



The Festival of Pentecost

The Festival of Pentecost: May 18/19, 2024

The Day of Pentecost: *Christ Has Not Left Us Alone*

Jesus told his disciples that, though he was going to ascend into heaven, he wasn't going to leave them alone. He was going to send "the Advocate," a title for the Holy Spirit. But Jesus wasn't sending the Spirit just to keep us company. Jesus would have the Advocate give us spiritual power so that we might participate in Christ's saving work. Here is the final resurrection reality. The Spirit gives us the ability to raise the spiritually dead to life.

We see this happen on Pentecost. The festival of Pentecost was held fifty days after the Passover. (Pentecost is Greek for "fifty.") It was a time to thank God for the harvest. But on that day, through the Church at work, the Holy Spirit gathered another harvest, a harvest of souls.

Therefore, Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church, along with Christmas and Easter. It has been commemorated since at least 217 A.D. The Church dresses in red to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit's gift and the blood of the martyrs which was the seed of the Church.

With the Festival of Pentecost, the festival half of the Church Year comes to a close. This day culminates the Season of Easter when our risen Lord now empowers his people to be witnesses of the resurrection for the world.





A Note to All Our Guests

During this service, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Since this sacrament is the Lord's Supper and not ours, we are careful to follow our Lord's instructions. In particular, we take to heart these important truths:

1. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus truly gives us his body and blood together with the bread and the wine. Jesus says, "Take and eat; this is my body...Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood" (*Matthew 26:26-28*).
2. In the Lord's Supper, we express a unity of faith with one another. "Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf" (*1 Corinthians 10:17*).
3. Our Lord urges us to practice this unity with great love and care. "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" (*1 Corinthians 11:27,29*).

Because we take these truths seriously, we invite all communicant members of our congregation or of a sister congregation in the Wisconsin Synod (WELS) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) to commune with us today. However, we ask that those who are not members of a sister congregation refrain from taking the Lord's Supper with us at this time. In doing this, we are not judging anyone's faith. Out of love for our Lord and all people, we simply desire to discuss the Bible's teachings with our guests before communing together. We want all who commune to receive the Lord's Supper for their benefit and in a way that follows our Lord's instructions. If you have any questions about this or any other teaching of the Bible-or if you would like information about how to join our congregation-please feel free to speak to our pastor.

We Come into the Presence of God

Musical Introduction

This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.

Please stand

Call to Worship

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Christ is ascended into heaven! Alleluia!
And he will come again! Alleluia!

Christ has sent the Holy Spirit into our hearts!
He has given us a new birth through his Spirit!

Confession

As we celebrate the great Day of Pentecost, when God poured out his Holy Spirit on his early believers, we come into his presence with humble and penitent hearts. We confess together:

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful,
and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good.
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.
But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray:
Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Absolution

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God has sent his Holy Spirit into our hearts through the gospel to work faith in his Son, Jesus Christ. To him we cry, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me."

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: 593 Holy Spirit, Light Divine

sts. 1-3



- 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, shine up - on this heart of mine;
- 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
- 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;



chase the gloom of night a - way, turn the dark - ness in - to day.
in your mer - cy pit - y me, from sin's bond - age set me free.
fill me with your heav'n - ly peace, let it grow and still in - crease.

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We Listen

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

I said, “Sovereign LORD, you alone know.”

⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.’ ”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’ ” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.’ ”

Psalm of the Day

104A

How many are your works, LORD!

In wisdom you made them all.

All creatures look to you

to give them their food at the proper time.

When you give it to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

may the LORD rejoice in his works—

he makes winds his messengers,

flames of fire his servants.

I will sing to the LORD all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

LORD, send out your Spirit

and renew the face of the earth.



Second Reading

Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

“Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“ In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

Please stand

Gospel

John 15:26–27; 16:4b-11

²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

Please be seated

Children's Message



Hymn of the Day: 585 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your grac - es
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, and cause the Word of
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the will your



be out-poured on each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
work to do and in your ser - vice to a - bide;



your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright - ness
and call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror
let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -



of your light you gath - er and in faith u - nite
keep us free; let none but Christ our mas - ter be
pare each heart, and to our weak - ness strength im - part



your Church from ev - 'ry land and tongue: this to your
that we in liv - ing faith a - bide, in him, our
that brave - ly here we may con - tend, through life and



praise, O Lord our God, be sung. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Sermon

We Respond

Offering

If you would like to give an offering, there is an offering plate by the back door of church.

