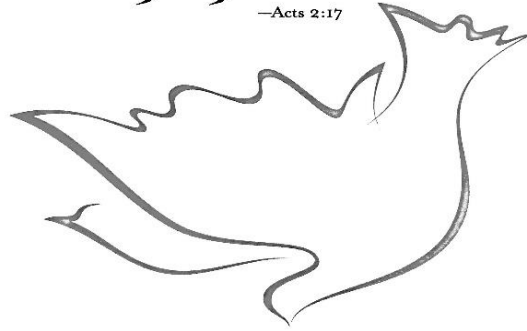


I will pour out  
*my Spirit*  
on all  
*people.*  
—Acts 2:17



## **As We Gather    PENTECOST    May 28, 2023**

The messenger may change; the message remains the same. When Jesus is the sum and focus of the messenger who stands before you this day, the message is Jesus Himself. Pentecost proves this. The power of Pentecost, as we will see in Acts 2, is not the persuasiveness of Peter and the other disciples. No, the power of Pentecost is the Spirit of the message: Jesus Christ Himself. Working through the Spirit whom He poured out upon the lives of His followers, Jesus equips those who carry His message into all the world. These are the messengers who spread the Good News of the One who was crucified for us, who rose again, who reigns on high, and who will one day return in His full glory. Listen to His message today as the Spirit brings it to you and be assured that as you are called to faith in Christ, you receive the fullness of who He's called you to be.

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**Please meet with an usher for prayer requests.  
Ask us about Associate Memberships for Lutherans who are part-time residents.**

**A Gentle Reminder to turn off cell phones. Thank You.**

## **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION**



As Lutheran Christians, we believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present (not symbolic) in the Bread and Wine and received by all who attend. Since our Lord reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment, all are encouraged to examine themselves that they may receive it worthily. (1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

Please use the following questions and LSB p. 329 as a personal guide before partaking of this Holy Sacrament:

- \*Do I renounce sin, Satan and my own flesh, and seek true forgiveness and reconciliation with God and my neighbor?**
- \*Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?**
- \*Do I believe that Christ's own words, this is my body and this is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins (Mt. 26:28), mean exactly what they say for us today?**
- \*Do I earnestly desire to live a Godly life by the power of the Holy Spirit and in thanksgiving to Christ?**

Because attendance at Communion is also a testimony to this faith in the Triune God confessed and taught here, and to unity in belief as brothers and sisters in Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we ask that any visitors not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and who desire to receive the Sacrament introduce themselves to the Pastor or Elder beforehand if possible.

### **Please Note**

An invitation for children not confirmed in the Lutheran church to come and receive a blessing at the altar.

We offer a traditional communion wafer,  
Off-White Color Wafers are Gluten Free.

While communing, please point to the bread meeting your preference.  
Clear Color Wine is Alcohol Free

**PRELUDE** Fugue in D - Heron

**WELCOME**

## **PREPARATION**

**OPENING HYMN** #496 “Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

## **INVOCATION**

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- L** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
- C** and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

*In silent prayer, we ask the Holy Spirit to create clean hearts within us.*

- L** O Spirit of God,
- C** we confess that we have dishonored Your Holy Word through our lives of disobedience. By what we do and what we fail to do, we have not allowed Your message of truth to rule in us. Forgive us, faithful God. By Your grace, draw us to the cross of Jesus. Through faith in His promises, enable us to receive the restoring mercy that You alone can give. Amen.
- L** In Christ Jesus, you and I receive the fullness of who we are called to be through the Spirit who has been given to us. United with Christ through our Baptism, the Spirit who claims us as the Father’s own now delivers to us the message of His mercy. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** Amen.

## **WORD**

**INTROIT** Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30;

- L** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
- C** and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.
- L** O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all;
- C** the earth is full of Your creatures.

- L** These all look to You,
- C** **to give them their food in due season.**
- L** When You give it to them, they gather it up;
- C** **when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.**
- L** When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,
- C** **and You renew the face of the ground.**
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
  
- L** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
- C** **and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

## KYRIE

- L** In peace, let us pray in the fellowship of the Spirit.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray for the blessing of the Spirit.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray as we are united by the Spirit.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray as we rejoice in the Spirit.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, O Holy Spirit, for You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory Be To God On High”

*(Tune: “Hark, The Herald Angels Sing)*

- 1 “Glory be to God on high!” This is now our joyful cry.  
Peace to all who live on earth, Grace and favor for new birth.  
You we praise and glorify, Worship You, O Lord most high.  
Gracious Father, heav’nly King, To Your name alone we sing:  
Praise the glory of Your name, Now and evermore the same!

