

TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GLENDORA
FOUR SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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PREPARATION

605 Father Welcomes

ref Father welcomes all His children, To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.

- 1 Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. *Refrain*
- 2 In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe, Shall be born again. *Refrain*
- 3 Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. *Refrain*

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences *2 Corinthians 5:1; Psalm 1:1–2*

- P We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God,
C **a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**
P Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, . . .
C **but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.**

Confession and Absolution

- P Let us prepare to receive God's strengthening of our faith this day as we confess our weakness and sin.
C **Merciful God, we confess to You our discouragements; all our sins of thought, word, and deed; and the inward groaning of our souls. For the sake of Your Son's own bitter suffering and death on behalf of all, grant us forgiveness and the strength of renewed faith that we may live today as joyful citizens of heaven.**
P You are the planting and the harvest of the Lord. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

WORD

Introit *Psalm 92:12–15; antiphon: v. 1*

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.
The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
They are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God.
They still bear fruit in old age;
they are ever full of sap and green,
to declare that the LORD is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

Kyrie

- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

704 Renew Me, O Eternal Light

- 1 Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace, That issues from Your holy face.
- 2 Remove the pow'r of sin from me, And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will, Temptations of the flesh to still.
- 3 Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Your Word.
Let what You will be my desire, And with new life my soul inspire.
- 4 Grant that I only You may love, And seek those things which are above
Till I behold You face to face, O Light eternal, through Your grace.

Salutation

- P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray.
Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Ezekiel 17:22–24*

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear

branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

On your wondrous works, I will meditate,
and I will declare your greatness.

Epistle *2 Corinthians 5:1–10*

¹We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse *2 Peter 3:18a*

C **Alleluia, alleluia! Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Holy Gospel *Mark 4:26–34*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

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

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Message

595 O Blessed Spring

1 O blessed spring, where Word and sign, Embrace us into Christ the Vine:
Here Christ enjoins each one to be, A branch of this life-giving Tree.

2 Through summer heat of youthful years, Uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
Sustained by Christ’s infusing rain, The boughs will shout for joy again.

3 When autumn cools and youth is cold, When limbs their heavy harvest hold,
Then through us, warm, the Christ will move, With gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.

4 As winter comes, as winters must, We breathe our last, return to dust;
Still held in Christ, our souls take wing, And trust the promise of the spring.

5 Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, Be praised for this blest mystery:
That Word and water thus revive, And join us to Your Tree of Life.

Sermon

Creed *Nicene Creed*

C **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

Offering

955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

- 1 Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us, A foretaste of the feast to come

SACRAMENT

Preface

- 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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.
Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

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 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 T 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 T 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

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

Agnus Dei 547 The Lamb

- 1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes, God will provide the Lamb of price! *Refrain*
ref *Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne!*
- 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. *Refrain*
- 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will, On our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*
- 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain*
- 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong, Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

Distribution Hymns

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee, In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish, Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy! May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry, And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy! Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor, That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union, Nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy! Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

In Christ Alone (Screen)

894 For the Fruits of His Creation

- 1 For the fruits of His creation, Thanks be to God. For His gifts to ev'ry nation,
Thanks be to God, For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, Thanks be to God.

- 2 In the just reward of labor, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done. In our worldwide task of caring, For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P 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.**

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

921 On What Has Now Been Sown

- 1 On what has now been sown, Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone, To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, And Thou alone shalt have the praise!
- 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own, And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive, And to Thy Word a blessing give.
- 3 O grant that each of us, Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus, When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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