



Pentecost

Sunday

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The Day of Pentecost

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Our Mission Statement
Lutheran Church of Prayer walks with others and teaches the
Word of God through relationships and personal example.

Welcome Friends & Guests!

We pray you will be blessed by our worship today. A welcome packet can be found at the Welcome Center Desk in our lobby. Please pick one up. Each family is asked to fill out an attendance card. Place the completed card in the offering plate. If you have a prayer request to be included in the service, please write your requests on the blue Prayer Requests sheet found in the pew rack and hand it directly to an Usher before worship begins.

A Time for Quiet Meditation

As you enter the sanctuary for worship you are encouraged to use this time for prayer and meditation to prepare your hearts to worship our Lord and to look over the worship bulletin. Visiting with friends can be done in the narthex area so others will not be disturbed. Thank you.

Offering

The offering is an act of worship for members and friends of Lutheran Church of Prayer, moved by God's love, to support the mission of the church. We do not want guests to feel obligated to participate. We want you to feel welcome and we truly wish to serve you! God bless you!

Standing

If at any time during the service it becomes uncomfortable for you to stand, please feel free to sit down, even if others are standing. God knows our strengths and understands our weaknesses too.

Organist, David Collins • Choir Director, David Ortiz
Pianist, David Collins • Handbell Director, Judy Houston
Praise Band Director, Tammy Poynor

Serving Us Today

Pastor Pastor Dwayne Hendricks
Elder..... Richard Kuhn
Ushers Frank Cressy & Matt Kralej
Reader Ken Campbell
Greeters Tom & Patty King
Altar Circle Linda Hartnett & Barb Kralej

As We Gather

The arrival of the Holy Spirit is a day of celebration. This is a day to rejoice in promises kept and anticipate greater things to come. Today's festival is a bridge for the church. It connects the commemoration of the life of Christ (through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter) to the season centered on our life in Christ, beginning with Pentecost. The festival's signature red color reminds us of the fiery arrival of the Spirit, the Spirit's ongoing work as the heartbeat of Christ's church, and the blood shed by believers past and present as they proclaim the crucified, risen, and ascend

Pre Service:

"Trinity"

By Sandra McCracken

"Rest on Us"

By Housefires

Welcome

Song:

"Rest on Us"

By Housefires

Verse 1

**As the Spirit was moving over the waters
Spirit come move over us
Come rest on us, come rest on us
As the Spirit was moving over the waters
Spirit come move over us
Come rest on us, come rest on us**

Chorus

**So come down Spirit when You move
You make my heart pound when You fill the room
You're here and I know You are moving, I'm here and I
know You will fill me
So come down Spirit when You move
You make my heart pound when You fill the room
You're here and I know You are moving, I'm here and I
know You will fill me**

Verse 2

**As the Spirit was moving over the waters
Spirit come move over us
Come rest on us, come rest on us
Fire and wind come and do it again
Open up the gates let Heaven on in
Come rest on us, come rest on us**

Chorus

So come down Spirit when You move

You make my heart pound when You fill the room

You're here and I know You are moving, I'm here and I know You will fill me

So come down Spirit when You move

You make my heart pound when You fill the room

You're here and I know You are moving, I'm here and I know You will fill me

Bridge (band only)

Holy Spirit, come rest on us, You're all we want, You're all we want

Holy Spirit, come rest on us, You're all we want, You're all we want

Holy Spirit, come rest on us, You're all we want, You're all we want

Chorus 2

So come down Spirit when You move

You make my heart pound when You fill the room

You're here and I know You are moving, I'm here and I know You will fill me

So come down Spirit when You move

You make my heart pound when You fill the room

You're here and I know You are moving, I'm here and I know You will fill me

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

P The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

C and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

Confession and Absolution *1 Thessalonians 5:23–24*

P Jesus said, “I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.”

C “And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.”

P So we pray to the Spirit, our Helper and advocate, who intercedes on our behalf. Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, Your presence among us unifies us as one Body.

C Yet, too often we neglect, belittle, or attack our brothers and sisters.

P You have been poured out that we might bear witness to Christ, our Savior.

C Yet, too often we remain speechless.

P You were sent that You might produce in us the fruit of righteousness.

