
for our God.***

***Alleluia, alleluia***

*(sung twice)*

***Worthy is Christ,  
the Lamb who was slain  
whose blood set us free  
to be people of God***

***Power, riches, wisdom, and  
strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory  
are his***

***This is the feast of victory  
for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia***

*(sung twice)*

***Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all  
creation:***

***Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever.  
Amen.***



***This is the feast of victory  
for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia***

*(sung twice)*

***For the Lamb who was slain  
has begun his reign. Alleluia.***

***This is the feast of victory  
for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia***

*(sung twice)*

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21**

*Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in



Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon 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 upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: 104:24-34, 35b

*Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)*

*<sup>24</sup> How manifold are your works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all; the  
earth is full of your creatures.*

*<sup>25</sup> **Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
with its swarms too many to  
number,  
living things both small and great.***

*26 There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport  
of it.*

***27 All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due  
season.***

*28 You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with  
good things.*

***29 When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.***

***30 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.***

***31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.***

*32 You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.*

***33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I  
live; I will praise my God while I  
have my being.***

*34 May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.*

***35b Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!***

## **SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27**

*By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.*

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the

redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



***Gospel Acclamation***

***Alleluia. Lord, to  
who shall we go?  
You have the words  
of eternal Life.  
Alleluia.***

# GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to 15:26-27;  
16:4b-15

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL:** 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

*While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.*

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.

<sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you;

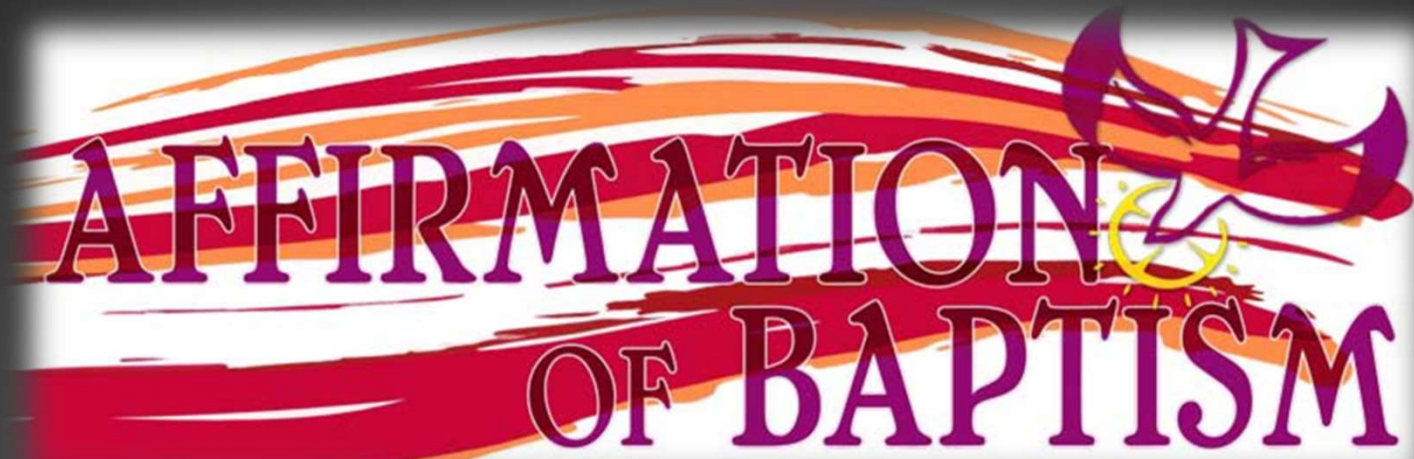
but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his

own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



AFFIRMATION  
OF BAPTISM

CONFIRMATION

# **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM – CONFIRMATION**

## **PRESENTATION**

Those making affirmation are presented by a representative of the congregation:

I present Payton Burrow, Ben Gregory, Jacob Gregory, Sunny Paulsen, Nolan Schiller, Hayden Wenzel, and Maddie Wilson, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.



Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.*

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

*I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Those making affirmation may kneel. The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*The blessing may be repeated for each person. The minister may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:*

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Payton, Ben, Jacob, Sunny, Nolan, Hayden, and Maddie the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life.