2 **Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son, Sole-begotten, holy One,  
Born on earth from realms on high, Born true man for us to die,  
Lamb of God, You take away This world’s sin: Grant peace we pray.  
With the Spirit, You alone Are most high, O God the Son,  
And the Father, God above. Praise we now Your glorious love.**

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## SALUTATION

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L** Let us pray. O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit.
- C** **Grant to us the same Spirit so that we may joyfully receive the message of Christ, who has come for us all;**
- L** through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING      **Numbers 11:24–30**

“Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.”

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING Acts 2:1–21

“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and 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 Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ““And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on 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 on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.””

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## VERSE

**L** Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

**C** and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL READING John 7:37-39

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

“On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**HYMN OF THE DAY # 913 “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”**

**SERMON “A Fluid Life” John 7:37-39**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**L** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

**C** and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

- L** Confident in Christ our Savior and in the promised intercession of the Holy Spirit, let us lift up our hearts and voices in prayer to our Father above.

Faithful Lord, Your mercies are new every morning. Even when we stray from Your presence through disobedience to Your commands, You reconcile and restore us through the Spirit of the message, who is Christ Himself, our hope of glory.

- C** Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

- L** Redeeming Savior, You prepare a place for us in Your Father's kingdom and promise to all who trust in You the inheritance of life forever in Your presence. Help us with our hearts to believe and with our mouths to confess Your saving name.

- C** Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

- L** Sanctifying Spirit, You fill the lives of all who trust in Jesus. Grant restoration and peace to those who are broken in heart and mind, body and soul. Grant that each one of us find refreshment in Your presence. Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors, for in them we see You and, in serving them, we give our service to You.

- C** Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

- L** Sovereign King, You are Lord of all things in heaven and on earth. Watch over the community, the state, and the nation in which we live, guiding all public servants to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You as their God. Enable us to dwell in security and peace, giving witness to the message of Christ with both boldness and gentleness so that those who have yet to receive You as their Savior may be brought to saving faith.

- C** Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

- L** Great Physician, You give healing to those who cry to You for mercy. Today we lift up before You [...*names*]. Whatever issues anyone may be facing, help us all to look to You and remember that in Christ alone we receive the fullness of who we are called to be.

- C** Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.



**L** Receiving the fullness of Your Spirit and offering these prayers to You, O gracious Lord, we trust that You hear and answer us according to Your good and gracious will.

**C** In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## **OFFERING Spirit of the Living God - Iverson**

### **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.**

### **BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

**L** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

**C** and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

**L** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**C** Amen.

### **CLOSING HYMN**

#### **They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love**

1. We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord, (repeat)

And we pray that all unity will one day be restored:

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, (repeat)

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: Refrain

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side, (repeat)

And we'll guard each one's dignity, and save each one's pride: Refrain

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

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Altar flowers today are given by Sandy Copeland  
in loving memory of Dennis

Reader Today: Jan Aslin

**MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** Next Sunday! Donations of non-perishable food items, especially useful items that could make a meal or add to it, can be placed in box/basket in the Narthex Sunday, June 4.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wed. May 3 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at the Casa  
Thur. May 4 10:30 a.m. Grief Support Group

### BIRTHDAYS

May 28 Jean Anderson	June 1 Dan Samuelson	June 3 Dan Aslin
June 3 Kathy Hammar	June 11 Darlene Carpenter	June 11 David Constien
June 12 Maurene Smith	June 17 Bill Warner	June 21 Gordon Shepherd
June 23 Turk Chaney	June 28 Pete Bollenbecker	June 28 Tyler Bruehl
June 30 Jack Beadles		

### ANNIVERSARIES

May 28 Jim & Kathy Hammar	June 7 Jim & Pam Bean
June 7 Peter & Mary Bollenbecker	June 16 Greg & Marge Larson
June 18 Dave & Jan Hinrichsen	June 19 Jack & Lois Beadles
June 20 Norris & Wendy Fullmer	June 25 Bud & Evelyn Macy
June 25 Steve & Sharon Raddatz	June 29 Randy & Genese Olson
June 30 Mike & Winnie Ethington	

**VITALANT Bloodmobile** will be here on **Friday, June 2 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Sign up sheet in the narthex for appointment times and online – see our web page or Facebook page. It's the Big \$10K Giveaway! All donors who come to give in June are automatically entered into a drawing to win 1 of 2 \$10,000 prepaid gift cards! Gift card is redeemable by email.\* \*Terms and conditions apply, see official rules at [vitalant.org/June2023Giveaway](http://vitalant.org/June2023Giveaway).

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