

**May 24, 2026**

*The Day of  
Pentecost*



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# THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**Today we will observe The Lord's Supper...** *The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.*

### PRELUDE

"Spirit of the Living God"

Malcolm Archer

### WELCOME

*Stand*

### HYMN

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

**LSB 913**



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts  
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.  
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,  
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing

Sun of the soul, O Light di-vine, A-round and in  
That in true Chris-tian u-ni-ty We faith-ful wit-  
That we be faith-ful un-to death And live in love

us bright-ly shine, To joy and glad-ness wake us  
ness-es may be, Your glo-ry ev-er show-ing.  
and ho-ly faith, From You true wis-dom learn-ing.

That we may be Tru-ly liv-ing, To You giv-ing  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach-ing; Let our preach-ing  
Your grace and peace On us show-er; By Your pow-er

Prayer un-ceas-ing And in love be still in-creas-ing.  
And our la-bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh-bor.  
Christ con-fess-ing, Let us see our Sav-ior's bless-ing.

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## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Romans 8:16–17*

- P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
**C** and kindle in them the fire of Your love.
- P** The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,  
**C** and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*John 16:7–8; Romans 10:13; 1 Corinthians 12:3*

**P** Jesus said, "I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you."

**G** "And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment."

**P** So we pray to the Spirit, our Helper and advocate, who intercedes on our behalf. Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, Your presence among us unifies us as one Body.

**G** Yet, too often we neglect, belittle, or attack our brothers and sisters.

**P** You have been poured out that we might bear witness to Christ, our Savior.

**G** Yet, too often we remain speechless.

**P** You were sent that You might produce in us the fruit of righteousness.

**G** Yet, too often we display our pessimistic, discontented, selfish nature. We plead to God, our Father, to forgive us for the sake of Christ. Holy Spirit, grant us power to testify to our Savior, Jesus, in what we say and do. Bring to bear in us the fruit of righteousness and hold us united in faith unto life everlasting.

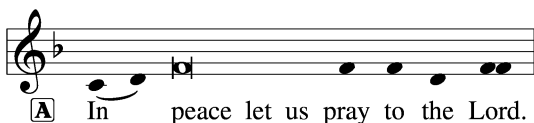
**P** "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved," and "no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit." Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

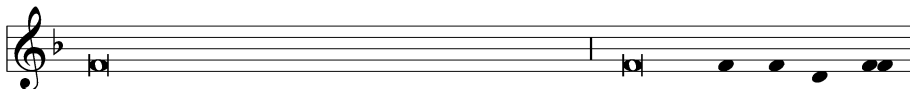
### KYRIE

LSB 152





**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



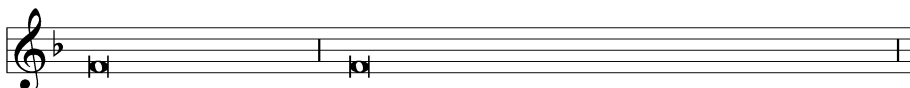
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



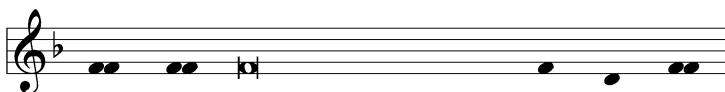
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## HYMN

## "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

LSB 500



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions  
2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, The bear - er of God's  
3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; Your sev'n - fold gifts to  
△ 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame At - tend the al - might - y



first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come,  
gra - cious might, Thrice - ho - ly fount, thrice - ho - ly fire, Our  
us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And  
Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior - Son be glo - ri - fied, Who



pour Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row  
hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire; Your sa - cred, heal - ing  
prac - tice all that we be - lieve; Give us Your - self that  
for all hu - man - kind has died; To You, O Par - a -



set us free; May we Your liv - ing tem - ples be.  
mes - sage bring To sanc - ti - fy us as we sing.  
we may see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.  
clete, we raise Un - end - ing songs of thanks and praise.

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## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** 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.

**G** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## FIRST READING

*Numbers 11:24–30*

The Word is read...

