Day of PENTECOST



Welcome to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

By God's grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to: Worship God, Grow in faith, Share the Gospel, Serve others, Welcome all



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 Pastor Dave Thomas

PRELUDE

Martha Freitag, organist

Choral on Veni Creator Spiritus (Come, Creator, Spirit) - Maurice Duruflé

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

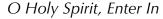
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

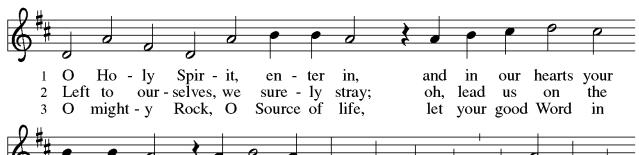
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN ELW #786





work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell-ing. Sun of the soul, nar - row way, doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -

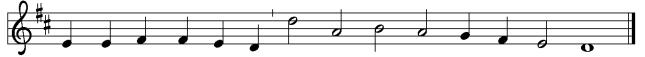


O Light di-vine, a-round and in fast-ness, that we may fol - low you ful un - to death and live in love

a-round and in us bright-ly shine, your strength may fol-low you for - ev - er free, and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



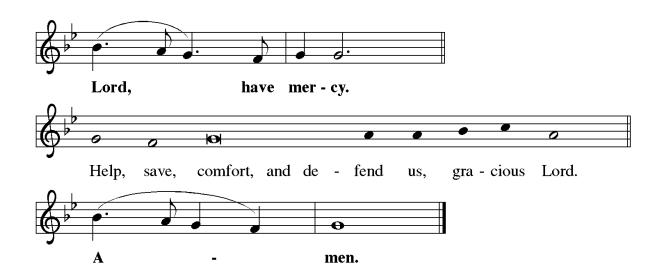
in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing. to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us. pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt. Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608



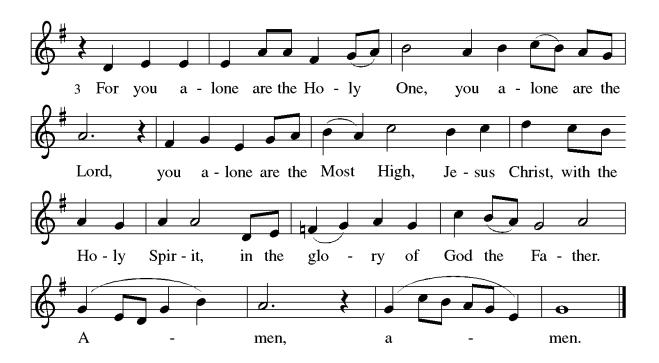


earth.

Glory to God



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray: Mighty 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 radiate your love in all we say and do, rejoicing in your peace and sharing the good news of your amazing grace. This we pray through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord,
- C who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV)

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.

L A reading from Acts.

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.' "

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!

THE PSALM

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (NRSV)

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

²⁴How manifold are your | works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y 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.

²⁷All 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.

²⁹When 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.

31May the glory of the Lord en- | dure forever; O Lord, rejoice in | all your works.

³²You look at the earth | and it trembles; you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

33I 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.

35bBless the Lord, | O my soul. Hal- | lelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 (NRSV)

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.

L A reading from First Corinthians.

^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

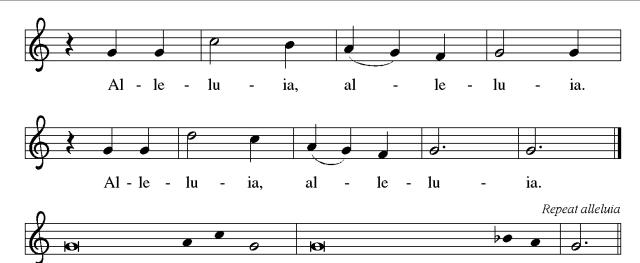
⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given 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.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Holy Communion: Setting Nine



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-23 (NRSV)

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

P The Holy Gospel as recorded in St. John the 20th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Dave Thomas

What Does this Mean?

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #578



- 5 Keep far from us our cruel foe, and peace from your own hand bestow; upheld by you, our strength and guide, no evil can our steps betide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son, and you, of both, to be but one; that through the ages all along your praise may be our endless song.

Text: Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. composite Music: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER, J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends, "Lord, in your mercy."
To which the congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P Let us pray, as our Lord taught:
- 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.

OFFERING

Martha Freitag, organist

Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist (Come, Creator, Spirit) – J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

- P May God Creator bless you and keep you.May Christ be ever light for your life.May the Spirit of Love be your guide and your path for all of your days.In the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



CLOSING HYMN ELW #400



SENT TO SERVE

- P Jesus said, "As I have been sent, so also I send you." By God's grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to:
- C Worship God,
 Grow in Faith,
 Share the Gospel,
 Serve Others,
 Welcome All. Thanks be to God!



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