C Yet, too often we display our pessimistic, discontented, selfish nature. We plead to God, our Father, to forgive us for the sake of Christ. Holy Spirit, grant us power to testify to our Savior, Jesus, in what we say and do. Bring to bear in us the fruit of righteousness and hold us united in faith unto life everlasting.

P “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,” and “no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit.” Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Psalm:

Psalm 25:1–15; antiphon: v. 4

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast
love,
for they have been from of old.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my
transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and
faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

- ¹¹For your name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.
- ¹²Who is the man who fears the LORD?
Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.
- ¹³His soul shall abide in well-being,
and his offspring shall inherit the land.
- ¹⁴The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,
and he makes known to them his covenant.
- ¹⁵My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty God, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus Christ,
to be the rock upon whom our lives are built.
- C** **Help us rest securely in Your promises and find
strength in Your mighty deliverance;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Song:

“Rejoice

By Rend Collective & Kristyn Getty

Intro

Oohhhh ohh ohh ohh ohhhh ohhhh Oh, Ohh
Oohhhh ohh ohh ohh ohhhh ohhhh

Verse 1

Rejoice in the Lord now and al-ways
Sing it again, we rejoice
Delight in the love He has shown us
Gratefully lift up your voice
His gentleness among us
Will join our hearts with praise
We gather in His goodness
A family of grace

Chorus

With each breath He has given
Praise the Lord
In these times we live in
We will praise the Lord
Throughout every season
I am sure
We have every reason
To praise the Lord

Interlude

Oohhhh ohh ohh ohh ohhhh ohhhh Oh, Ohh

Verse 2

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing
Prayin' for all that you need
Come with a song of thanksgiving
Lay your requests at His feet
His peace will fall upon us
To guard our hearts and minds
In Christ who reigns eternal
The Shepherd of our lives

Chorus

With each breath He has given
Praise the Lord
In these times we live in
We will praise the Lord
Throughout every season
I am sure
We have every reason
To praise the Lord

Interlude

Oohhhh ohh ohh ohh ohhhh ohhhh Oh, we praise the Lord
Oohhhh ohh ohh ohh ohhhh ohhhh

Verse 3

Rejoice in the Lord now and always
Tell of the good He has done
Worship the Lord to remember
All of the joy yet to come
The hope that burns within us
The dark cannot destroy
With praise that's never-ending
We say again, rejoice

Chorus

With each breath He has given
Praise the Lord
In these times we live in
We will praise the Lord
Throughout every season
I am sure
We have every reason
To praise the Lord

Ending Interlude

Oohhhh ohh ohh ohh ohhhh ohhhh Oh, we praise the Lord
Oohhhh ohh ohh ohh ohhhh ohhhh Oh, to praise the Lord

Old Testament Reading:

Numbers 11:24–30

²⁴Moses 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. ²⁵Then 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.

²⁶Now 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. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” ²⁹But 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!” ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.

²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But 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.

¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷““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;

¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.””

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Song:

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Song by Rend Collective

Sung by Fourth Sunday Band

Holy Gospel:

John 7:37–39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁷On 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. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹Now 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

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

Song:

“Spirit of Gentleness”

By James Manley

Refrain

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,
calling and free,**

**Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea**

VS

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of
sleep;
and over the e-ons you called to each thing;
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”**

Refrain

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,
calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea**

VS

**You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
when they were blinded by their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.**

Refrain

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,
calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea**

VS 3

**You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was
still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the
wind.**

Refrain

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,
calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.**

VS 4

**You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream
dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.**

Refrain

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,
calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.**

Sermon: “Water, Power, and Spirit

Offering:

“Holy Spirit Come”

By Patrick Mayberry

Sung by Fourth Sunday Band

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

You bid us come to the waters, O Lord. Grant that Your gift of Holy Baptism may bring forth fruit in what we say, think and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You delivered Your Word through Moses and the prophets and fulfilled Your Word in Christ. He was planted in death for our sins and raised for our justification, and in Him shall all the nations of the earth be united. Give us pastors who will preach this truth faithfully and church workers who are devoted to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, You have poured out the Holy Spirit upon us, that we might believe Your truth and raise our sons and daughters in it.