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*Acts 2:1–21*

The Word is read...

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## VERSE

**G** **Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 7:37–39*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read...

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es  
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of  
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



now out - poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;  
 life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right  
 work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the  
 And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry  
 Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your



bright - ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;  
 er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be  
 pow'r pre - pare each heart, And to our weak - ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your  
 That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our  
 That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 death to You, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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*Stand*

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Gathered from many tribes and nations, but made to drink of one Spirit, we pray for the whole Christian Church on earth, and for all people according to their needs: Spirit of power and life,
- C** **ignite our hearts with holy fire. Compel us to speak of Your mighty deeds and display Your heart for the nations.**
- A** Spirit of power and truth,
- C** **drive Your church to where unchanging truth can be found, that we might drink deeply of Scripture's message.**
- P** Spirit of power and peace,
- C** **extinguish the hidden hatreds that turn us against one another, and kindle brotherly concern within all people.**
- A** Spirit of power and justice,
- C** **shape our legal system with fairness, and look with compassion on everyone impacted by crime.**
- P** Spirit of power and consolation,
- C** **comfort those who feel lost or alone, and bring tender mercies to the grieving.**
- A** Spirit of power and encouragement,
- C** **grant patience and faith to all who wait for direction, reconciliation, or healing.**
- P** Spirit of power and wisdom,
- C** **guide parents, teachers, and those in earthly authority to speak kindly and act responsibly.**
- A** Spirit of power and gentleness,
- C** **pursue the hearts that are far from You, and bring home Your lost lambs.**

**P** Spirit of power and holiness,

**C** **set Your church apart for service, and raise up new servants who teach, preach, and lead Your people.**

**A** Faithful God, as Your people awaited the day of the Spirit's outpouring, by the same Spirit, hold us in faith as we await the day of Christ's return, for He lives and reigns with You and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**OFFERING**

**VOLUNTARY**

"Spirit"

Michael Bedford

*Stand*

**OFFERTORY**

"Create in Me"

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

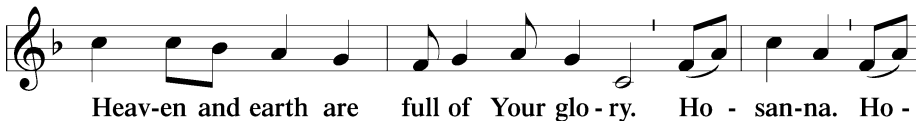
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, 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, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. 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 161





comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Father of nations, for You have had mercy on all flesh, sending Your Spirit to declare the salvation found only in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. By His atoning death and victorious resurrection, He has made satisfaction for our sins and now beckons all who thirst to drink deeply of the fruits of His cross. Prepare our hearts to receive His true body and blood at this Table, that we might be fed with the bread of life, and prepared to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth, quenching the nations with living water, namely the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** 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."

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your

ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

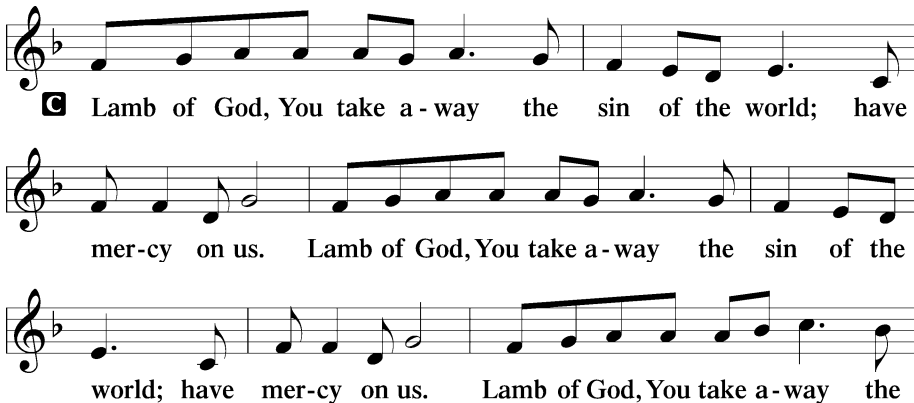
**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## PAX DOMINI

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

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 163



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

“Voices Raised to You We Offer”

**LSB 795**

1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for  
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your  
 3 Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with  
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -  
 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer Mea - sure all the

songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute  
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,  
 heav - en's grace, For Your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,  
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;  
 thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—

For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 For Your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through our hands Your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!

