

THE DAY OF PENTECOST



A Pentecost Banner at St Michael's
Bartley Green

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
May 28, 2023
8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

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Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor

Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

P = Pastor **L** = Lector [reader] **C** Congregation *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)*

↑ Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE: *Toccata in D Minor*

J. S. Bach

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven."

We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Miriam

↑ **EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

↑ **GATHERING 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!**
- 4 **God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness!
Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress.
Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work,
claim us for your kingdom's work!**

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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** Let us pray. 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.
C **Amen.**

READING: Based on Acts 2:1-18, 21. New Testament for Everyone

Ⓛ Today's reading is from the 2nd Chapter of Acts

When the day of Pentecost had finally arrived, they were all together in the same place. ² Suddenly there came from heaven a noise like the sound of a strong, blowing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then tongues, seemingly made of fire, appeared to them, moving apart and coming to rest on each one of them. ⁴ They were all filled with the holy spirit, and began to speak in other languages, as the spirit gave them the words to say.

⁵ There were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem at that time. ⁶ When they heard this noise they came together in a crowd. They were deeply puzzled, because every single one of them could hear them speaking in his or her own native language. ⁷ They were astonished and amazed. "These men who are doing the speaking are all Galileans, aren't they?" they said. ⁸ "So how is it that each of us can hear them in our own mother tongues?" [How could they speak languages from all the world - from Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Syria, Africa, Libya, Egypt, Italy, the Sudan, Asia, Greece and beyond??] They said, "In our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

¹² Everyone was astonished and perplexed. They were asking each other, "What does it all mean?"

¹³ But some sneered. 'They're full of new wine!' they said.

¹⁴ Then Peter got up, with the eleven. He spoke to them in a loud voice.

"People of Judaea! All of you staying here in Jerusalem! There's something you have to know! Listen to what I'm saying! ¹⁵ These people aren't drunk, as you imagine. It's only nine o'clock in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what the prophet Joel was talking about, when he said, '¹⁷ In the last days, declares God, I will pour out my spirit on all people. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy; your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams; ¹⁸ yes, even on slaves, men and women alike, will I pour out my spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy... ²¹ And then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'"

Ⓛ Word of God, Word of life.

☩ Thanks be to God.

⤴ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *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.**

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⤴ **GOSPEL:** **John 20:19-23**

Ⓟ The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Ⓟ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

↑ 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 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." Refrain**

**3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
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

☐ Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

☑ 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 "Risen Lord, in your mercy" please respond, "hear our prayer."

The prayers are ended with these words, "Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord." Please respond, "Amen."

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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OFFERING MUSIC

All Creatures of Our God and King, arr, Cathy Moglebust

Larry Peterson (8:30)

Peace Ringers (11:00)

COMMUNION HYMN: *Spirit of the Living God**W&P Hymn 129***Spirit of the Living God Fall fresh on me.****Spirit of the Living God Fall fresh on me.****Melt me mold me, Fill me use me.****Spirit of the Living God Fall fresh on me. (*repeat as needed*)**

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BLESSING OF VBS LEADERS**↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

☞ The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. ☞ **Amen.**

↑ SENDING HYMN: *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit**ACS Hymn 942****Refrain*****Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.****Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.**

**1 Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,
 out of his mouth came fire and smoke. *Refrain***

**2 All around me looked so fine,
 asked my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain***

**3 Jordan river, chilly and cold,
 chills the body but not the soul. *Refrain***

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↑ SENDING

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Announce to all the possibilities of Jesus' joy and life.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ POSTLUDE: *Fugue in D minor**J. S. Bach*

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