

DAY OF PENTECOST

May 19, 2024

9:00 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Building Disciples - Growing in Faith
Serving in Christ's Name

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Welcome to all – especially visitors.

It is no accident that you are here today!

You are an answer to our prayer. We have been praying for you, and believe that God has brought you here because God wants to touch your life.

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ!

*Large print and children's bulletins are available
in the Narthex or from an usher.*

Holy Communion: All God's Children are welcome to come to God's Table! It is at the Table we receive Christ's body and blood through the bread and wine. This holy meal renews and nourishes our spirit. Come and eat. If you are unable to walk up to the altar to receive communion, please let an usher know and we will bring communion to you.

The prefilled glasses are grape juice.

*Please remember to write any prayer requests for today
in the prayer book in the Narthex.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNITY TIME

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

Please stand as you are comfortable.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #400 "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

A LITANY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

P: Holy Spirit, you are the Lord, the giver of life;
with the Father and the Son we worship and glorify you:

C: Come to us now, Spirit of God.

P: Holy Spirit, you were there at creation before time began;
your presence fills the whole universe:

C: Come to us now, Spirit of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you have spoken through the prophets of old;
by their witness the Word of God has never been silent:

C: Come to us now, Spirit of wisdom.

P: Holy Spirit, you surround the waiting church with the wind of Pentecost;

you gave life and breath to announce Christ's gospel:

C: Come to us now, Spirit of power.

P: Holy Spirit, you came upon the first Christians as a holy fire; you set their hearts ablaze with devotion to their risen Lord:

C: Come to us now, Spirit of love.

P: Holy Spirit, you pour out your rich and varied gifts; you call us to bring forth your fruits in our lives:

C: Come to us now, Spirit of grace.

P: Holy Spirit, you are the Spirit of truth, the Counselor; you lead us to the truth that sets us free:

C: Come to us now, Spirit of God, and renew Christ's holy church.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us 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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'" ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM HYMN ELW #407 "O Living Breath of God"

SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21

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:

¹⁷In 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.

Please stand as you are comfortable.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #401 "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"

Stanza 1 and refrain sung before the reading

Stanza 5 and refrain sung at the conclusion of the reading

Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.
1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
5 Keep us fer - vent in our wit - ness, un - swayed by earth's all - ure.

Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
Ev - er grant us zeal - ous fit - ness, which you a - lone as - sure.

Refrain
Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music Wilson Niwagil; arr. Egil Hovland, b. 1924.

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[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.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSAGE

SHARING MILESTONES

Please stand as you are comfortable.

HYMN OF THE DAY ACS #944 “O Spirit, All-Embracing”

(found on next page)

O Spirit All-Embracing



1 O Spir - it all-em-brac-ing and coun-sel - or all - wise,
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz-ing in flow - er, field, and face,
3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac-ing a shore - less sea of skies:
you show your - self a - maz-ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der-stand-ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.
you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874-1934

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

[Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed]

On this day of Pentecost, let us confess what we believe about the Holy Spirit.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

What does this mean?

**I believe that by my own understanding or strength
I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him,
but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel,
enlightened me with his gifts,
made me holy and kept me in the true faith,
just as he calls, gathers, enlightens,
and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth
and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith.
Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit
abundantly forgives all sins —
mine and those of all believers.
On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead
and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life.
This is most certainly true.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister prays on behalf of the congregation.

A: Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Renew and strengthen our synod's partnership with the Konde Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet, and pray for species threatened for extinction. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority compassionate hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Bring an end to war, violence, insurrection and unrest wherever they occur. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual and domestic abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated, and for those in the grips of addiction. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer in any way, especially Cindy, Kody, Jay, Bill, Elizabeth, Dottie, Jerry, Doug, Jordan, Christian,

Marge, Jerry, Terrie, Naoma, Boden, Andy D., Andrea G., and those we name before you now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

(pause) God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for musicians, readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight and filled with your Holy Spirit. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: As we mark this Pentecost day and the giving of your Holy Spirit, we celebrate with all who are remembering recent milestone events. Use these events as opportunities to recommit ourselves more fully to you and to follow Jesus' command to love one another as you love us. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Share a sign of peace with your neighbors, then remain standing as you are comfortable.

