

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Festival of Pentecost ☩ May 31, 2020 ☩ 10:00 A.M.

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☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal, if you have one at home)

Pentecost: The Sending of the Holy Spirit

PRELUDES

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: Soul on Fire

Sandra Bohlken and Bill Porter

CHORUS 1: God, I'm running for your heart, I'm running for your heart 'til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I'm longing for your ways. I'm waiting for the day when I am a soul on fire.

('Til I am a soul on fire.)

VERSE: Lord, restore the joy I had. I have wandered; bring me back.

In this darkness lead me through until all I see is you. Yeah

BRIDGE: Lord, let me burn for you again. Let me return to you again,

And Lord, let me burn for you again, and let me return to you again.

CHORUS 2: God, I'm running for your heart, I'm running for your heart

'Til I am a soul on fire, 'til I am a soul on fire, 'til I am a soul on fire.

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GREETING

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

☑ **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ 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.

☑ **Amen.**

LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

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

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

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

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

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

⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”

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

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

FRENCH: ¹⁴ But 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: ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

ENGLISH: ¹⁶ No, 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: ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

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

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

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

Ⓛ The word of the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Give me oil in my lamp. Keep me burning. Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.

Give me oil in my lamp. Keep me burning, burning, burning. Keep me burning ‘til the break of day.

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King!

Alleluia! We need the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Please send it, we pray.

Alleluia! We need the Holy Spirit, Spirit, Spirit. Oh, please send it to us new today.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 7:37-39

On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple], he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ ” ³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Ⓟ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

HYMN OF THE DAY: *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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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 "Lord, in your mercy," please respond, "hear our prayer."

*The prayers are ended with these words, "With bold confidence in your love, almighty God,
we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord."*

Please respond, "Amen."

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

C **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 you watch the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church 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: *Spirit, 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*

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PASTORAL BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us. Through this meal you have opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: *Baptized in Water*

ELW Hymn 456

1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.

2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.

3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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DISMISSAL

P Christ is risen, just as he said. Be at peace. Share the good news.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!