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> DAY OF PENTECOST JUNE 8, 2025

June 8, 2025

Day of Pentecost

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE Prelude On "Thaxted" - John A. Behnke

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**



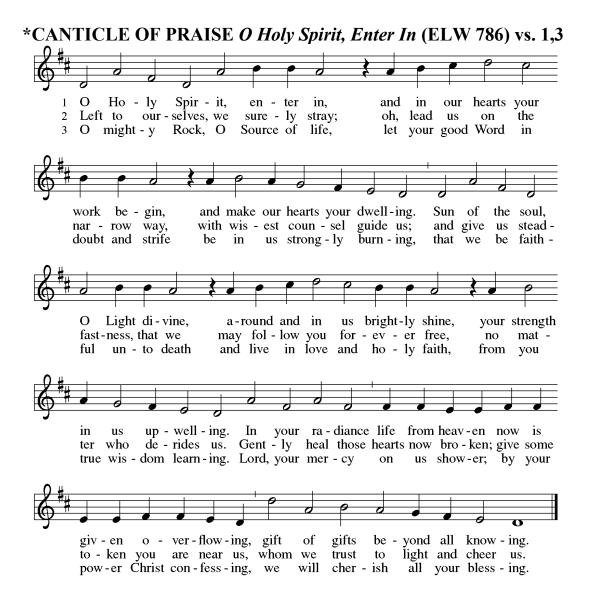
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*GREETING

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.**



Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt. Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts.

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 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." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, 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,

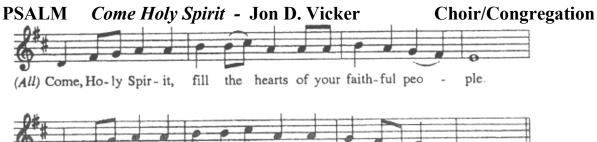
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

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."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**





Choir: How many are your works, O Lord; in wisdom you made them all. The earth is wide and full of your creatures; they look to you for food.

All: Antiphon

Choir: When you give them their food in due season, they gather it up. When you send forth your Spirit, you make them and you renew the earth.

All: Antiphon

Choir: Glory be to the Father and Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was, is now, and shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: Antiphon

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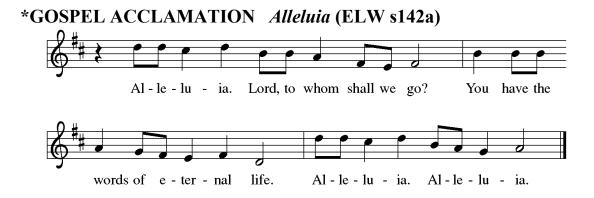
SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17

A reading from Romans.

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL: John 14:8-17 [25-27]

The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

⁸ Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Rev. Herb Spomer

*Please stand as you are able for the final verse

HYMN OF THE DAY O Day Full of Grace (ELW 627)



Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921-2001, alt.

Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842 Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress

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Please join me as we confirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

***CREED**

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.

CHORAL INVITATION TO PRAYER *Lord*, *Listen to Your Children Praying* (WOV 775) (Congregation joins 2nd time)



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943 Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (*Please respond*) *P: Hear us, O God.* **C: Your mercy is great.**

***OFFERTORY** Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 182)

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923 Text and music © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

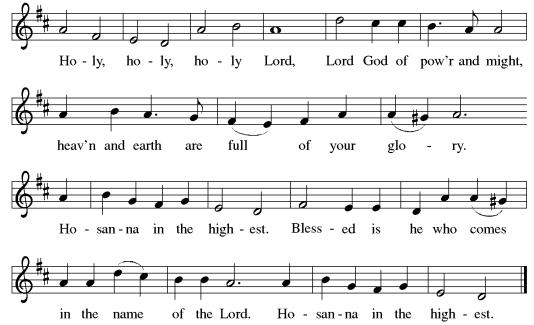
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. 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 and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW s153)



***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

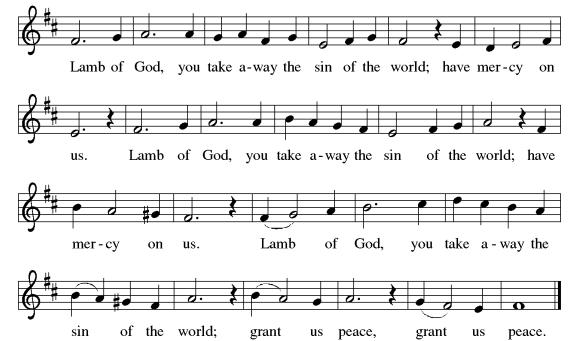
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

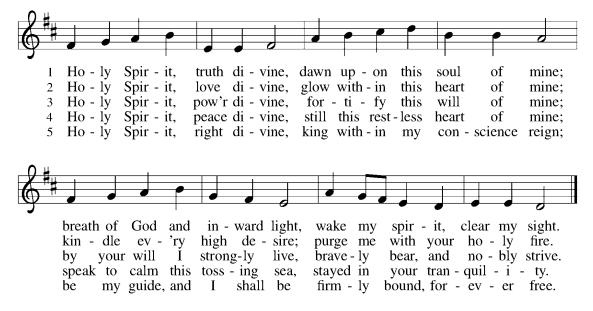
COMMUNION

Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher. After you receive the bread, you may take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Gluten free wafers are available, ask the Pastor when you come forward. Notify the Head Usher if you would appreciate receiving Communion at your seat rather than walking up to the altar, the Pastor and Communion Assistant will be happy to bring Communion to you.



COMMUNION SONG Lamb of God (ELW s154)

COMMUNION HYMN Holy Spirit, Truth Divine (ELW 398)



Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892 Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

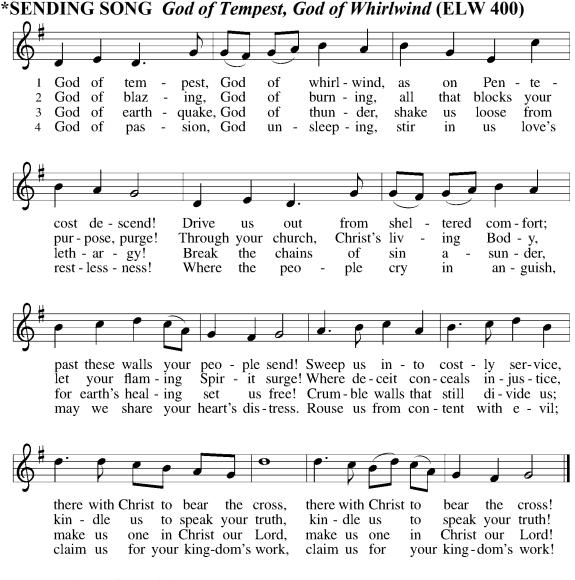
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit +bless you and give you peace. Amen.



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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES/SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE Voluntary on "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" - Roger C. WIson

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Communion Assist	Martie Veilleux
Attendance last Sunday	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are placed to the Glory of God in memory of Darrell Veilleux given by the family to honor his birthday, June 13.

Welcome Visitors! We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

Please welcome Rev. Herb Spomer with a warm thank you for preaching this morning.

Prayer requests for the following: *Doug Weaver, James Bersch, Evelyn Gomez, Kristen Hardman, Brandan DeShong, Kaitlyn Dovey, Angela Puchalo, Katelyn Mary Dodge, Charles Carl, Fran Stouffer, Marty Wenger, Don Wildeson, Nancy Marshall, Betty Amt, our world & country, Debbie Aschmann, Donna, Karen, Chuck Bedsworth, Linda Mumaugh, Katy Klutz, Becky Ensinger, Sam Mull, and all the Homebound. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.*

Please Be Aware: We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.

Weekly Calendar Reminders:

June 9 - Council 7pm 10 - Christian Ed 7pm 11 - Qigong/Tai Chi 7pm **Do you have a favorite hymn in the ELW?** Do we just not sing it enough, or maybe we do not sing it at all? In July and August, we will use a few minutes before worship to have a congregational hymn sing where you get to choose the hymns! In addition, if you have a favorite hymn from another hymnal and would like to sing it, please provide that information on the papers provided on the table where the flower sign up chart is located in the Sunday School room. That will give us time to hopefully locate that hymn and provide the words, if needed, in the bulletin. If you have any questions, see Mary-Jo Bedsworth before or after worship.

The outdoor service is scheduled for June 15 in the picnic woods. In the event of inclement weather, it will be held in the fellowship center. The following "suggestions" for those bringing food are as follows, All those with last name beginning with: A thru H - a dessert

J thru R - a main dish (meats, etc.) S thru Z - a salad

Power Pack Meals - We will not be collecting food during June or July. The program will resume in August for the 2025-2026 school year. **Beginning in August**, please place the items you donate in the tote in the Sunday School room. Monetary donations are also accepted, write your check to Solomon's, and put Power Pack in the memo line.

Please note that you will no longer receive a 6 month contribution letter. If you would like to have one, please contact Janice McEntire.

The 2025 Chart for Altar flowers is on the table in the Sunday School room. The cost of the two vases will be \$60.00 per week. You will continue to provide Kimberly with the information for the bulletin prior to the week before the Sunday you choose. Include the cost of \$50.00 with the bulletin information.

The 2025 sign-up charts for Acolyte, Lector etc. are on the table in the Sunday School room. Please sign up for as many as you can.

If you are not taking your altar flowers home, please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

Hymn Music Notes:

What a joyous, happy event a birthday is! Did you know that the Day of Pentecost, the 50th day after Easter is a birthday, the birthday of the Christian church? What a memorable day that was! The disciples and a small group of other believers had gathered in a room in Jerusalem. There they heard the rushing, mighty wind, saw the tongues of fire, and received the gift of languages. These were the outward signs that the Holy Spirit had come as Jesus had promised. From that beginning, the gospel of Jesus has been carried to all parts of the world. The Holy Spirit continues to work in the hearts and minds of believers today through

the means of grace, God's Word and Sacraments. God has given us His Holy Spirit as a gift of grace. This grace is the theme of our Hymn of the Day today, "O Day Full of Grace." The hymn dates back to 1450 and was sung in Scandinavia before the Reformation. It appeared in Protestant hymnals as early as 1569! One of the oldest hymns in our hymnal, it is a traditional hymn to be sung on Pentecost Sunday! Join us as we sing of this grace given to us on that first Pentecost! (Steadfastlutherans.org).

Although not as popular as his poet brother Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Samuel Longfellow was well known as a Unitarian preacher and hymn writer (1819-1892). One of his hymns, which is our communion hymn this morning, "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" was included in an edited version of *Hymns of the Spirit*, 1864, for Unitarians. The hymn addresses only the Holy Spirit, with no reference to the Holy Trinity. It serves as a prayer and references the Holy Spirit as truth divine, love divine, power divine, peace divine, and right divine. The closing phrase, "be my guide and I shall be firmly bound forever free," is a meaningful ending to this prayer to the Spirit. (Hymnary.org; Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins; Austin C. Lovelace, pg. 46).

This morning's prelude is based on the hymn tune "Thaxted" which is the tune of our Gathering Hymn. It makes use of a little more organ than usually used for the prelude, but it brings out the melody to the hymn we will sing as the service begins. We have used the tune in worship before, but at that time it was relatively new to Solomon's.