



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Day of Pentecost

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Introduction

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

The Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.

Shower us with life.
To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

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Hymn of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

We Pray: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God’s activity in multiple languages.

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.

Psalm

Psalm104:24-34, 35b

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 many 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.**

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 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!**

Second Reading

Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who

searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand to welcome the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation

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L: The Holy Gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Spirit of Gentleness”

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Apostles Creed

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Prayers of the People

L: Lord in Your Mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

Sung

The Sending

Blessing

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,

Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever.

Amen

Sending Hymn

“Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart”

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Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church

For the week of May 9, 2021

Prayer Concerns at Peace Lutheran Church

FOR HEALING, STRENGTH & GOOD HEALTH:

Deidra Shannon (Terry H. cousin)

Megan Grabow (Shelby & Derek Sister-in-Law)

Navah DenHerder

Ervin & Florence Heidecker

Eric Sellers (Cancer)

Tammy McReynolds (Terry Halversons Sister)

Matt Ellerkamp (Brain Tumor Treatment)

Lea Madler (Lung Cancer)

Bonnie Heidecker (Throat Cancer)

Carli Ystaas

Marlyne Tveter

Area Firefighters

Family of Holly Mawby

Family of Kelly Mann

Family of Pastor Joel Sherer

COMMUNITY PRAYERS:

All those serving in the military & their families. Our partner congregations: St. John's Lutheran in Richardton & St. John's Episcopal of Dickinson partnering ministries: Badlands Ministries, the Ministries in the Central African Republic.

Senior Recognition Sunday

Congratulations and God's speed to the members of Peace Lutheran Church who are graduating from high school this spring. On Sunday, May 30, 2021 Peace Lutheran will pray for our seniors. Seniors and their families will be lifted up in prayer that day but are not required to attend worship. Our seniors are:

Ethan Blotske son of Ryan and Cassie Blotske
Nick Fagerberg son of Tim and Heather Fagerberg
Kyra Townsend granddaughter of Bette Madler
Chasyn Ystaas son of Chad and Carli Ystaas

God is with you wherever you go!

It's Time to Plant the Community Garden!

Soon Peace Lutheran's Community Garden will be tilled and ready for planting. Updated registration and waiver forms can be found at the church website or in the church office. If you are interested in having a plot(s), please fill out the forms and turn in the appropriate fees.

Peace Lutheran Church Annual Rummage Sale Dates are set for

Thursday June 24- 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Friday June 25- 8:00am to 2:00pm

Saturday June 26- 8:00am to 1:00pm

(Set up dates Tuesday June 22 and 23rd from 4:00pm to 8:00pm)

The 2nd rummage sale is set for August 5-7 times to be announced at a later date.

Our parking lot fundraising committee is also announcing our first fundraising Event during the June Rummage Sale.

We will set up for "Root Beer Floats" and a Bake Sale all 3 days of the Rummage sale in June.

We would appreciate any church member who would like to offer baked goods for our Bake Sale.

Baked Goods will be accepted anyone of the three days of the Rummage Sale, whatever day would be convenient for you.



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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

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