



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

+ *Liturgical Text*

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 23, 2021



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit reaches to all who belong to Christ, granting a renewed and eternal life. In his Letter to Titus, Saint Paul writes of the salvation of God our Savior and the renewal of the Holy Spirit that is for all God's people.

The Holy Spirit assures us that we are God's children and enables us to address God as our Father with all boldness and confidence. Recall from the Small Catechism—*Our Father who art in heaven: What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.*

When we are directed by the Holy Spirit, our daily lives are ordered in such a way that we continually walk in a heavenly direction. The Holy Spirit shapes our lives of prayer and of worship, interceding for us *and with us* as we worship in spirit and in truth.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
+Pastor Griebenaw

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✠ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE ✠

HYMN OF INVOCATION: O Holy Spirit, Enter In

LSB 913

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,
Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing
Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love
us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.
That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er
Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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Stand – The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

Kneel (or remain standing) — Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

C **Amen.**

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text

The pastor and congregation chant responsively. The antiphon is chanted by the pastor before and after the psalm.



(Antiphon) Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful,*
and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alle- | luia.

24 O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You | made them all;*
the earth is full of Your | creatures.

27 **These all | look to You,***
to give them their food in due | season.

28 When You give it to them, they gath- | er it up;*
when You open Your hand, they are filled with | good things.

30 **When You send forth Your Spirit, they are cre- | ated,***
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 be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

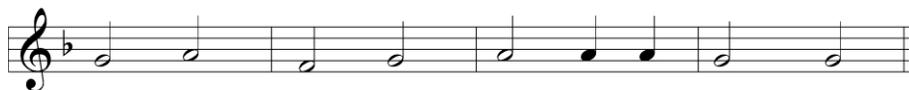
The antiphon is repeated.

KYRIE

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spir - it.

P 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. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1–14

P The Old Testament Reading is from Ezekiel, chapter 37.

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, You know.” ⁴Then He said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon 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 was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, 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, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O My people. ¹⁴And I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Acts 2:17b; Romans 10:10

The pastor and congregation chant responsively by half-verse.



I will pour out My Spirit | on all flesh,*
and Your sons and Your daughters shall | prophesy.
With the heart one believes and is | justified,*
and with the mouth one confesses | and is saved.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1–21

P The Second Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter two.

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and 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, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“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; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA & VERSE

Liturgical Text



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

The alleluias are repeated.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁶“When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. . . .

^{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, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you. ⁸And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

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 authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

LSB 497

1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your

now out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
 life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
 work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;

Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the
 And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry
 Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your

bright-ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;
 er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be
 pow'r pre-pare each heart, And to our weak-ness strength im - part

From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your
 That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our
 That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and

praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 death to You, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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SERMON

Rev. Griebenaw

After the sermon, the pastor may say:

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C Amen.

Philippians 4:7

Stand

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10–12

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Kneel (or remain standing)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1–4)

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For gladness in the Holy Spirit, who fills the world with the remembrance of everything Christ Jesus has spoken, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** That the name of Jesus would be glorified among us in word and deed, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the Holy Church established on the proclamation of Christ, that His Spirit would sustain the apostolic preaching to the ends of the earth, and that in every tongue the mighty works of God would be heard, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For hope in the midst of this fallen world; that God would put His Spirit within us to believe, to live and to serve according to His promises and commands; and that He would lead our homes to confess confidence in His power to raise the dead—now and at the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** To beat back Satan’s lies and deadly work, that we would know and believe that this world’s ruler is judged; for good government and leaders who are both honest and faithful; and for faith that looks eagerly for Christ’s quick return, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the help and salvation of all, that the Spirit renew the face of the earth, look with favor on His creatures and fill the hearts of the faithful, kindling in them the fire of His love, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who commune, that God would send His Holy Spirit upon His faithful people to convict us of our sin and convince us also that Christ's righteousness is ours, that in such repentance and faith we would receive the things of Christ declared to us in His Supper: the holy body and precious blood for the forgiveness of our sins; and that He would unite us by the Spirit of truth in faith and confession, comforting us with the knowledge that this world's prince is judged, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, through Your Son You promised Your Holy Spirit, who would convict the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. Enlighten our hearts so that we confess our sins, obtain everlasting righteousness through faith in Christ and, through every trial and temptation, abide in the consolation that Christ is Lord over the devil, death and all things, and that He will deliver us from all affliction to make us partakers of eternal salvation; 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.**

