

PENTECOST SUNDAY
May 23, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever. **Amen**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord fills the world.
Let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God. Alleluia!

With tongues of fire, the Spirit kindles the apostle's zeal.
They declare in new tongues the wonderful works of God.

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever.

Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit!

Fill the hearts of your faithful people with your love. Alleluia!

APOSTOLIC 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.**

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**

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (*Spoken Responsively*)

²⁴How manifold are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**
²⁶There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan which you made for the sport of it.
²⁷**All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**
²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.**
³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
³¹**May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
O Lord, rejoice in all your works.**
³²You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.
³³**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**
³⁴May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the Lord.
^{35b}**Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

GOSPEL READING: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

SERMON

Silence for Reflection

Music Meditation

Apostles' Creed

The assisting minister may introduce the Creed.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you give the Holy Spirit to your church, filling it with many and varied gifts. In the church throughout the world, strengthen us in our visioning and dreaming, that it may discover anew the Spirit's creative work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, your mighty works are too numerous to count. The earth is full of your creatures, living things both great and small. Open your hand and give them the necessities of this life. Send your fresh Spirit over the face of the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, at the sound of the rushing wind, people speaking different languages proclaimed and heard together your deeds of power. Fill the leaders of nations with your Holy Spirit, so that they exercise your gracious will in the lives of people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of faithfulness, you tend to the needs of your people, even the sighs of our hearts. Hear those who cry out to you in distress. Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of love, fill this congregation (St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church) with gratitude for the gifts we have received from you. Renew our ministries, heal our divisions, and open us to the needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, those who have died in you raise their eternal song of praise. We give you thanks for the many gifts of your people and rejoice in the witness of your saints (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

OFFERING

In response to all that God has done and continues to do for us in Christ Jesus, we now come to that part of our worship when we give . . . not reluctantly, but cheerfully and in thanksgiving. While many of us have been accustomed to giving in the offering plate, because of the pandemic, there are other ways: through the mail or with Vanco online. However you choose to give, please know that your gifts make a difference. Your support of our mutual ministry enables us to reach out with the gospel in word and deed in our community and to the world.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of love,
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.
Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord 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.

God of surprises, your Spirit brooded over the waters at creation
and lived among your chosen people
in wilderness, exile, and promised land.
Your Spirit filled Mary's womb at the moment of Jesus' conception

and came upon him like a dove at his baptism.
When Christ died on the cross
your power raised him from the tomb on the third day,
and that same evening he breathed your forgiving grace
on those who had deserted him.
On the day of Pentecost you sent your Spirit upon the fearful disciples.
filling them with fire, with power, with wonder and joy,
and making them your church.
And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels
and all the company of heaven, joining in unending praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

God of comfort and strength, we look to your Holy Spirit
to be with us in sorrow and in contentment,
in crisis and in abiding stillness.
Come mong us now through the power of your Spirit,
that we may be transformed into your image,
and that these gifts of bread and wine may become for us
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
*“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me,”*

After supper he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
*“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

Great is the mystery of Faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

God of dreams and prophecy, send down upon us
your gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and faith;
of healing, discernment, and interpretation,
that your church may be built up in the likeness of your Son.
Let anyone who is hungry find in you the bread of life,
and anyone who is thirsty find in you rivers of living water.
Speak your word to all who are alone and in fear or despair,
and let each one of your children hear your voice in their own language,
whether that language be art or science, work or play.
Sanctify your groaning creation,
that your universe may breathe your breath and be filled with your life anew,

that we may love what you love, and do what you would do,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS —————>

BLESSING

May Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen

DISMISSAL

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Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE