

+ Contemporary Worship +  
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

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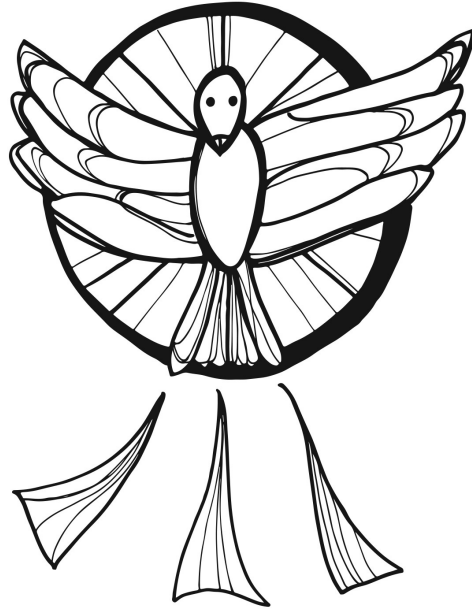
**Our mission is to share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.**

## Day of Pentecost



*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 within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing 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.*



**+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +**

*Based on Psalm 104*

Pastor      How wonderful are your works, O Lord!

**All            O Lord, in your wisdom you have made them all!**

Pastor      You send forth your Spirit, and the whole world is created.

**All            You speak and the face of the earth is renewed.**

Pastor      May the glory of the Lord endure forever.

**All            O Lord, we rejoice in all your works.**

Pastor      We sing to the Lord our hymns of praise.

**All            Bless the Lord from the depths of our souls! Amen! Alleluia!**

## GATHERING SONG

# Celebrate the Lord of Love

WORDS and MUSIC: Paul Baloché, Ed Kerr

♩=116-124

E A2 B E

Trade your heav - y heart for a heart of joy;

A2 B

cel - e - brate what God has done.

E A2 B E

Join the song of praise as we gath - er here;

A2 B E A2 B

cel - e - brate the Lord of Love. Je - sus is our Lord;

E A2 B

he is reign - ing here. We de - clare, "His king -

E A2 B E

dom's come." Dark - ness has to flee in his ho - ly light;

A2 B E *Fine*

cel - e - brate the Lord of Love.

A B E A B E

All cre - a - tion sings; hear the o - cean roar.

C<sup>#</sup>/E<sup>#</sup> F<sup>#</sup>m7 B7sus *D.C. al Fine*

Let the earth pro - claim that Christ is Lord.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor We are called to follow Christ. We are called to obey Jesus' commandment to love one another. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

All **Loving God,  
we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts.  
Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness,  
that we may be filled with your joy.**

Pastor The promise of our faith is that we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of the Church of Christ, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Receive the Holy Spirit and be empowered to be witnesses of God's love that we know through his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### SONG OF PRAISE

*Please stand and sing.*

Text: James Tallman  
Music: anonymous  
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#### What a mighty word God gives

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The lyrics are: 'What a might - y Word God gives!'. Chords above the staff are D (under G), G (under A), D (under B), and G (under F#). The second staff continues the melody: D4 (half), C#4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (half). The lyrics are: 'What a might - y Word God gives!'. Chords above the staff are A/F# (under D), Bm7 (under C#), Em7 (under B), and A7sus A7 (under A). The third staff has a new melody: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The lyrics are: 'When he speaks, our faith is fed. Give us, Lord, our dai - ly bread. God sent us the on - ly Son, who for us the vic - try's won.' Chords above the staff are D (under G), G/A (under A), D (under B), and G/E (under F#). The fourth staff continues the melody: D4 (half), C#4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (half). The lyrics are: 'What a might - y Word God gives!'. Chords above the staff are D/F# (under D), G (under C#), D/A (under B), A7 (under A), and D (under the final D).

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.  
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.

All **Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## + THE WORD +

### **Reading: Acts 2:1-21**

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, 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 Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon 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 upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Reader	Word of God, word of life.
<b>All</b>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13***Read by Lee Cronin in Korean*

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.*

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

*Please stand and sing.*

### Wind of the Spirit

Wind of the Spir - it, move fresh as we wor - ship and  
fill us with hope ev - 'ry day.  
Breath of cre - a - tion, blow life in our be - ing, and  
gift us with pur - pose, we pray; so our  
life is filled with mean - ing, and love is what we're breath-ing in the  
wind of the Spir - it, wind of the Spir - it.

Text: Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

Music: WIND OF THE SPIRIT, Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami



Pastor            The Holy Gospel according to St. John.  
All                **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: John 20:19-23**

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Pastor            The Gospel of the Lord.  
All                **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

***Receive the Holy Spirit***  
***Pastor Sandy Kessinger***

***Please stand and sing.***

## O Living Breath of God



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:  
O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:  
O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

### *Refrain*



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923  
Music: VÄRVINDAR FRISKA, Swedish folk tune  
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### **APOSTLES' CREED**

Pastor

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

All

**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.**

### **SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE**

Pastor

May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

All

**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with words such as "God's peace be with you."*

*Sit*

### **+ SHARING OUR GIFTS +**

#### **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.  
Offering plates are found at the front of the worship space by the baptismal font and in the  
back of the church as you leave our worship space. Please give as you are able.*

*Please sign the red attendance book and pass it down the pew.*

#### **OFFERING MUSIC**

*"For the Healing of the Nations" by John D. Becker*

## OFFERTORY

*Please stand and sing.*

We are an offering

Text and music: Dwight Liles  
Text and music © 1984 Bug and Bear Music, admin: Word Music, Inc.