The live-stream service concludes with the following:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Lord God, creator of heaven and earth, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise You for the abundant mercy that You this day so richly have provided us, blessing us not only with daily bread for our bodies but also with heavenly food for our souls. Grant that Your living and powerful Word may abide in our hearts, working mightily in us to Your glory and for our salvation. We commit ourselves to Your divine protection and fatherly care. Let Your holy angels be with us that the evil foe may have no power over us. Look in mercy on Your Church and deliver it from all danger and adversities. By Your Holy Spirit comfort and strengthen all who are in affliction or distress, and grant Your abiding peace to us all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

Stand

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and **✠** give you peace.

C **Amen.**

The Divine Service continues with the Lord's Supper for those at the church. Please sing/read aloud the closing hymn and come by later for Holy Communion between 10:30am and 11:30am, parking by the concrete ramp along Holt Avenue.

CLOSING HYMN: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

LSB 650

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's

realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,

O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,
Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,
Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,

ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,
ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we
ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -

life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.
praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.
mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠
(TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY)

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters,

The Day of Pentecost with the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles is commonly thought of as the “birthday” of the Church—so Happy Birthday to the Church!

Speaking of birthdays, I had my birthday this past Thursday. That “young guy” that you called as your pastor fresh out of seminary is now 43 years old! Ooofta!

Now, with birthdays come presents . . . and guess what Leo picked out for me: a car! <surprise-surprise> But this isn’t just any old car—Leo got me a GREEN PONTIAC!

It is as close to my old car that he (and Mom) could find: a 1968 Pontiac Firebird! It’s actually pretty close to my old car, which was a 1969 Pontiac Catalina (a car with a long and storied history with my family . . . from my Great Uncle who bought it brand-new to my parents to me and, someday, to Leo or Sam).



But the best present was having time (and a nice cool day) to play outside with the family. Holly snapped this picture of us frolicking on our grass! I’m sure going to miss all this green once the summer heat really kicks-in! LOL But the other good news is that our air-conditioning is all fixed (and it didn’t cost too much, either) so we are ready for scorching temps!

Spending time with you family is a precious gift from the Lord. But I’m not only speaking of our biological families but of our fuller family in Christ Jesus! I look forward to seeing you each Sunday (and Wednesday at the midweek prayer service).

I also look forward to our “Zoom” Congregational Meetings where we have the chance to speak a bit more with each other and work together in service to our church into which God has called us. **Our next meeting is Sunday, May 30, at 4:00pm.** So, mark it on your calendars—details for how to join (by phone or computer) will come in an email next week.

And please join me for our **study of the Psalms each Tuesday at Noon on “Zoom.”** This week we are studying **Psalm 43.** And then tune-in or come by in-person for our **short prayer service on Wednesday night at 7:00pm** as we meditate on Psalm 43. The service ends between 7:30pm and 7:45pm.

- To join the study on your computer, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7603525715>
- To join by phone, call either “669-900-9128” or “346-248-7799” and enter 7603525715#
- The password for computer and telephone is “12345”

Lastly, please continue to mail your tithes and offerings to the church's post office box: Evangelical-Lutheran Church, PO Box 1530, El Centro, CA 92244-1530.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
+Pastor Griebenaw

P.S. Holly’s birthday is coming up and I’ll be treating her to a little trip, meaning that we’ll be away on Sunday, June 6. We sure will miss you all. The Rev. Brian Hamer has been gracious enough to make the trip from Oceanside to care for all of you in my absence, delivering God’s Word and administering His Sacrament. Rev. Hamer is an LCMS Chaplain with the United States Marine Corps and it is quite a treat to have him at our church.