*If you are a guest in our church, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering.
You enrich us simply by being here.*

Prayer of the Church

The sun beams on behind the clouds
and in the dark still grace abounds;
all is well because of God's great love.

The road of disappointment runs
where unseen mercies wait for us,
and all is well because of God's great love.

He feels our weakness, knows our need,
and for our good he intercedes;
all is well because of God's great love.

Through ev'ry failure, ev'ry fear,
the Lord of comfort draws us near,
and all is well because of God's great love.

His coming soon will fill the sky
and all that's wrong will be made right;
with newborn eyes we will behold
the glory of the risen Lord.

All will be well because of God's great love;
yes, all is well because of God's great love.

How brightly shines the love of the Father
in our Savior, Jesus Christ.
With faithful hands he fulfills ev'ry promise;
he will never leave our side.

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.**

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

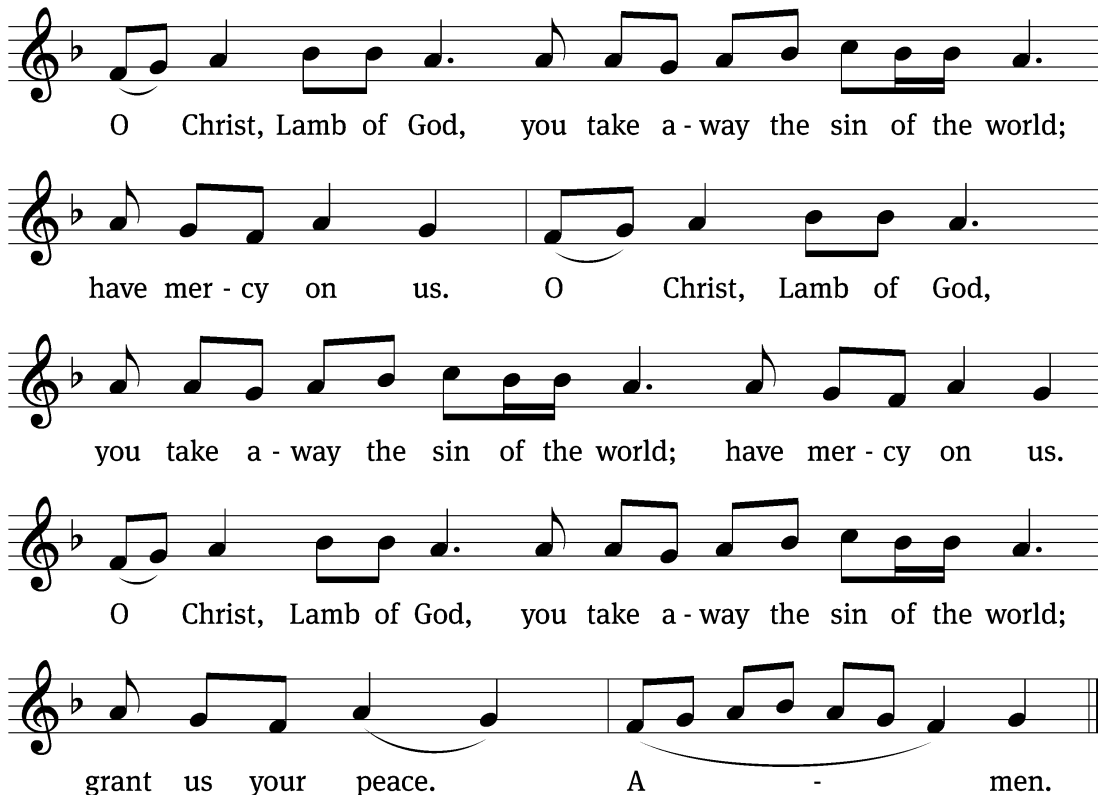
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Distribution

Guests, please read and take note of the explanation of our communion practice on page 3 in this service folder. If you have any questions about this or any other Bible teaching, please feel free to speak to the pastor after the service. We thank you for your help.

Gluten-free wafers and grape juice available upon request.

Please stand

Song of Simeon: 951 Lord, Now You Let Your Servant

Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn: 593 Holy Spirit, Light Divine

sts. 4–5



4 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, dwell with - in this heart of mine;

5 Ho - ly Spir - it, fill my heart, cleanse my life in ev - 'ry part;



cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, reign su - preme and reign a - lone.

your own tem - ple I would be now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

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Please be seated

Closing Musical Interlude

This is an opportunity to sign the red Friendship Register at the end of your pew.

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and to

Go with the Word



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