



ST. MATTHEW TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Divine Worship

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Pentecost



Introduction

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 and Thanksgiving for Baptism

At Home: Use a bowl of water to make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, on the foreheads of one another.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a
well-watered garden.

In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way,

you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.
At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.
You give us water for the cleansing of our hands so that we may love our
neighbor as you command.

We praise you for your salvation through water,
for the water in this font,
and for all water everywhere.
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.
Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Salutation

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all!
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen

First 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. 7Amazed 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.' "

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

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.

25**Yonder 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.

27**All of them | look to you**

to give them their food | in due season. R

28You give it to them; they | gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

29**When 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.

31**May the glory of the Lord en- | dure forever;**

O Lord, rejoice in | all your works. R

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.**

Hal- | lelujah! R

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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, 9to 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.

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." 20After 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."

Meditation

Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

Prayers of Intercession

Remember in your prayers and with acts of kindness:

John Weakland (Brian Weakland's Father)
Zoia "Charlie" Foster (Pastor's niece)
Al Wenzel (Friend of Oberndorf family, Hospitalized with Covid19)
The Family of Sean Gustwiller (Friends of Courtney Kochuba)
The Family of Charles Powers (Friend of the Meusel family who died of Covid19)
The Family of Richard Altomare
The Family of Francis Ng

Funeral Services done by our congregation for the community because of Covid 19 crisis:

The Family of Barbara Wolfshorndl
The Family of Rosa Reyes
The Family of Florence Dombrowsky

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We call on your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your church, that they reveal your love for all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of life, present in air, wind, humidity, storms, and oxygen in our atmosphere, breathing energy into all things. Heal with your breath the whole creation, especially those who struggle to breathe due to air pollution. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Give each one of us a heart for justice and empathy. Bring a spirit of reconciliation,

understanding and harmony to end racial disparity and prejudice. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, first responders and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for comfort (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of friendship. As Elizabeth welcomed Mary to her home, give us a spirit of welcome to those whom we meet in this congregation and outside these doors. Surprise us daily with unexpected grace, that we rejoice in every blessing you send. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We call on you Spirit of Wisdom. Grant you understanding on our President Donald, our Governors Phillip and Andrew and all our leaders. Especially those who labor to keep us safe during this pandemic.
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of hope. As you have led your saints in all times and places, stir in us the desire to follow their example, leading us from death to new life in you. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven...

Anthem *Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God*

We can give our sorrows, our hurts, our memories to God, who remembers them, loves them, and loves us.

Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God Nothing is lost on the breath of God, nothing is lost forever, God's breath is love, and that love will remain, holding the world forever. No feather too light, no hair too fine, no flower too brief in its glory, no drop in the ocean, no dust in the air, but is counted and told in God's story.

Nothing is lost to the eyes of God, nothing is lost forever, God sees with love, and that love will remain, holding the world forever. No journey too far, no distance too great, no valley of darkness too blinding; no creature too humble, no child too small for God to be seeking and finding.

Nothing is lost to the heart of God, nothing is lost forever; God's heart is love, and that love will remain, holding the world forever. No impulse of love, no office of care, no moment of life in its fullness; no beginning too late, no ending too soon, but is gathered and known in its goodness.

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Blessing

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude