

The Day of Pentecost
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(The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)

PRELUDE: *“Shout to God”*

WELCOME

INVOCATION:

Vicar: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 25:1, 4, 5a, 8, 10, 12*

Vicar: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

Vicar: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation.

People: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

Vicar: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

People: Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will He instruct in the way that he should choose.

Vicar: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *“O Holy Spirit, Enter In” (Lutheran Service Book, #913)*

O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be
Truly living,

To You giving
Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.

Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,
That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity
We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.

Hear us, cheer us
By Your teaching;
Let our preaching
And our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning.

Your grace and peace
On us shower;
By Your power
Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Vicar: Dear friends, that we may know the ways of the Lord and make choices that are good and upright God has given us His word, inspired by His Spirit and made flesh in His Son Jesus Christ.

People: But how enormously we sin against this gift! In wickedness we often resist the Spirit, ignore the Scriptures, and deny the Son. For this we beg forgiveness, almighty God! Bless us with repentance that grieves over evil yet trusts You to be merciful because Jesus died in our place and rose from the grave that we also might rise to newness of life.

Vicar: Fear not, my friends! From His throne in heaven God hears every penitent confession. By His word of absolution spoken on earth He removes your guilt, releases you from the sentence of death, and frees you to live joyfully and courageously as disciples of His Son. Hear this sure declaration, proclaimed in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit: Your sins are forgiven!

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: Almighty and ever-living God, You fulfilled Your promise by sending the gift of the Holy Spirit to unite disciples of all nations in the cross and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By the preaching of the Gospel spread this gift to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“Holy Spirit, Breath of Heaven”*

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Numbers 11:24–30*

Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, that the Lord would put His Spirit on them!” And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

RESPONSORY: Isaiah 44:1-2a, 3, with Alleluias

Lector: Alleluia. Alleluia. "But now listen, O Jacob, My servant, Israel, whom I have chosen. Thus says the LORD Who made you, Who formed you from the womb and will help you: 'Fear not.'

People: I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring, and My blessing on your descendants." Alleluia.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:1–21

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

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

But 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. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

“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;
even on My male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out My Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

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

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

RESPONSORY: Psalm 145:18-19, with Alleluias

Lector: Alleluia. Alleluia. The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to call who call on Him in truth.

People: He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them. Alleluia.

Lector: Please rise, as you are able.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 7th chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

GOSPEL READING: John 7:37–39

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this He said about the Spirit, Whom those who believed in Him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Nicene Creed.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The 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!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: "Fear Not! The Spirit of the Lord" (melody: Dundee)

Fear not! The Spirit of the Lord
among you still remains.
His grace abounds, His peace abides,
His power never wanes.

In ev'ry age and ev'ry place
God's Spirit intercedes;
with groans that words cannot express
He bears all human needs.

The fountain of baptismal life
pours forth at His command
to make disciples in all realms,
new saints in ev'ry land.

Take courage, friends, your souls are safe
from ev'ry threat'ning foe.
Be strong, therefore; be confident
wherever you may go.

The holy Church of Jesus Christ
forever is secure.
Protected by the Spirit's sword
its victory is sure.

(Walter A. Pohland, 2022)

SERMON: “Promise Kept” (*Isaiah 44:1-5*)

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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 singing:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His 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 covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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.

DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper will be distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers' directions.

DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Holy Spirit"

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.
No thing can compare; You're our living hope.
Your Presence.

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone,
In Your Presence, Lord.

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here;
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.
No thing can compare; You're our living hope.
Your Presence

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone,
In Your Presence, Lord.

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here;
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.

Let us become more aware of Your Presence;
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness.
(Repeat)

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here;
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.

DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Great Are You Lord"

You give life. You are love.
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise,
We pour out our praise.
It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise to You only.

You give life. You are love.
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise,
We pour out our praise.
It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
"Great are You, Lord!"

(Repeat 2X)

It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise,
We pour out our praise.
It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise to You only.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior” (LSB, #619)

Thy body, giv’n for me, O Savior,
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,
These are my life and strength forever,
By them my hungry soul is fed.

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

With Thee, Lord, I am now united;
I live in Thee and Thou in me.
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted
It finds its only joy in Thee.

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

Who can condemn me now? For surely
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely
With Jesus I to heaven rise.

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

Though death may threaten with disaster,
It cannot rob me of my cheer;
For He who is of death the master
With aid and comfort e’er is near.

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

My heart has now become Thy dwelling,
O blessèd, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Thy praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” (LSB, #623)

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine.

Give us, who share this wondrous food,
Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv’n,
The certain joys of heirs of heav’n.

By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive,
And all we are to You we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest
In heaven’s high and holy feast.

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COMMON DISMISSAL:

Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, Who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION: (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

Pastor: 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 give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "O Day Full of Grace" (LSB, #503)

O day full of grace that now we see
Appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be
Replete in His joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
Your name on our hearts emblazon.
O day full of grace, O blessed time,
Our Lord on the earth arriving;
Then came to the world that light sublime,
Great joy for us all retrieving;
For Jesus all mortals did embrace,
All darkness and shame removing.
For Christ bore our sins, and not His own,
When He on the cross was hanging;
And then He arose and moved the stone
That we, unto Him belonging,
Might join with angelic hosts to raise
Our voices in endless singing.
God came to us then at Pentecost,
His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from Him be lost,
All darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface
And bring to us all His healing.
When we on that final journey go
That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,

All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place,
With angels His name adoring.

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DISMISSAL:

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

In Christian Service:

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

with

Liturgist: Vicar John Cotner

Proclaimer: Rev. Walt Pohland

Musicians: Adam Perez, Gwen Bundy, and Austin Angerman

Faith Lutheran Church Choir, Director: Adam Perez

Organist: Karen Darby

8:15 Lay Reader: Joyce Best

11:00 Lay Reader: Mike Whittaker

Children's Message: Jonathan Grotefeldt