

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY—YEAR 1 CLOSING WEEK



Pentecost



ROMANS 8:14-39

THURSDAY, MAY 25, & SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

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NARRATIVE LECTIONARY – YEAR 1

Worship in a traditional order drawing words from Year 1 of the Narrative Lectionary from the appointed readings from the Old Testament, Acts, and Romans.

About the Christ Candle and Altar Candles Today



The Christ Candle was lit on Good Friday, remaining lit through the dark days of crucifixion and burial of Christ, reminding us that death was not victorious. The Christ Candle continued to burn on Easter Morning—the Day of Resurrection. We’ve lit the Christ Candle on the altar each week since in celebration of the same. But last week during our Celebration of the Ascension, the Christ Candle was removed from the altar, as a reminder that Christ ascended into heaven and was hidden from the eyes of the disciples.

Today we begin with the candles unlit, reminding us how the disciples waited 10 days until the Holy Spirit was sent to them on Pentecost. The acolytes will return with the Christ Candle and then light the altar candles during the Pentecost reading.

Acclamation

Hail Thee, Festival Day

LSB 489, ref.-p

Pentecost Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;
Day when the Ho - ly Ghost Shone in the world with His grace. grace.

Invocation and Verse for Pentecost Day

Liturgical Text

- P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful.
- C: **Come, Holy Spirit. Alleluia.**
- P: And kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.
- C: **Come, Holy Spirit. Alleluia.**
- P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful. Alleluia. Amen.

The Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1–21 (ESV)

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

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

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But 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; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹“And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹“And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” P: This is the Good News of the Holy Spirit. C: **Praise to You, O Spirit.**

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Collect (Prayer of the Day) P: 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.

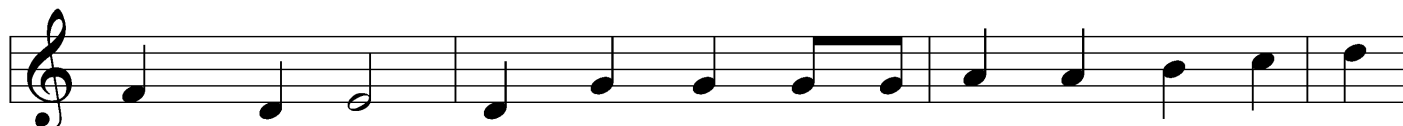
Pentecost Hymn

O Day Full of Grace

LSB 503 sts. 1-4



1 O day full of grace that now we see Ap - pear - ing on
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, Our Lord on the
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own, When He on the
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, His Spir - it new



earth's ho - ri - zon, Bring light from our God that we may be
 earth ar - riv - ing; Then came to the world that light sub - lime,
 cross was hang - ing; And then He a - rose and moved the stone
 life re - veal - ing, That we might no more from Him be lost,



Re - plete in His joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
 Great joy for us all re - triev - ing; For Je - sus all
 That we, un - to Him be - long - ing, Might join with an -
 All dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the



now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
 mor - tals did em - brace, All dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.
 gel - ic hosts to raise Our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
 mark of sin ef - face And bring to us all His heal - ing.

Text: Scandinavian, c. 1450; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921-2001

Tune: Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774-1842

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Invocation (based on Genesis 1:1-3)

P: In the beginning, God created everything:

C: *the heavens above and the earth below.*

P: At first the earth was totally empty,

C: *And the Spirit of God hovered over the waters.*

P: Then there was the voice of God. He said:

C: *Let there be light.*

P: In the beginning of our lives, God created us:

C: *awesomely and wonderfully made.*

P: At first we were without knowledge and hope in God.

C: *And the Spirit of God hovered over our baptism waters.*

P: Then there was the voice of God. He said:

C: *Let there be faith.*

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Confession and Absolution (Exodus 20:2, 19:1-3, Psalm 44:26, Galatians 3:13-14)

P: The Commandments which God gave to His people through Moses
begin with a promise:

**C: *I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery.***

P: God reminded them of His love and commitment to them and to us. He said:

“You saw how I snatched you from the bonds of slavery and carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. Now if you will hear My voice, obey what I say, and keep My covenant, then you will be My treasured people. You will be My kingdom of priests, a nation holy and set apart.”

