

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

The Day of Pentecost † May 23, 2021 † 11:00 A.M.

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P = Pastor **L** = Lector [reader] **C** Congregation *ELW* = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal, if you have one at home)

The Day of Pentecost and Graduation Sunday

PRELUDE

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion, so please prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate to the number in your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." So in these days of required distancing, longing to share the Lord's Supper again soon physically together at one table of the Lord, we acknowledge communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space. This will be another form of that connection. We understand no precedents are being set in these unique times.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

GATHERING HYMN: *O Day Full of Grace*

ELW Hymn 627

- 1** **O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.**
- 4** **God came to us then at Pentecost, the Spirit new life revealing,
that we might no more in death be lost, its pow'r over us dispelling.
This flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all true healing.**
- [5]** **As birds in the morning sing their praise, God's fatherly love we cherish,
for giving to us this day of grace, for life that shall never perish.
The church God has kept two thousand years, and hungering souls did nourish.**

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GREETING

- 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** 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.**

LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

- L** Today's lesson is from Acts, the second chapter.

ENGLISH, AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE: When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place.

FRENCH: 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.

SPANISH: ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

FRENCH: ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

GERMAN: ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ▶

ITALIAN: ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

SPANISH: ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”

DANISH: ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

ENGLISH: 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.”

FRENCH: ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

GERMAN: ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

FRENCH: 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.

PORTUGUESE: ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

ENGLISH: ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

WOMEN AND GIRLS: 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,

MEN AND BOYS: and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

ITALIAN: ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

WOMAN AND GIRLS: ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

MEN AND BOYS: ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

ALL: ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

📖 Word of God, word of life.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

ELW Hymn 674

**1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

Refrain (alternate): Alleluia! To a world that’s lost send us out this Pentecost.

**3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev’rywhere! *Refrain***

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

📖 The Gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter

🙏 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.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Melissa Jacobson, Director of Youth and Family Ministry

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Spirit of Gentleness*

ELW Hymn 396

Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1/3 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; ...
and down in the city you called once again,
when YOU BLEW THROUGH YOUR PEOPLE ON THE RUSH OF THE WIND. *Refrain*

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "Hear us, O God." Please respond, "Your mercy is great."

The prayers end with these words, "In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord." Please respond, "Amen."

INVITATION TO OFFERING: *Link to give:* <https://coslutheran.org/give/>

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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☩ 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.

SHARING COMMUNION WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

*As the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church in the sanctuary or remotely by communing each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:
"The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."*

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *Build Us Up, Lord*

ELW Hymn 670

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in us a strong foundation.
Lead us to do your holy will; form and shape your new creation.
Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we guide and teach each other,
help us to **SHARE YOUR LOVE WITH THE WORLD: ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother.**

Refrain: Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom; we follow in faith what's begun!
Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your word to **SPREAD THE NEWS** of your Son!

2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our lives reflect your glory.
Cast away all our doubts and fears; help us **TELL THE WORLD** your story.
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us bear good fruit for you,
Lord, give us vision and keep us sure. Grant us faith that's steadfast and true. *Refrain*

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PASTORAL BLESSING BENEDICTION

☩ 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.**

CLOSING HYMN: *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

ELW Hymn 400

1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!

2 God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose, purge!
Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge!
Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth,
kindle us to speak your truth!

3 God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord,
make us one in Christ our Lord!

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DISMISSAL

☩ Alleluia! Christ is risen. ☩ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
☩ Go in peace. Share the good news. Invite everyone to Jesus' pathway of joy and life! Alleluia!
☩ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Frederick Herber in celebration of grandchildren's birthdays.*