Musical score for the offertory song. The first line of music is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). Chords above the staff are G, C2, Dm7, C2/E, and C/E. The lyrics below are: 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our'. The second line of music is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). Chords above the staff are F, C/E, Dm7, Dm7/G, and C. The lyrics below are: 'lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.'

## OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor

Let us pray.

All

**Holy God, you abide with your creation  
and in Jesus Christ, you gather us at your table.  
As you stayed with your disciples for an evening meal,  
so now stay with us.  
As we receive these gifts of bread and wine,  
open our hearts to share what we have received,  
the abiding love of Jesus, our risen Savior.  
Amen.**

## + COME TO THE TABLE +

Pastor

Friends in Christ, this joyful feast unites us.  
God has gathered all his people from around the world to commune at his table.

All

**And so we come from the East  
and from the West,  
from the North  
and from the South.**

Pastor

The Lord be with you.

All

**And also with you.**

Pastor

Lift up your hearts,

All

**We lift them to the Lord**

Pastor

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

Pastor      Come, for all is now ready.  
***Please sit.***

## INVITATION TO COMMUNE

***All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.***

*Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

*You are an important part of our faith community.*

*For those taking Holy Communion:*

*Pastor will give verbal instructions on how Holy Communion will be distributed.*

***All sing.***

## Glory and praise to our God

*Refrain*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff is the refrain, marked 'Refrain' and 'G'. The second staff continues the melody with chords D, Dsus, D, Am/C, and Am. The third staff continues with G, Bm, C, D, and G, marked '4th time to stanza 4'. The fourth staff has three verses of lyrics with chords Dm7, C, Am, and D. The fifth staff continues with G, Dm7, and C. The sixth staff has lyrics with chords Bm7, Em, A, D, D9/C, G/B, and D/A, marked 'Refrain'.

Glo - ry and praise to our God, who a - lone gives  
light to our days. Man - y are the  
bless - ings he bears to those who trust in his ways.  
1 We, the daugh - ters and sons of him who built the  
2 In his wis - dom he strength - ens us, like gold that's  
3 Ev - 'ry mo - ment of ev - 'ry day our God is  
val - leys and plains, praise the won - ders our God has  
test - ed in fire. Though the pow - er of sin pre -  
wait - ing to save, al - ways read - y to seek the  
done in ev - 'ry heart that sings.  
vails, our God is there to save.  
lost, to an - swer those who pray.

4 God has wa-tered our bar-ren land and spent his  
mer-ci-ful rain. Now the riv-ers of life run  
full for an-y-one to drink.

*Final refrain*  
Glo-ry and praise to our God, who a-lone gives  
light to our days. Man-y are the  
bless-ings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

Text and music: Daniel Schutte  
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***Please stand.***

Pastor

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood,  
strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

**All**

**Amen.**

**PRAYER**

Pastor

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have  
united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us  
forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love  
to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All**

**Amen.**

**+ THE SENDING +**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**All**

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**  
*All sing.*

**O Spirit All-Embracing**



1 O Spir - it all-em-brac-ing and coun-sel - or all - wise,  
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz-ing in flow - er, field, and face,  
3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,

un - bound - ed splen - dor grac-ing a shore - less sea of skies:  
you show your-self a - maz-ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.  
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der-stand-ing heart

un - fail - ing is your trea-sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;  
We see you and re - mem-ber what once our dreams had been;  
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,

sur - pass - ing world - ly plea-sure, the rich-es you af - ford.  
you fan the glow-ing em-ber and kin-dle hope with - in.  
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:

Come, stream of end-less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;  
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;  
for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis-dom's pure de - light;

come, wind of spring-time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.  
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.  
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

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Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934  
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**DISMISSAL**  
Pastor  
**All**

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

**POSTLUDE**

*Please join the Redeemer family outside Crossroads foyer area  
for fellowship and refreshments.*

### **Spirit of Unexpected Peace**

Jesus, crucified and risen Lord of mercy, had a mission for his disciples: share the forgiveness they have received with all those longing to know God. He even had the promised gift of the Spirit to empower them. But first, he had to figure out how to get them out from behind locked doors. Jesus' disciples were afraid that what had happened to Jesus would also happen to them, so they locked themselves away and hid.

You could picture Jesus standing outside the door of their room, calling: Come on out! It's okay! Don't worry! It's time to start sharing the good news! And the disciples would just say: No! We're too afraid to open the door!

Instead of getting them out from behind their locked door, Jesus comes on in. Instead of yelling through the door to stop being such cowards, Jesus slips past their fear and their locked-up lives and brings them unexpected peace. His own Spirit of peace moves out of him as breath, as the wind of God that creates new things, and creates in them a new calming faith. Then the mission of mercy begins. This Spirit from Jesus is a pure gift that creates peace, and peace creates mission.

Fear often keeps us locked up, anxious, unable to live the life God has given us. Thankfully, Jesus knows the way past our locked doors and our fearful hiding. Instead of making us feel small for hiding when we are afraid, he breaks through whatever barriers we put up and gets right past our locked doors. Jesus' own Spirit comes to us through the word, through bread and wine, through silence, through the one next to us, slipping past whatever barriers we put up. The Spirit comes as a gift of peace—peace we can't create for ourselves, peace that is deeper than our own understanding of it, peace that creates new energy for mission.

## Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

**Children** are welcome in our worship.

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### ***Sunday Services***

***9:45 am for the contemporary service and 8:30 am and 11 am for traditional services***

*Next Sunday's Scripture:*

*Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God with thanksgiving  
by Lynn Barth  
in celebration of becoming a Member*



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