**C: *Yes, He is the Lord our God,
who brings us out of slavery to sin.
But we have not kept His commandments.
We are not holy.
Rise up, Lord God;
come to our help!
Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love! Amen.***

P: The Commandments which God gave to us and which we have broken
begin with a promise:

C: *I am the Lord your God.*

P: Hear now this promise which redeems you, buys you back from slavery to sin: The Anointed One, *the Liberating King*, has redeemed you from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for you. *This is what God had in mind all along*: the blessing He gave to Abraham might extend to all nations through the Anointed One, Jesus; and you are the beneficiaries of this promise of the Spirit that comes *only* through faith in your Redeemer. Therefore, 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. He has redeemed us for the sake of His steadfast love. Amen.**

Song of Praise (based on Psalm 44:26 & Exodus 20:2)

TBF 272



6 Rise up and re-deem us, Rise up - and re-deem us. Rise to God be the glo - ry, to God - be the glo - ry, to

11 up - and re-deem us, for the sake of Your love. You are God, You are God be the glo - ry for the things He has done. With His blood He has

14 Lord, God. You did save - - us from slav - 'ry. Rose to saved me; with His power He has raised me; to

up - and re - deemed us for the sake of Your love. God be the glo ry for the things He has done.

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Narrative Lectionary Reading—Part One

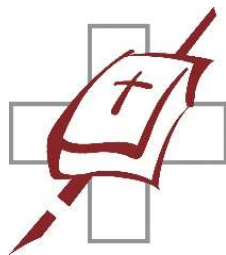
Romans 8:14-28 (VOICE)

¹⁴ If the Spirit of God is leading you, then *take comfort in knowing you are His children.* ¹⁵ You see, you have not received a spirit that returns you to slavery, so you have nothing to fear. The Spirit you have received adopts you *and welcomes you into God’s own family.* That’s why we call out to Him, “Abba! Father!” *as we would address a loving daddy.* ¹⁶ *Through that prayer,* God’s Spirit confirms in our spirits that we are His children. ¹⁷ If we are God’s children, that means we are His heirs along with the Anointed, set to inherit everything that is His. If we share His sufferings, we *know that we will ultimately share in His glory.*

¹⁸ Now I’m sure of this: the sufferings we endure now are not even worth comparing to the glory that is coming and will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For all of creation is waiting, yearning for the time when the children of God will be revealed. ²⁰ You see, all of creation has collapsed into emptiness, not by its own choosing, but by God’s. Still He placed within it a *deep and abiding hope* ²¹ that creation would one day be liberated from its slavery to corruption and experience the glorious freedom of the children of God. ²² For we know that all creation groans *in unison* with birthing pains up until now. ²³ *And there is more;* it’s not just creation—all of us are groaning together too. Though we have already tasted the firstfruits of the Spirit, we are longing for the total redemption of our bodies that comes when our adoption as children of God is complete— ²⁴ for we have been saved in this hope *and for this future.* But hope does not involve what we already *have or see.* For who goes around hoping for what he already has? ²⁵ But if we wait expectantly for things we have never seen, then we hope with true perseverance and eager anticipation.

²⁶ A similar thing happens *when we pray.* We are weak and do not know how to pray, so the Spirit steps in and articulates prayers for us with groaning too profound for words. ²⁷ *Don’t you know that* He who pursues and explores the human heart *intimately* knows the Spirit’s mind because He pleads to God for His saints to align their lives with the will of God? ²⁸ We are confident that God is able to orchestrate everything to work toward something good *and beautiful* when we love Him and accept His invitation to live according to His plan.

Scripture Meditation



Song of Praise

We Will Glorify

VERSE



1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb; We will
2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will bow be - fore His throne; We will
3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live; He is
4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb; Hal - le -



glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, Who — is the great I Am.
wor - ship Him in right - eous - ness, we will wor - ship Him a - lone.
Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all — praise to Him we give.
-lu - jah to the Lord of lords, Who — is the great I Am.

Narrative Lectionary Reading—Part Two

Romans 8:29-39 (VOICE)

²⁹⁻³⁰ From the distant past, His eternal love reached into the future. You see, He knew those who would be His one day, and He chose them beforehand to be conformed to the image of His Son so that Jesus would be the firstborn of a new family of believers, all brothers and sisters. As for those He chose beforehand, He called them to a different destiny so that they would experience what it means to be made right with God and share in His glory.

³¹ So what should we say about all of this? If God is on our side, *then tell me*: whom should we fear? ³² If He did not spare His own Son, but handed Him over on our account, then *don't you think that* He will graciously give us all things with Him? ³³ Can anyone be so bold as to level a charge against God's chosen? *Especially since* God's "not guilty" verdict is already declared. ³⁴ Who has the authority to condemn? Jesus the Anointed who died, but *more importantly, conquered death when He* was raised to sit at the right hand of God where He pleads on our behalf. ³⁵ So who can separate us? What can come between us and the love of God's Anointed? Can troubles, hardships, persecution, hunger, poverty, danger, or even death? *The answer is, absolutely nothing.* ³⁶ As the psalm says,

*On Your behalf, our lives are endangered constantly;
we are like sheep awaiting slaughter.*

³⁷ But no matter what comes, we will always taste victory through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I have every confidence that nothing—not death, life, heavenly messengers, *dark* spirits, the present, the future, spiritual powers, ³⁹ height, depth, nor any created thing—can come between us and the love of God revealed in the Anointed, Jesus our Lord.

