

GOD GATHERS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome in the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

L: On that first Pentecost, God's Spirit transformed the lives of the disciples and changed the world. As we gather, we pray for that same Spirit to be poured out on us.

A: Come, Holy Spirit!

L: The Holy Spirit is a fire, consuming our selfishness, our hatred, and our indifference—filling our lives with new life and the light of God.

A: Come, Holy Spirit!

L: Filled with the Holy Spirit, our lives bear fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control. Like the beacon of a lighthouse, may the fruit of the Spirit shine in our lives.

A: Come, Holy Spirit!

L: The Holy Spirit never leaves us where we are—we are sent by the Spirit out into the world to be the salt of the earth, to show God's love to all people, to bring God's Spirit of joy to the world.

A: Come, Holy Spirit!

—written by David L. Hansen

Gathering Music: “God Is Here!” ELW #526

Prayer of Confession

L: *Trusting in the Word of life given in baptism, we are gathered together in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Let us draw near to the heart of God, confessing our sin.*

L: *Almighty God,*

All: we confess that we have often refused the gift of your Spirit. Content in our dimness we shrink from your Light. Comfortable in our coolness we withdraw from your Fire. We would be moved—but carefully. We would feel—but mildly. We would see your face—but dimly. Forgive us for begrudging the coming of your Spirit; or for accepting your Fire, only to smother it selfishly. Forgive us, and visit us again. We pray now, in Jesus' name, not for warm thoughts, but for burning hearts...

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Announcement of Forgiveness

L: Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us; and God raised him up from death to life so that we too might walk in newness of life. By the mercy of Almighty God, your sins are forgiven; and by the power of the Holy Spirit, God will keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: “Now the Feast and Celebration”

ELW #167

Prayer of the Day

L: *The Lord be with you.*

P: And also with you.

L: *Let us pray...Gracious God,*

A: pour your Spirit into our hearts, that we would worship today with all our hearts, that our lives would be transformed by your power, and that we would carry your joy from this place into all the world. To you we give our honor and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen!

Sharing of the Peace

L: *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

P: And also with you.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN THE WORD

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

New Testament, Pg. 103-104



Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. 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. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

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,
and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸“Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

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

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

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

Song for the Word: “Holy Spirit, Come to Us”

ELW #406

Ostinato (repeated continuously)



Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

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Second Lesson: Romans 8:22-27 New Testament Pg. 101

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God’s future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

The Message: “Pentecost: Version 2018”

Pastor Christy Hallenbeck Ask

Hymn of the Day: “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind” ELW #400

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.

2018 High School Graduation Milestone

Hayden Michael Cole
Samuel Avery Detert
Landon Hove Dinger
Mariah Lynn Dokken
Sydney Rose Koolstra
Meghan Marie Krull
Tessa Joy Marie Kruse
Nicholas Lee Lundberg
Hannah Annette Markman
Courtney Rose Merchant

Rachel Marie Nelson
Annika Lyn Paulsen
Brady Paul Samuelson
Avery Isabelle Thorson
Abbie Kristine Versteeg
Emma Jean Vogel
Madison Marie Wassink
Annika Faith Dahl Webb
Blaine Arthur Wittrock
Megan Grace Yee

* Some students will celebrate with us on Sunday, June 3.

L: *Parents, please join me in this blessing to your child: We come this day to thank God for the gift you have been to us. You have given our lives a deeper meaning and a deeper calling. As parents, we have come to understand more deeply the nature of God's love, joy, and forgiveness. Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will always be a part of us.*

L: *Seniors, please join me in this blessing to your parents: You have given of your heart and of your home. You have loved and cared for me, even when it was difficult. I honor you for your courage, your patience, and your wisdom. Wherever I go, your love, example and faith will continue to guide me. I thank God for blessing my life with you.*

L: *Congregation, please join me in this blessing to these students and their parents: Students, we have watched you grow. We have rejoiced as your faith has matured and you have become young adults. We send you now with our blessing. We will continue to pray for you as you seek new adventures. Parents, you brought your children to the waters of baptism and have nurtured them in the Christian faith. We bless you today. Be at peace. Know that God will care for your child as they take their next steps.*

ALL: All these things we pray in the name of Jesus, our risen Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Prayers of the Church

(As each of the prayers concludes, *Lord, in Your mercy*, the congregation will respond, **hear our prayer.**)

Announcements and Opportunities to Offer Our Time and Tithes for Mission

Offering

GOD COMES TO US IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Thanksgiving

L: *The Lord be with you.*

P: **And also with you.**

L: *Lift up your hearts.*

P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Words of Promise

The 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.

The Communion

All persons seeking the forgiveness of sins and a renewed relationship with Jesus Christ are invited to meet the Risen Christ by eating and drinking at our table. You may choose from red wine or white grape juice in our tray of cups. Young children are invited forward to receive a blessing.



Communion Music:

“Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading” ELW #401
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ELW #807
“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” ELW #543

The Communion Blessing

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

The Blessing

L: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ~~F~~ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

P: Amen.

Sending Song: “Praise to You, O God of Mercy” ELW #208

The Dismissal

L: Go in peace. The Spirit is with you!

P: Thanks be to God.