**Amen.**



*Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.*

Let us rejoice with these brothers and sisters in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to**

**God and proclaim the good news to all the**

**world.**

# **Sermon**

Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley



**Hymn of the Day**

**“Spirit of Gentleness”**

**Hymn # 396**

[Refrain]

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness  
calling and free;**

**Spirit, Spirit of restlessness**

**Stir me from placidness, wind,  
wind on the sea**

Hymn # 396

**<sup>1</sup> You moved on the waters,  
you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the  
mountains from the valleys of  
sleep;**

Hymn # 396

**and over the eons  
you called to each thing;  
"Awake from your slumbers  
and rise on your wings."**

Hymn # 396

[Refrain]

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness  
calling and free;**

**Spirit, Spirit of restlessness**

**Stir me from placidness, wind,  
wind on the sea**

Hymn # 396



**2 You swept through the desert,  
you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people  
with a law and a land;**

Hymn # 396

**and when they were blinded  
with idols and lies,  
then you spoke to your  
prophets  
to open their eyes.**

Hymn # 396

[Refrain]

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness  
calling and free;**

**Spirit, Spirit of restlessness**

**Stir me from placidness, wind,  
wind on the sea**

Hymn # 396

**<sup>3</sup> You sang in a stable,  
you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence  
when the whole world was still;**

Hymn # 396

**and down in the city  
you called once again,  
when you blew through your  
people  
on the rush of the wind.**

Hymn # 396

[Refrain]

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness  
calling and free;**

**Spirit, Spirit of restlessness**

**Stir me from placidness, wind,  
wind on the sea**

Hymn # 396

**Final You call from tomorrow,  
you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow  
all the captives dream dreams;**

Hymn # 396

**our women see visions,  
our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions  
your people arise.**

Hymn # 396



[Refrain]

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness  
calling and free;**

**Spirit, Spirit of restlessness**

**Stir me from placidness, wind,  
wind on the sea**

Hymn # 396

# Presentation of St. Paul Women of the Church Scholarship to Landon Schiller



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon the newly baptized, Sunday school students and confirmands (Payton, Ben, Jacob, Sunny, Nolan, Hayden, and Maddie). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way and all who are ill (especially). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for our missionaries; for Cheryl Kruckemeyer our missionary in Tanzania, for Darius and Jaycee in South Asia serving with the World Mission Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at Zion Lutheran Church in Sandoval, Texas and Community of Faith Lutheran Church in West Linn, Oregon. Bless and protect all our local nurses, doctors, healthcare workers and first responders, our students, teachers and school administrators. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you sent your son with a mission to seek and to save the lost. Give us the courage and faith to join you in the Kingdom work that you are up to right in our own community. We thank you for our network of churches, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ and our Texas District. By the power of your Holy Spirit, guide our District Council and give them wisdom as they promote our mission to multiply disciples and churches. Today we also give you thanks for Abiding Savior in Cameron, Texas and their pastor Kathie Ricketts. Bless their work for your Kingdom's sake. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**



# **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you  
**And also with You***

*Lift up your hearts*

***We lift them to the Lord***

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God*

***It is right to give our thanks  
and praise***

It is indeed right, our duty and our  
joy...

...we praise your name and join their  
unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are  
full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

# **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **COMMUNION**

*Holy Communion is offered both in the center aisle line  
and at the altar rail.*

## ***Lamb of God***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.***

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## SENDING

## BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
+ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song**

**“On Our Way Rejoicing”**

**Hymn # 537**

**1 On our way rejoicing  
gladly let us go.**

**Christ our Lord has conquered;  
vanquished is the foe.**

**Christ without, our safety;**

Hymn # 537

**Christ within, our joy;  
who, if we be faithful,  
can our hope destroy?**

Hymn # 537

[Refrain]

On our way rejoicing,  
as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!

Hymn # 537



**Final Unto God the Father  
joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior  
thankful hearts we bring;**

Hymn # 537

**unto God the Spirit  
bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing  
now and evermore.**

**[Refrain]**

**Hymn # 537**

[Refrain]

On our way rejoicing,  
as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!

Hymn # 537

# DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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