

Day of Pentecost
May 19, 2024



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Our Mission

Journeying together in love for God and for all people.

Our Vision

A world where all people will experience love
and know their value in the eyes of God.

Welcome to Worship!

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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.

After the Wind and Fire

Jesus had his own way of urging hearers to "not miss the forest for the trees." Recall some of his familiar lines: "You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel" (Matthew 23:24), "Do you have eyes, and fail to see? Do you have ears, and fail to hear?" (Mark 8:18), or "Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?" (Luke 6:41). Look deeply. Listen carefully. Then pay attention to what is most important.

Attention-grabbing as the wonders on the Day of Pentecost may be—a house filled with rushing wind, tongues of fire alighting on the heads of apostles, and the whirling of alien languages from stupefied mouths—take care to not let their bewildering extraordinariness blunt the true and greater wonder of this gospel event: the Advocate comes.

All the times and events of Jesus' life—among close followers, watchers from afar, believers as well as doubters; the astounding miracles, puzzling parables, curious teachings, and scandalous associations—were for one purpose only: to open to all of them, to the whole world, the mercy and love of God.

But Jesus will not be at hand for long in the room, at the table, on the road and hillside, at the temple or synagogue, in the boat. The sound of his voice will become a memory; the image of his face will fade from sight. So, what happens when the hopeful days with Jesus end?

The Advocate comes! Yes, we retell the story now of an extraordinary moment of one ancient day on Pentecost, but oh, the greater, true gospel wonder is the ever-extraordinary presence of Jesus' Spirit bringing us hope and the way of God's mercy and love meant for, given to, and enduring in the world forever. Pray that we have eyes to see it and ears to hear of it.

ELW = red hymnal

ACS = purple hymnal

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
The wellspring of grace,
Our Easter and our joy.
Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

...In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.
Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

...We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Processional Hymn

O Spirit All-Embracing

ACS 944

Greeting

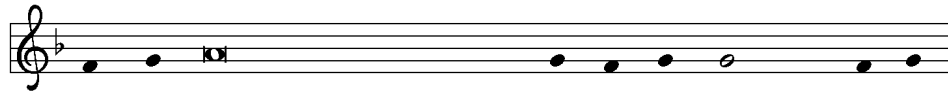
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



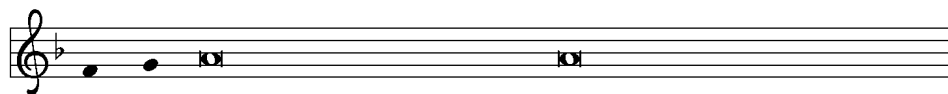
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



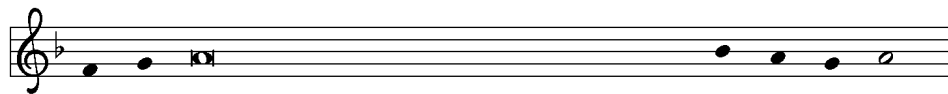
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



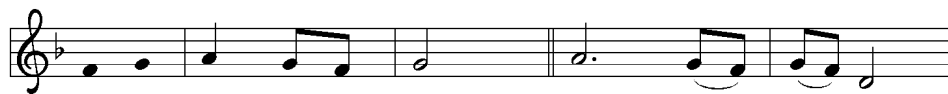
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Canticle of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Choir

"Spirit, Shine on Us"

arr. Lloyd Larson

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Children's Sermon

Children help tell the story of Pentecost

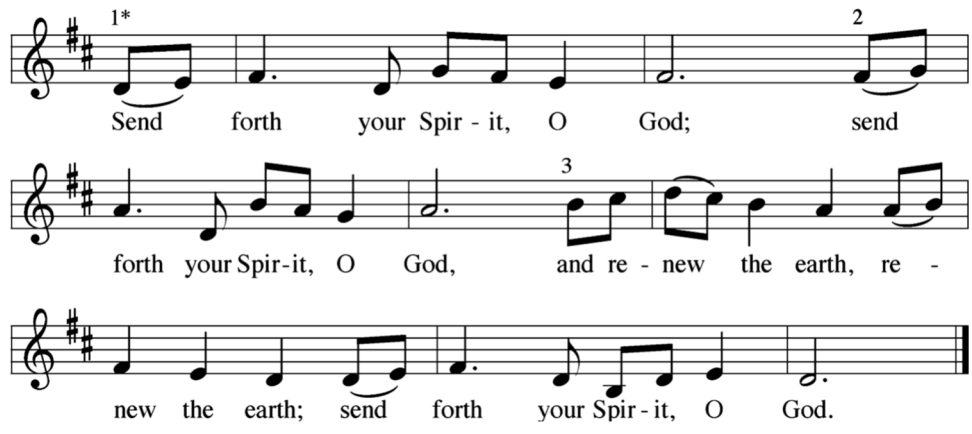
First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

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.

After the reading:

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b



Send forth your Spir - it, O God; send
 forth your Spir-it, O God, and re - new the earth, re -
 new the earth; send forth your Spir - it, O God.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sing Refrain

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

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

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

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

Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

Sing Refrain

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.

After the reading: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Pastor sings the proper verse:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Repeat Alleluia.

Gospel: John 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.

Before the reading: The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading: The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Mike Opfermann

Hymn of the Day

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

ELW 582

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

*We respond to each petition: God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

At this time, we share God's peace with our neighbors. Congregation is then seated for the offering.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

The Table is prepared as offering and worship record cards are collected and brought forward.

