
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 31, 2020 - PENTECOST

"Receive the Holy Spirit."

[John 20:22]



WELCOME

We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning.

9:30 A.M. Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

PRELUDE

Meditation for Pentecost

Dan Locklair

BELL

GATHERING PRAYER

How wonderful are God's works! In wisdom God made them all.

The sea, the creeping things, all living things both great and small show forth the glory of God.

May the glory of God endure forever.

We will sing praise to God as long as we live.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WHOLENESS

Holy Spirit, how we need you! Our vision is often dim, our dreams too small.

Come, Holy Spirit: Inspire and direct us.

Our hearts are cold. Our faith is feeble.

Come, Holy Spirit: Kindle fire within us.

Our body is broken, our unity breached.

Come, Holy Spirit: Heal and preserve us.

Fill this place with songs of praise.

Fuel our lives with power and grace.

Renew this world, we pray, that it might glow with the light of your love and show forth your salvation.

Stand as you are able

GATHERING SONG

Come Down, O Love Divine



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

GREETING

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

SONG OF PRAISE

Sing Out, Earth and Skies

*Come, O God of all the earth;
come to us, O Righteous One.
Come and bring our love to birth
in the glory of your Son.*

Refrain:

Sing out, earth and skies!

Sing of the God who loves you.

Raise your joyful cries;

Dance to the life around you.

*Come, O God of wind and flame;
fill the earth with righteousness.
Teach us all to sing your name;
may our lives your love confess. (Refrain)*

*Come, O God of flashing light;
twinkling star and burning sun.
God of day and God of night;
in your light we all are one. (Refrain)*

*Come, O God of snow and rain;
shower down upon the earth.
Come, O God of joy and pain;
God of sorrow, God of mirth. (Refrain)*

*Come, O Justice, come, O Peace;
come and shape our hearts anew.
Come and make oppression cease;
bring us all to life in you. (Refrain)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

READING

Acts: 2:1-21

1In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning 2until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; 5for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

6So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

12Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. 13When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

15In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, 16Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — 17for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." 18(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. 19This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20For it is written in the book of Psalms,

'Let his homestead become desolate,
and let there be no one to live in it';

and

'Let another take his position of overseer.'

21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

A The word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand as you are able

GOSPEL VERSE

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 7:37-39

37 On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, 38 and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" 39 Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

A The grass withers and the flower fades but the word of God endures forever.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

SERMON

Time for reflection

Stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, de - scend
2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry; to you,
3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's
4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part, and shed



up - on us from a - bove; with grac - es man - i -
the gift of God most high, true fount of life, the
al - might - y hand be - hold; while you with tongues of
your love in ev - 'ry heart; your own un - fail - ing



fold re - store your crea - tures as they were be - fore.
fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
fire pro - claim to all the world God's ho - ly name.
might sup - ply to strength-en our in - fir - mi - ty.

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

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection,
we join the people of God in all times and places in praying
for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

We call on your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different
vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in
your church, that they reveal your love for all. Lord, in your
mercy,
hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of life, present in air, wind, humidity,
storms, and oxygen in our atmosphere, breathing energy into

all things. Heal with your breath the whole creation,
especially those who struggle to breathe due to air pollution.
Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a
people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful,
humble us. Give each one of us a heart for justice and
empathy. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors,
midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as
they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for
comfort (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of friendship. As Elizabeth welcomed
Mary to her home, give us a spirit of welcome to those whom
we meet in this congregation and outside these doors.

Surprise us daily with unexpected grace, that we rejoice in
every blessing you send. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of hope. As you have led your saints in
all times and places, stir in us the desire to follow their
example, leading us from death to new life in you. Lord, in
your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all
for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our
Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE FOR PENTECOST

God be with you.

And also 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.

Thanks to you, O God, for the power of your loving Spirit. We worship you for your Spirit, who forms life out of chaos and dust. We bless you for your Spirit, who ignites the words of the prophets.

We praise you for your Spirit who brings your people together in unity.

Glory to you, O God, for the comfort of your Spirit. By your Spirit your Son preached and healed, rebuked and forgave. Dying on the cross for a wounded world, he gave over his Spirit. **Risen from death, Christ pours out your Spirit on all who believe.**

On this assembly, **Come, Holy Spirit.**

On this bread and wine, **Come, Holy Spirit.**

On this earth, its waters and lands and skies; on plants and animals, and even on the stars, **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Shower on us your gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Sanctify the whole earth with your truth. **Bring us at the end with all your children into your homeland of mercy.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

Stand as you are able

SENDING PRAYERS

We thank you, living God for your Son, who sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. **As Christ has loved us, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors.**

Let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick from the coronavirus. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. **May God console them and grant them peace.**

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. **May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good. Amen.**

BLESSING

Stand as you are able

SENDING SONG They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our
love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Refrain

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity, and save human pride.

Refrain

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

Refrain

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us out to serve.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Wayne Wold