

**Day of Pentecost
May 28, 2023**



Thought: 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.

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.

When you are caught by the winds of change, look for the rustling of God's spirit.

Prelude – Jill Rimington

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer concerns

Sharing of the Peace

P: May the Spirit of God be with you all!

C: **And also with you!**

<https://youtu.be/dO5RZFbPu5g>

by Immanuel Lutheran

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

“The Spirit Is Alive”

P: On Pentecost, the life of the Spirit was poured out onto all parts of the world.

C: Today we see the Spirit alive almost everywhere we turn.

P: On Pentecost, the life of the Spirit entered into Peter, and he began to preach.

C: Today the Spirit is alive in the words of all those who preach God’s Word.

P: On Pentecost, the life of the Spirit caused people to speak the Gospel in many languages.

C: Today the Spirit is alive in words that we use to defend the faith in the presence of those who do not yet believe.

P: On Pentecost, the life of the Spirit inspired many to be baptized and to live as children of God.

C: Today the Spirit is still alive in the waters of Holy Baptism.

A: On Pentecost, the life of the Spirit stirred in the hearts of those who had fallen away from God.

C: Today the Spirit is alive in the hearts of those who repent.

A: On Pentecost, the life of the Spirit drew people who were eager to know more about Christ's love.

C: Today the Spirit is alive where people are learning more about God's Word.

A: On Pentecost, the life of the Spirit moved people to become Christ's disciples.

C: Today the Spirit is alive in our hearts as we are moved to serve in the kingdom of God.

A: Come, Holy Spirit,

C: and spread your life among us.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Hymn of Spirit and Prayer: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

ELW # 752 Sung twice

<https://youtu.be/yh9ivThjOz4>

by Ken Medema

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

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Prayer of the Day

A: We thank you for the brave men and women who have fought and continue to fight so courageously for our nation.

C: We ask for your covering and blessing over them and their families. We pray that you would be gracious and encircle them with your peace. We pray for your great favor and goodness to be evident in their lives

A: God, please let every veteran of our nation's armed forces feel truly and appropriately honored by the attention and appreciation of their fellow citizens.

C: Let no one feel forgotten or neglected. Let every man and woman young or old feel the deep and enduring gratitude of our nation and its inhabitants.

P: We especially give thanks this day for those who have served from our congregation:

The Word
Holy Gospel – John 20:19-23

As the Father has sent me, so I send you

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you O Lord.**

¹⁹When 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.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full ^l 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 ^l to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the ^l sport of it.

²⁷**All of them ^l look to you to give them their food ^l in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they ^l gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled ^l with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, ^l they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return ^l to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they ^l are created; and so you renew the face ^l 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!**

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Varieties of gifts from the same Spirit

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to 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. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹²For 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. ¹³For 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Acts 2:1-21

<https://youtu.be/dRvTQE1LF-8>

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:¹⁷'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. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children of God Time

<https://youtu.be/fOR4e9ZFERM>

Homily – "Holy Wind"

https://youtu.be/d_u9l_gVt5Y

<https://youtu.be/j0Uq-vkiAio>
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Third Article Nicene Creed

**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

P: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the

work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you (*especially*). As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Offering

Offertory Music – “Like Tongues of Fire” by Richard Blake
Dulcie Shoener

Offertory Prayer

A: With the sending of your Spirit, O God, you announced the arrival of new gifts –

C: Spirit-given gifts.

A: Accept the gifts we offer here today.

C: They are the fruit of your Spirit.

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give your thanks and praise.

Preface

P: O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

Consecration

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.

Distribution

Communion Music – Jill Rimington

Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

A: You speak to us, O Christ, in the common language of this meal.

C: It speaks of your love. It speaks of your grace. It speaks of your closeness to us here.

A: Lead us to your heavenly courts. For you are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn – “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”
ELW #400 Verses 1 and 4

<https://youtu.be/U2MVZpSLbYg>
by St. James Episcopal

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. The Spirit of Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude – Jill Rimington

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

ELW #888

<https://youtu.be/yPw04MoVNnU?list=RDyPw04MoVNnU>

by Rosemary Siemmons

“God Bless America”

<https://youtu.be/aZYOqPtEHRM>

by Celine Dion



YOU WILL BE MY
witnesses
TO THE ENDS OF THE
earth