OFFERTORY HYMN ELW #465 "As the Grains of Wheat"

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: Carlton R. Young, b. 1926
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents, time and treasure we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter, and all the witnesses of the resurrection, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and



might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Holy God, Breath of life and Fire of love: with a mighty wind you brought creation into being, and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom. We praise you for the gift of your Son, who poured out your Spirit on his disciples of every race and nation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit, we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth. Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal: anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love, that, with thankful hearts, we may be witnesses to your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

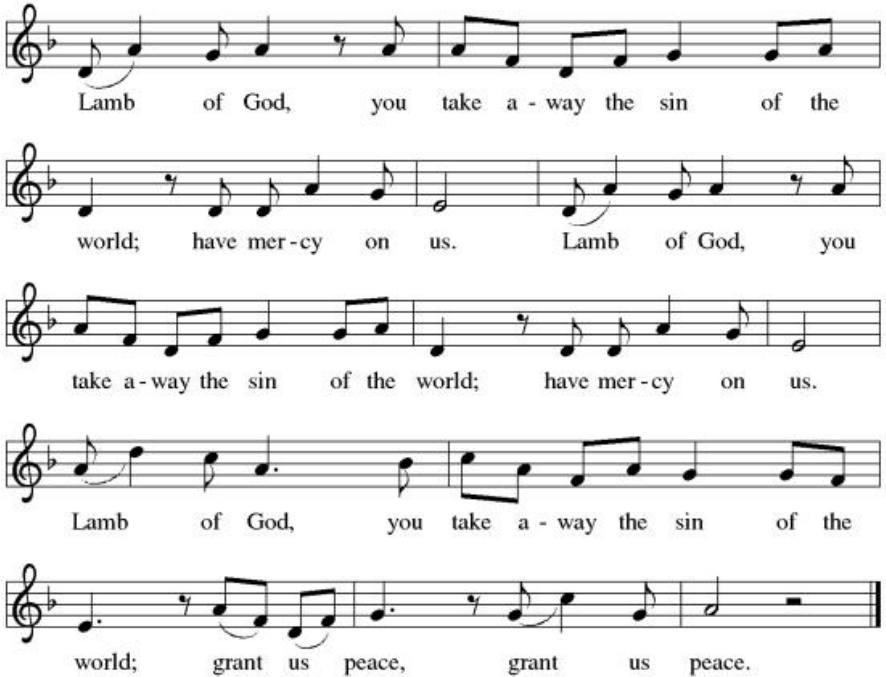
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

C: Our Lord's body let us take together.

As the table is prepared the congregation sings:



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

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive communion at the direction of the ushers, organ side first, and return by the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW #403 "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

When all have communed, please stand as you are comfortable.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit!

C: Kindle in us the fire of your love! Alleluia!

P: Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son and Holy Spirit, bless you and raise you to newness of life, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW #399 "O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the congregation into mission.

A: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Please place your offering in the collection plates near the doors.

Please adjourn for our potluck brunch.

Seeking Graduates: Is someone in your family graduating from pre-school, high school, college or technical school? If so, we'd like to know about it! Please send details about the person, school and appropriate dates to Ann in the church office this week. Thanks!

Schedule Change: “The Epistle” will be published the last week of each month rather than the usual twice a month. If you ever have anything to include in it, please contact Ann in the office before the last Tuesday of each month. Ann will email the bulletin weekly to those involved in worship, and bulletins can be found on our website (www.stpaulsenola.org).

Wine & Cheese Wednesdays begin on Wednesday, June 5! If you have any topics that you’d like to discuss, or suggestions for speakers, please see Pastor Gwenn.

Faith Night at the Harrisburg Senators is Friday, June 21, at 7pm. Please sign up in church or through the Epistle to indicate your interest and the number of tickets you want to order so we know if we qualify for discounted tickets. Contact Sherry Reynolds with any questions.

Baby Bottle Blast: if you haven’t done so already, please pick up a bottle to fill with your loose change, bills, or even a check. Bottles will be collected on June 16. Proceeds benefit Life Choices Clinic in Camp Hill.



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About today: *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.*

Thank you to those assisting with worship:

Assisting Minister: Steve Casella

Lector: Emily Bowers

Ushers: Tim Morgan & Mike Peck

Counters: Tim Morgan & Steve Casella

Altar Set Up: Amanda Bowers

Altar Clean Up: Denise Casella

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