Scripture Meditation

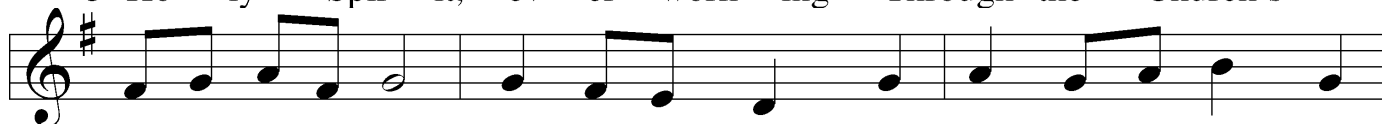
Hymn of the Day

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

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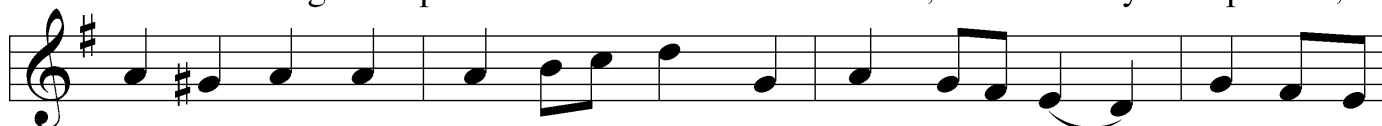
1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's



realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
 ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
 min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,



O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,
 Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,
 Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,



ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,
 ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we
 ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -



life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.
 mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.

Tune: Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse . . . Contradanseu, c. 1710, Amsterdam

Confession of Faith (spoken in unison)

We have come to the mountain of the LORD God,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.

Isaiah 2:3

Far be it from us
that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods,
for it is the LORD our God
who brought Israel, our forefathers in the faith,
up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery,
And it is the LORD our God
who sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to us,
who did those great signs in the sight of all the people
and now preserves us in His Way.

Joshua 24:16-17

We are confident that Jesus is the Prophet,
and that there is no God who exists in the entire world like the True God.

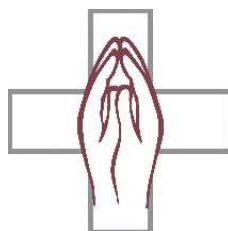
2 Kings 5:8,15

Since we have been *acquitted and* made right through faith,
we are able to experience *true and lasting* peace with God
through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, *the Liberating King*.
Jesus leads us into a place of *radical* grace
where we are able to celebrate the hope of experiencing God’s glory.
We also celebrate in seasons of suffering
because we know that when we suffer we develop endurance,
and we learn what it means to hope *and anticipate* God’s goodness.
And hope will never fail to satisfy our deepest need
because the Holy Spirit that was given to us
has flooded our hearts with God’s love. Amen.

Romans 5:1-5

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.



Offertory (Based on Micah 6:8)

(we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)

He has shown thee, O man, what is
good, and what the Lord re-quires of thee; He has
But to do just-ly, and to love mer-cy,
and to walk hum-bly with thy God.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Benediction (Blessing) (based on Acts 10:34-36,43; Romans 1:16-17)

P: It is clear to us that God doesn't play favorites,
that God accepts every person whatever their culture or ethnic background,
that God welcomes all who revere Him and His Way.
God sent You a message of peace
through Jesus the Anointed—who is King of all people.
Receive the forgiveness of sins through His name.
In His Good News, God's restorative justice is revealed.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit

LSB 681, alt.



1 Send, O Lord, Your Ho - ly Spir - it On Your ser - vants
2 You, O Lord, Your - self have called us For Your pre - cious
3 Help, Lord Je - sus, help us nour - ish All our chil - dren



now, we pray; Let us care like faith - ful shep - herds
lambs to care; But to pros - per in our call - ing,
with Your Word That in fer - vent love they serve You



That no lamb be led a - stray. Your pure teach - ing to pro -
We the Spir - it's gifts must share. Give us wis - dom from a -
Till in heav'n their song is heard. Bound - less bless - ings, Lord, be -



claim, To ex - tol Your ho - ly name, And to feed Your
bove, Fill our hearts with ho - ly love; In our weak - ness,
stow On our faith - ful toil be - low Till by grace to



lambs, dear Sav - ior, Make our aim and sole en - deav - or.
Lord, be near us, In our prayers, Good Shep - herd, hear us.
us be giv - en Our re - ward, the crown of heav - en.

Text: Lieder-Perlen, 1905, St. Louis; tr. Frederick W. Herzberger, 1859-1930, alt.
Tune: Johann Schop, c. 1590-1667

Announcements