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**HYMN**

“Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ”

**LSB 769**



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ,  
 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;  
 3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vi - sion clear



I know not how to ask or what to say;  
 Help me to see Your pur - pose and Your will—  
 Of hu - man need; O give me eyes to see



I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,  
 Where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;  
 Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured,



And on - ly You can teach me how to pray.  
 Held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.  
 My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

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## VOLUNTARY

## “Veni Sancte Spiritus”

Jacques Berthier

*Stand*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 165



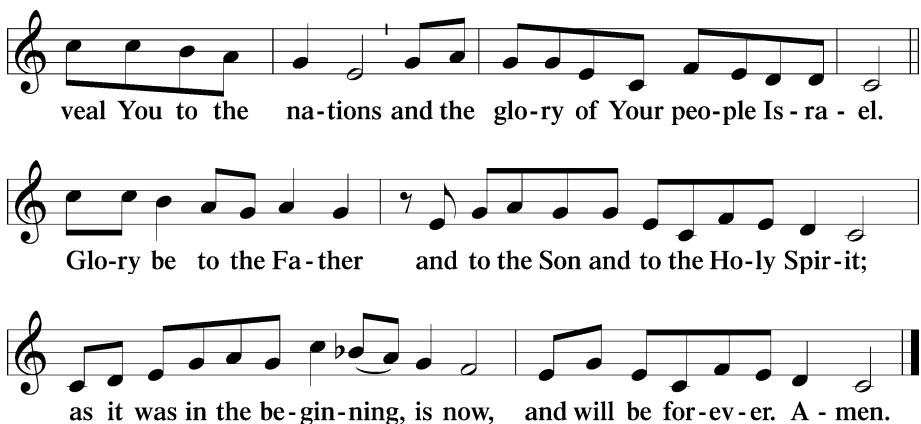
Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.  
 Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. Spirit of wisdom and truth, we praise You for the gift of faith that receives the blessings that come to us through the Supper of our Savior, Jesus. Keep us steadfast in the way of everlasting life, granting us wisdom to go and grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

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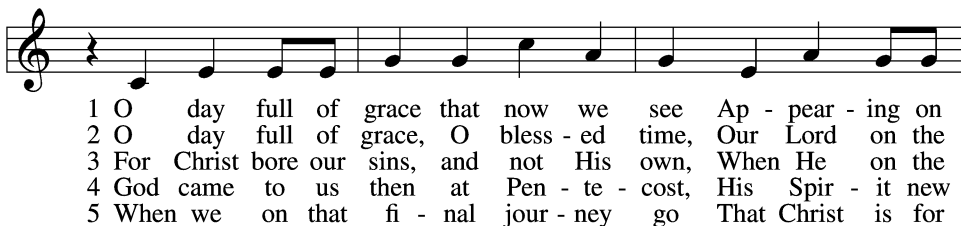
**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN

“O Day Full of Grace”

*LSB 503*



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  
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go That Christ is for



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,  
 us pre - par - ing, We'll gath - er in song, our hearts a - glow,



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  
 All joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, And walk in 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.  
 light of God's own place, With an - gels His name a - dor - ing.

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*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- G** Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE**

"Toccatà on "Veni Creator Spiritus"

Sandra Gay

Once again, we welcome our visiting organist, Eszter Hollo. Eszter is a multi-skilled musician, using her talents in singing, playing the organ and piano, but most importantly, teaching piano and voice, for the glory of God. She was born and raised in Hungary and came to the US 28 years ago. Since then, she raised four children, taught hundreds of students, played for many churches and sang in many choirs. She's a member at First Scots Presbyterian Church and considers it an honor and joy to play for the very kind people of Grace Lutheran Church today.

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