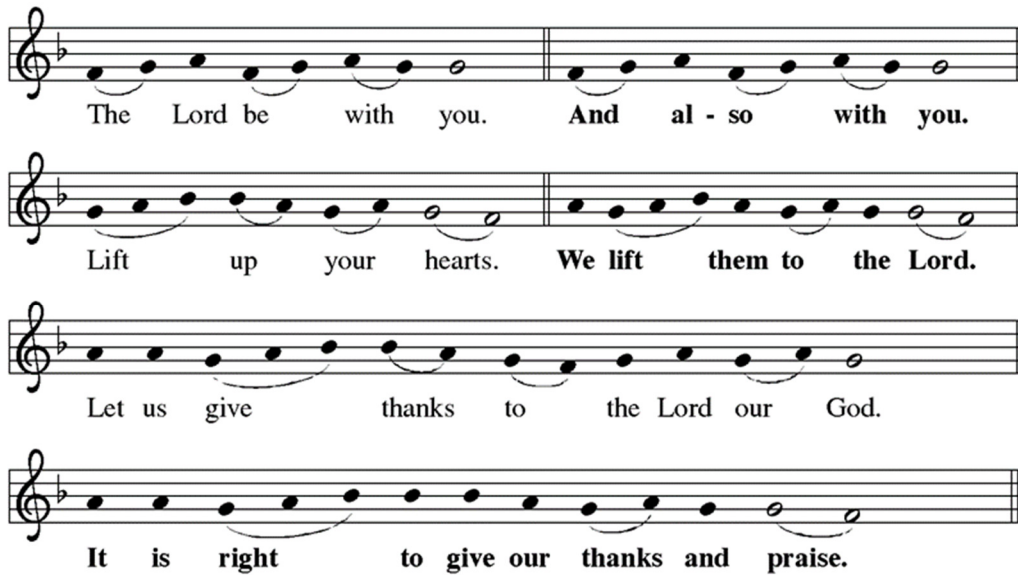
Offertory

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.



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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Thanks be to you, O God, for the power of your loving Spirit...

...On this bread and wine, come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit.

Manifest here the body and blood of Christ. Come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit.

On this assembly, come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit.

On this earth, its waters and lands and skies, come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit.

On plants and animals, and even on the stars, come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit.

...God of the cross and the empty tomb,
God of the power of justice and peace,
now and forever.
Amen.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.
Thanks be to God.

Communion

All are welcome to Christ's table!

In this meal, we meet Jesus and the expansive life He brings. An usher will invite you forward to receive bread from Pastor. You can then receive red wine from the chalice or an individual cup. White grape juice is also available in individual cups. As you return down the side aisle, you may dispose of your cup in the basket. If you would like to receive communion from Pastor, but are unable to come up front, please let an usher know and Pastor will come to you.

Lamb of God

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.

Communion Hymns

Loving Spirit
Spirit of Gentleness

ELW 397
ELW 396

Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Shepherding God,
**you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.**

Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

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.

Recessional Hymn

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

ELW 400

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

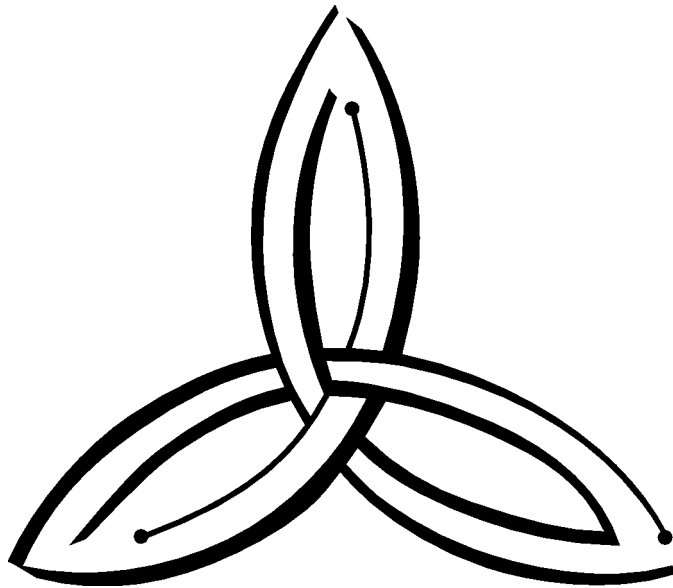
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Join us next Sunday:

“Holy Trinity”



Baptized at the font next week: Mina Thibert

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 24-27, 2024 6:00pm - 8:30pm
at
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We will be honoring our high school and college graduates in worship on Sunday, June 2, 2024. All graduates are invited to fill out the form link using this QR code to assist us in updating records and preparing for worship that day. Deadline for filling out the form is TODAY!
Thanks and CONGRATS!



MUSIC MINISTRY

Potluck Picnic

Wednesday, June 12th, 6:00 p.m.

at The Carlson Home, 444 5th Street, Marysville

Bring a dish to share, outdoor chair(s), & your family—All are welcome!
Come and enjoy an evening with fun, food, and fellowship!



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SERVING IN WORSHIP

This Morning May 19

Musician: Cindy Rogers
Worship Assistant: Madonna Lukitsch
Worship Coordinator: Geof Kusch
Usher: Sally McDonald
Acolyte: Charles Taylor
Reader: Sally McDonald
Communion Assistant: Everette Yaek
Greeter: Sandy Roehl
Coffee Bar Attendant: Jenifer Kusch
Coffee With Luther Host: Tiffany Hudy
Altar Guild: Sherry Russell
Bread Baker: Jenna & Alison Jackson
Offering Tellers: Angie Tucker
Jeff Tucker

Next Sunday May 26

Michelle Carlson
Fred Russell
Robie Clearwood
Nadine LaGruth
Ava DeShon
Rick Carlson
Colleen Schenck
Lee & Colleen Schenck
Karen McCormick
Kelsey T. & Karen M.
Nancy Bond
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Peggi Starkey
Nadine LaGruth

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers sign up sheet is in the hallway.

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Next Week's Texts

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

