



Pentecost

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.

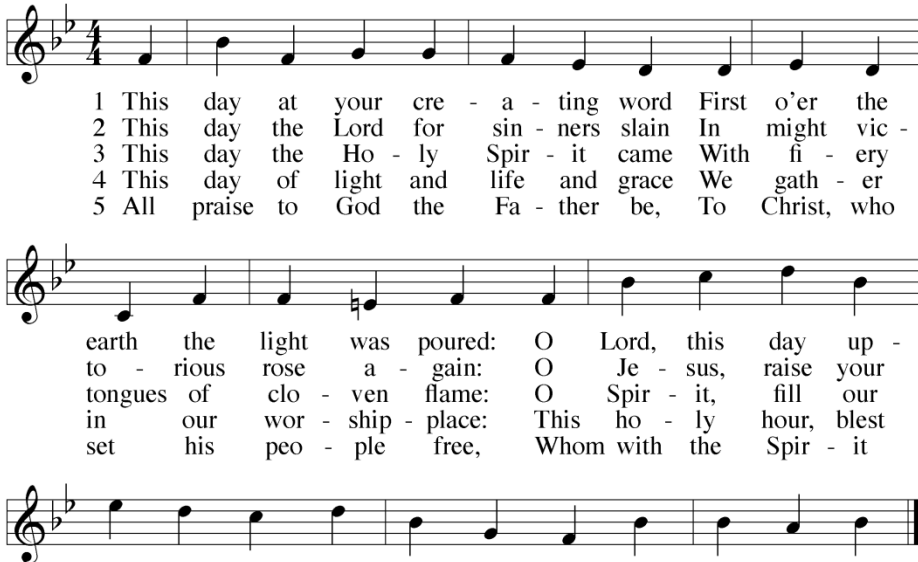
WORSHIP THEME

I will pour out my Spirit. God's Old Testament people celebrated the gathering of the harvest at the Festival of Weeks. On the fiftieth day, God sent the promised Counselor on the day we call "Pentecost" (Greek for "fifty" from the LXX in Lev 23:15: ἀριθμήσετε πεντήκοντα ἡμέρας). This day marked the birthday of the New Testament Church and celebrates the harvest of souls won by the Son and gathered by his servants empowered by his Spirit. Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church and has been commemorated since at least 217 A.D. The Church dresses in red to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit's gift and the blood of the martyrs which was the seed of the Church. This day culminates the Season of Easter when our risen Lord now empowers his people to be witnesses of the resurrection for the world.

The Service of the Word and Sacrament

The high and holy worship of God is faith in Jesus Christ. Such faith is created and sustained by God's service to us (the German, "Gottesdienst," "God/Divine Service). In the Divine Service, the Lord comes to us in His Word and Sacrament to bless and enliven us with His gifts. The Service is not something we do for God, but His service to us received in faith. The liturgy is God's work. He gives, we receive.





1 This day at your cre - a - ting word First o'er the
 2 This day the Lord for sin - ners slain In might vic -
 3 This day the Ho - ly Spir - it came With fi - ery
 4 This day of light and life and grace We gath - er
 5 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, To Christ, who

earth the light was poured: O Lord, this day up -
 to - rious rose a - gain: O Je - sus, raise your
 tongues of clo - ven flame: O Spir - it, fill our
 in our wor - ship - place: This ho - ly hour, blest
 set his peo - ple free, Whom with the Spi - rit

on us shine, And fill our souls with light di - vine.
 peo - ple, too, From death of sin to life in you.
 hearts this day With grace to hear and grace to pray.
 gift of love, Give we a - gain to God a - bove.
 we a - dore For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Text: William W. How, 1823–97, alt.

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalish Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and**

God has put His name—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—on us in Holy Baptism. The Divine Service begins with the Invocation, the words spoken over us at our baptisms. Every Divine Service is for the hallowing of the Lord's name, which the Small Catechism reminds us is done "when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it" (Matthew 28:18-20).

**actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good.
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.
But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus
Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

ABSOLUTION

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✙ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

LORD, HAVE MERCY - *Kyrie*

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

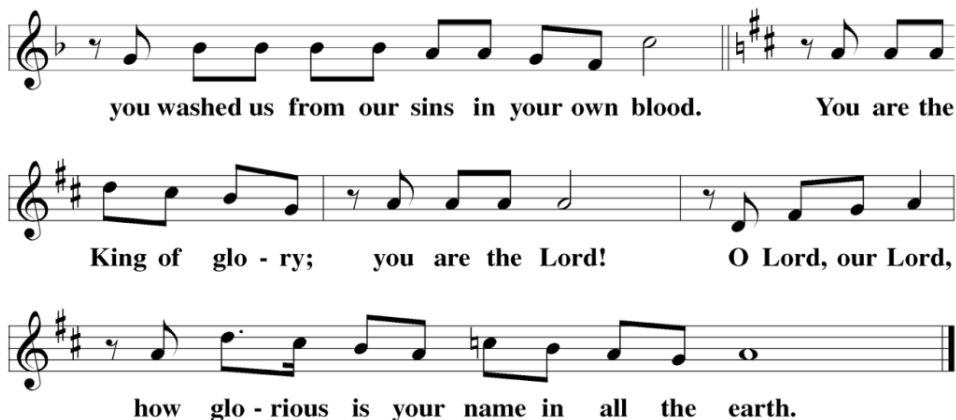
M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

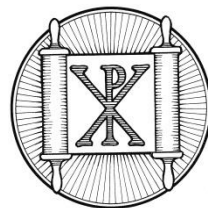
O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



The Service of the Word

Having just received absolution for their sins, believers now gather around the Word of God to find encouragement and peace for their lives on earth.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: 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. Amen.

