

The Holy Spirit Give Peace

The Day of Pentecost

Whitsunday

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness given to us. If you would like to learn more about our church, please speak with our pastor or one of our members after the service.

- Please be quiet in the sanctuary as we prepare for worship. The livestream microphone picks up every conversation in the room.

WORSHIP THEME

The Feast of Holy Pentecost, celebrated today, is also called "*Whitsunday*," or "*White Sunday*." This is a reference to the white robes of the newly baptized historically worn on this day. Yet, the liturgical color for today is red, the color of the Holy Spirit, taken from the fire that lit on the heads of the Eleven as the Spirit came. Pentecost is among the oldest observances of the Christian Church. As the second greatest Feast of Christendom, *Whitsunday* or *Pentecost* ranks only behind Easter in the Church's "Year of Grace." Pentecost was observed as an *Octave*, meaning that the Feast took liturgical precedence over the subsequent seven days, as early as the 5th century A.D.

Fifty days after the Passover, God's Old Testament people Israel would celebrate the gathering of the harvest at the Festival of Weeks. At the celebration fifty days after Christ's resurrection, God sent the promised Counselor on the day we call "Pentecost" (Greek for "the fiftieth (day)"). This outpouring of the Holy Spirit marked the birthday of the New Testament Church and Christians today continue to mark it as they celebrate the harvest of souls won by the Son and gathered by the Spirit.

The color for the day is red to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit's gift as well as the blood of the martyrs which served as the seed of the New Testament Church. Following the season of Easter, we now celebrate that our risen Lord empowers his people to be witnesses of the resurrection for the world.

MORNING PRAISE

“Morning Praise” is based on the historic service called “Matins”. Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we prepare for the activities of the day.

HYMN

Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid | CW 188



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's
2 O Source of light, our Coun - sel - or, The Fa -
3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high In an -
4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame, At - tend



foun - da - tions first were laid, Come, vis - it
ther's help to us as - sure. Come down, as
swer to our ear - nest cry. Help us e -
th' al - might - y Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior -



ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come, pour your joys on
prom - ised, with your fire, And hearts with heav'n - ly
ter - nal truths re - ceive And prac - tice all that
Son be glo - ri - fied, Who for all hu - man -



hu - man - kind. From sin and sor - row set us
love in - spire. Your sa - cred, heal - ing mes - sage
we be - lieve. Give us your wis - dom that we
kind has died; And e - qual ad - o - ra - tion



free; May we your liv - ing tem - ples be.
bring To sanc - ti - fy us when we sing.
see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.
rise To you, O Spir - it, in the skies.

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856, abr.; tr. John Dryden, 1631–1700, alt.
Tune: ALL EHR UND LOB (88 88 88) *Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder*, Strassburg, 1541, alt.



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

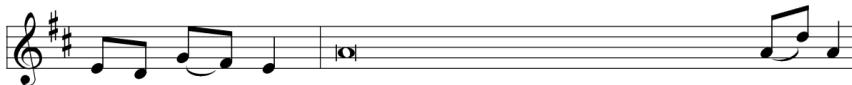


M: Praise be to God, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy — Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.

OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD – *Venite*



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are

in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he
made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and
bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: 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.

C: Amen.

be seated

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel and the dry bones.

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by his Spirit and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them. There were a great many of them on the surface of the valley, and they were very dry. ³Then he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

I replied, “Lord GOD, only you know.”

⁴He said to me, “Prophesy concerning these bones and say to them: Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵This is what the Lord GOD says to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you will live. ⁶I will put tendons on you, make flesh grow on you, and cover you with skin. I will put breath in you so that you come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded. While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸As I looked,

tendons appeared on them, flesh grew, and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath,^[a] prophesy, son of man. Say to it: This is what the Lord GOD says: Breath, come from the four winds and breathe into these slain so that they may live!” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me; the breath entered them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, a vast army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Look how they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished; we are cut off.’ ¹²Therefore, prophesy and say to them, ‘This is what the Lord GOD says: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them, my people, and lead you into the land of Israel. ¹³You will know that I am the LORD, my people, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I am the LORD. I have spoken, and I will do it. This is the declaration of the LORD.’”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 51b

Refrain

Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, re - new our hearts and
kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

Psalm tone

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O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit, within me.
Do not cast me from your presence

or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will turn back to you.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying. ³They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated and rested on each one of them. ⁴Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues,^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were Jews staying in Jerusalem, devout people from every nation under heaven. ⁶When this sound occurred, a crowd came together and was confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were astounded and amazed, saying,^[b] “Look, aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸How is it that each of us can hear them in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites; those who live in Mesopotamia, in Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts), ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the magnificent acts of God in our own tongues.” ¹²They were all astounded and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But some sneered and said, “They’re drunk on new wine.”