Bless all parents, that they may faithfully catechize their children in Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, we thank You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon this nation. Grant us a long memory to recall those who gave the full measure of devotion to our country's peace and security. Bring to mind the sacrifices of those who served faithfully until death in the protection of our freedom and in the defense of our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord Almighty, draw near to those who face the distress of sickness, surgery and pain [*especially* _____]. Let them not be afraid, and heal them according to the abundance of Your steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Advocate and Defender whose light never wanes, we bless You, that on the great and magnificent day, You will raise all of the dead and give unto those who believe in Jesus eternal life.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us and are at rest [*especially*_____]. Comfort those who mourn, and bring us all with them into the light that knows no darkness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty Father, with Your Son, Jesus Christ, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts through Your Word to rule and govern us according to Your will. Comfort us in every temptation and misfortune and defend us against every error, that we may continue steadfast in the faith, increase in love and good works, and — trusting firmly in Your grace — obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C 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.**

Benediction

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

Announcements

Song: “You Gotta Move When the Spirit Says Move”

A. trad. Afro-American Spiritual

1. You’ve got to move when the Spirit says move,
You’ve got to move when the Spirit says move,
‘cause when the Spirit says move,
You’ve got to move oh Lord,
You’ve got to move when the Spirit says move!

2. You’ve got to sing...

3. You’ve got to dance...

4. You’ve got to give...

5. You’ve got to pray...

6. You’ve got to move...

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+ What We Believe +

God: is Triune, Father, Son, Holy Spirit; Three Persons, One Essence. He is the only true God: *Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 8:4*

Jesus: is true God, equal to the Father and Holy Spirit, the only Savior of mankind. *John 5:23; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 20:28*

Sin: all mankind is wicked; by nature the human race is spiritually blind, dead, broken in heart/mind, and in need of restoration with God and each other. God's wrath abides on all. *Genesis 8:21; Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:23, 7:15, 18; Mark 7:20-23; John 3:36.*

Justification: Sin and God's wrath against it has been dealt with by God through the death of God the Son on the cross. All have salvation through the blood of Jesus where our Father no longer holds our wickedness and sin against us but declares us righteous. We have peace again with God through faith in Jesus. This good news gives believers hope, peace, joy, and love to live as Christians. *Romans 5:1-10; John 3:16, 36; 2 Corinthians 5:19; 1 John 2:1-2; Corinthians 5:18-21.*

Conversion: to faith in the Savior is entirely the work of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God (spoken, written, and sacramental). In the message of the cross God gathers His family. *Romans 10:17; 1 Peter 1:23; John 3:5-6; 1 Corinthians 12:3.*

Holy Baptism: is a gracious work of the Holy Spirit Who creates faith, washes away sins, and connects us to Jesus and His body the church. *John 3:5-6; Acts 22:16; Galatians 3:27, 1 Peter 3:21; Titus 3:5; 1 Corinthians 12:13.*

The Holy Spirit's Work: Converted through faith in Jesus our human nature still threatens our unity with God and each other. Reconciliation, that is repentance and faith, is the daily rhythm of believers. Guilt and sorrow are promptings of the Holy Spirit for us to speak with God confessing thoughts, words, and actions asking Him for forgiveness in Jesus' name. *Ephesians 4:30-32; 2 Corinthians 7:10; Hebrews 10:19-25.*

The Lord's Supper: or Holy Communion is Christ's True Body and Blood, where He is really present in the bread and wine to assure us of forgiveness. We gather to receive Jesus often because we daily sin much and are in constant need of His power to live the Christian life of faith, hope, and love/charity. *John 6:53-59; 15:5; Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-29; 1 Corinthians 10:16.*

Scripture: is inspired by God, without error and is our solid guide to life. *John 10:35; 2 Timothy 3:16.*

Creation: happened according to Genesis 1-2. Evolution is unscriptural, unscientific, and unnecessary. *Genesis 1:1; Hebrews 11:3; Psalm 33:6.*

2nd Coming: of Jesus will be sudden/unexpected. *2 Peter 3:10; Mark 13:32; Matthew 24.* We are living in the New Testament era where we rule with Jesus in the activity of sharing His message of love. *1 Corinthians 15:23-26; Ephesians 2:1-7; Matthew 28:19-20; Revelation 20:4-6*