C: Amen

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 11:24–30

Joshua was jealous for Moses' sake. Moses knew who he was and what God had called him to do. Instead of jealousy he prays that God's Spirit would be on all people.

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. He brought seventy men from the elders of the people and had them stand around the tent. ²⁵Then

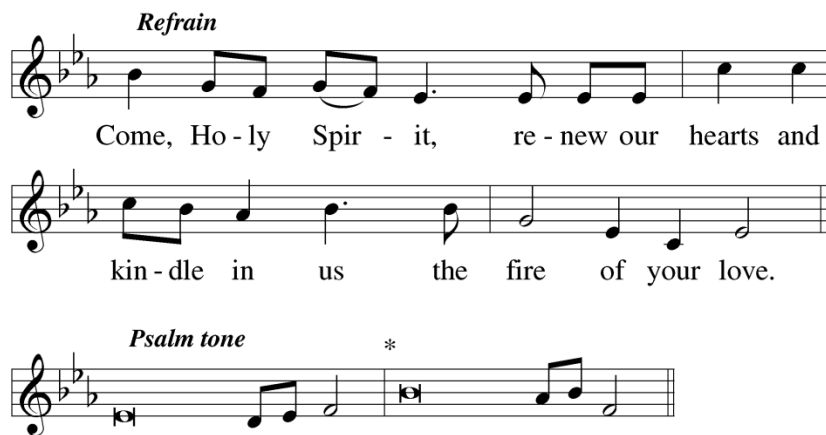
the LORD descended in the cloud and spoke to him. He took some of the Spirit who was on Moses and placed the Spirit on the seventy elders. As the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they never did it again. ²⁶Two men had remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other Medad; the Spirit rested on them—they were among those listed, but had not gone out to the tent—and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷A young man ran and reported to Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

²⁸Joshua son of Nun, assistant to Moses since his youth, ^[a]responded, “Moses, my lord, stop them!”

²⁹But Moses asked him, “Are you jealous on my account? If only all the LORD’s people were prophets and the LORD would place his Spirit on them!” ³⁰Then Moses returned to the camp along with the elders of Israel.

PSALM OF THE DAY

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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

Luke records the Pentecost account when the Holy Spirit came upon the people and they were able to speak intelligible words in different languages.

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

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

¹⁴ Peter 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. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it’s only nine in the morning.^[a] ¹⁶ On 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**

THE GOSPEL

John 7:37-39

On the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles Jesus promised the Holy Spirit, as well as the faith and “gifts” that would flow forth from those who believed

³⁷ On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me^[a] and drink. ³⁸ The one who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him.” ³⁹ He said this about the Spirit. Those who believed in Jesus were going to receive the Spirit, for the Spirit^[b] had not yet been given^[c] because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ

HYMN OF THE DAY

176 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



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.

SERMON

John 7:37-39

Having heard the Word of God, we confess our faith in His name. The creed is our saying back to God what He has first said to us. In the Creed we acclaim the truth of the triune God and His work of salvation accomplished for us in His incarnate Son, Jesus Christ.

CONFESSION – 3rd Article of the Apostle’s Creed

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

M: What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. 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.

OFFERING

In response to God’s love and forgiveness, we give back a portion of what he has given us. The members of Christ Lutheran Church have joined to proclaim the gospel to this community. These offerings support that work. While our guests are welcome to participate, they should not feel obligated to do so.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Holy Spirit of God, we worship and glorify you as the Lord and giver of all spiritual life. By our own thinking and choosing, we would still be lost in our sins, wandering in spiritual darkness toward eternal death. Only by your gift of faith do we now confess that Jesus Christ is our Lord; only by your enlightenment do we know the loving heart of our Father in heaven and his promise of eternal life in Christ.

M: We thank you for fulfilling the Word you gave by the prophets and the promise spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ. You came down on the Day of Pentecost to guide and comfort the apostles, to lead them in all truth, and to reveal your plan to save us. Extend your Church throughout the world by the words we speak and the messengers we send.

M: We praise you for calling us by the gospel and making us sons and daughters of God by faith in Christ Jesus. By baptism you clothed us in righteousness. You gathered us into

the flock, the one holy Christian Church, where we hear the Shepherd's voice proclaiming the forgiveness of all our sins. Live in us, Holy Spirit, and warm our hearts with the fire of your love.

M: Continue to preserve us in this one true faith by the means you have chosen, our Savior's gospel in Word and Sacraments. Enable us to present ourselves with all our abilities as thank offerings to him who sacrificed himself for us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer

M: Sanctify us in body, mind, and spirit to glorify our Father in heaven and to serve our neighbor here on earth with good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

**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.

THE BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

723 Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven



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



three, From the Fa - ther you came,
 told To de - scend from on high,
 tree, Giv - ing heat, giv - ing light,
 love, 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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