¹⁴Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, “Fellow Jews and all you residents of Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and pay attention to my words. ¹⁵For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it’s only nine in the morning.^[c] ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷**And it will be** in the last days, says God,
that **I will pour out my Spirit on all people;**

then your sons and your daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
and your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ I will even pour out my Spirit
on my servants in those days, both men and women
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will display wonders in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below:
blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the great and glorious day of the Lord comes.

²¹ Then everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved. ^[d]

VERSE OF THE DAY

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

please stand

THE GOSPEL

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

²⁶ “When the Counselor comes, the one I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ You also will testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

I didn’t tell you these things from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ Yet, because I have spoken these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don’t go away the Counselor will not come to you. If I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment: ⁹ About sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

¹² “I still have many things to tell you, but you can’t bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. For he will not speak on his own, but he will speak whatever he hears. He will also declare to you what is to

come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ Everything the Father has is mine. This is why I told you that he takes from what is mine and will declare it to you.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord | **CW 176**



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your gra - ces
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, Guide di - vine, And cause the Word of
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, Com - fort true; Grant us the will your



be 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 bright - ness
 And call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror
 Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -



of your light In ho - ly faith your church u - nite
 keep us free; Let none but Christ our Mas - ter be
 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!

Text: German hymn, 15th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, st. 2-3; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.
 Tune: KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT (78 88 88 8 10 8) *Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein*, Erfurt, 1524.

C: In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

Special prayers and intercessions.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Holy Spirit, highest confidence in every need, in these gray and last days of the world, strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, encourage our fearful hearts. Remind us of your Word and promises: “Be strong; do not fear. Your Lord will come again. He will come to save you.” And in your final, mighty, creative act, O Holy Spirit, raise up our bodies so that we, together with all the saints, may lift up our heads and with glorified eyes see our Savior drawing near.

C: On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

HYMN

Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent From Heaven | **CWS 723**



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, the dove sent from
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, the fire ce -
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, the unc - tion of
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, the wind of great



heav - en,
 les - tial,
 bless - ing,
 pow - er,
 Ev - er one with the One who is
 Who on Pen - te - cost came as fore -
 Sa - cred oil of the green ol - ive
 Source of strength and of peace and of



three,
 told,
 tree,
 love,
 From the Fa - ther you came,
 To de - scend from on high,
 Giv - ing heat, giv - ing light,
 Tru - est Com - fort - er, plead



Words of peace to pro - claim, Come and
 And the Church oc - cu - py As the
 As the tent lamps ig - nite And as
 As you bring all our need To the



com - fort us, speak ten - der - ly.
 cloud filled the tem - ple of old;
 Aar - on praised God joy - ful - ly.
 throne of God's glo - ry a - bove.



You, the fra - grance of life we are
 All the bap - tized you seal with your
 Bless - ed liv - ing and life - giv - ing
 Be the light that en - light - ens the



seek - ing; Fill your tem - ple, your
prom - ise, All be - liev - ers your
wa - ter, Now pre - serve us from
Scrip - tures; Keep our feet from each



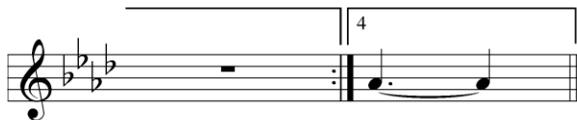
al - tar make clean. Joy - ous shel - ter of
gift there re - ceive, So that all the e -
e - vil with - in; For in Je - sus, God's
dev - il - ish snare; On - ly you can make



love, Gra - cious friend from a - bove, In your
lect - All in Christ - may ex - pect To en -
Son, All be - liev - ers are one In this
whole All that trou - bles our soul; By your



care we are rest - ing, se - rene.
joy what by grace they be - lieve.
wash - ing that cleans - es from sin.
chris - m, Christ's tri - umph we



share.

This Spanish hymn to the Holy Spirit summarizes the blessings of Pentecost that our loving God continues to pour out on his people.

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Tune: SANTO ESPÍRITU (10 9 6 9 D) Philip W. Blycker, b. 1939 © 1977 Philip W. Blycker. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

be seated

CLOSING HYMN

Holy Spirit, Light Divine | CW 183



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, Light di - vine, Shine up -
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, Love di - vine, Cleanse this
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, Joy di - vine, Cheer this
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Pow'r di - vine, Dwell with -
5 See, to you I give my heart; Cleanse my



on this heart of mine; Chase the gloom of night
guilt - y heart of mine; In your mer - cy pit -
sad - dened heart of mine; Fill me with your heav'n -
in this heart of mine; Cast down ev - 'ry i -
life in ev - 'ry part; Your own tem - ple I



a - way; Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
y me; From sin's bond - age set me free.
ly peace; Let it grow and still in - crease.
dol throne; Reign su - preme and reign a - lone.
would be Now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Andrew Reed, 1787-1862, abr., alt.
Tune: SONG 13 (77 77) Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625, alt.



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*“Now you are the body of Christ,
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(1 Corinthians 12:27)*

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