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The Feast of Pentecost



Our Savior Lutheran Church

Westminster, Massachusetts

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Visitor, you are very welcome here.

Please contact us with questions or prayer requests, and come worship with us again. Our pastor would be very glad to meet with you. May our Lord's Word be a blessing to all who gather in His name.

Don't be embarrassed if your children make noise during worship—all children do. We encourage families to worship together. As needed, there is a nursery available in the basement during the services (unstaffed at 9:00 am; staffed at 11:00 am).

Service Guidelines

- Follow the directions of greeters, hosts, Pastor, and elders about how and when to enter, where to sit, how to receive communion, when to exit, and so forth
- Don't come if you are sick, have symptoms, or have potentially been exposed to the virus
- Keep appropriate social distance
- Please wear a mask, especially while singing
- Be gracious & considerate of your neighbors
- Conversations and fellowship are encouraged outdoors and after service

Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's Table members of Our Savior and members of sister congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Visitors may come forward with arms crossed for a blessing. Our pastor would be glad to instruct you so that you can confess Jesus Christ with us and receive His holy body and blood for forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Spiritual Care

Individual confession and absolution, spiritual care, and pastoral counsel are available by appointment. Please contact the church office to schedule a time.

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher & Celebrant	Rev. Peter Gregory
Liturgist (9:00 am)	Ed Shaffer
(11:00 am)	Jeremey Henrickson
Organist	Anne Bennet

Prayer for Worship

For the Holy Spirit: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Amen.**

Another for the Holy Spirit: Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, comfort us in all temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth, that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For the Word: O God, Your Son came as the Son of Man to breathe His Word and Spirit upon the dry, dead bones of Adam's children. Grant that we may hear Your holy Word, receive Your Spirit, and rise each day from the death of sin to live in newness of life before You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Church: Almighty and ever-living God, You fulfilled Your promise by sending the gift of the Holy Spirit to unite disciples of all nations in the cross and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By the preaching of the Gospel spread this gift to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Pentecost by René de Cramer (1876–1951),
a Belgian Artist.

THE OPENING HYMN – TUNE: TLH 236 – TEXT: LSB 500

**1 Creator Spirit, by whose aid
The world’s foundations first were laid,
Come, visit ev’ry humble mind;
Come, pour Your joys on humankind;
From sin and sorrow set us free;
May we Your living temples be.**

**2 O Source of uncreated light,
The bearer of God’s gracious might,
Thrice-holy fount, thrice-holy fire,
Our hearts with heav’nly love inspire;
Your sacred, healing message bring
To sanctify us as we sing.**

**3 Giver of grace, descend from high;
Your sev’nfold gifts to us supply;
Help us eternal truths receive
And practice all that we believe;
Give us Yourself that we may see
The glory of the Trinity.**

**△ 4 Immortal honor, endless fame
Attend th’almighty Father’s name;
The Savior-Son be glorified,
Who for all humankind has died;
To You, O Paraclete, we raise
Unending songs of thanks and praise.**

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THE INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord, let us confess our sin.

Blessed Holy Spirit, our Maker and our Comforter, we sinful creatures confess to You that we have often resisted Your call and grieved You by our sin: above all, that we have not cherished Your holy Word and Sacraments as we ought. Do not leave us! O Lord, Life-Giver, as You have had mercy from the beginning, have mercy on us now, and for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Savior You gave us, forgive us our sins, and fill us with Yourself, that our lives and words and deeds may be holy by Your power and to Your praise. Amen.

The Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

Amen.

THE INTROIT

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

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

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

These all look to You,

to give them their food in due season.

When You give it to them, they gather it up;

when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,

and You renew the face of the ground.

THE GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Glory to God on high:

and on earth peace, good will toward men.

**We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,
we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.**

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

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

You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.

For You only are holy; You only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

THE COLLECT

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.

The Reading of God's Word

the Spirit in the Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1–14

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 139:1–2, 7–12; antiphon: v. 17

How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God!

How vast the sum of them!

O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.

Where shall I go from Your Spirit?

Or where shall I flee from Your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, You are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!

If I take the wings of the morning

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

even there Your hand shall lead me,

and Your right hand shall hold me.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,

and the light about me be night,"

even the darkness is not dark to You;

the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with You.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God!

How vast the sum of them!

the Good News of Pentecost: Acts 2:1–21

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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| <p>1 Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord!
Let all Your graces be outpoured
On each believer’s mind and heart;
Your fervent love to us impart.</p> | <p>2 Come, Holy Fire, our Guide divine
And cause the Word of Life to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright
And call Him “Father” with delight.</p> |
| <p>3 Come, Holy Wind, our Comfort true;
Give us the will Your work to do
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to You ascend.</p> | |

the Promise of Our Lord from the Holy Gospel: John 15:26–27, 16:4b–15

Glory be to You, O Lord!

After the reading:

Praise be to You, O Christ!

THE THIRD ARTICLE OF THE CREED: THE HOLY SPIRIT

What is the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed?

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.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 650

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| <p>1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
O’er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit,
You we praise and magnify.</p> | <p>2 Holy Spirit, ever living
As the Church’s very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship
For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.</p> |
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**3 Holy Spirit, ever working
Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,
Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending,
You we worship and extol.**

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The Sermon

Ezekiel 37:1–14

THE OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10–12

**Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Do not cast me out of Your presence, nor take Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain me with a free spirit. Amen.**

> *Note: The offering of tithes and gifts will take place as you come forward for Holy Communion.* <

The Prayer to the Holy Ghost

after each petition:

*Lord, be gracious to us.
Help us, good Lord.*

LITANY OF THE HOLY GHOST

*Blessed be the Lord, the Holy Ghost,
For blessed is the shadow of His wings.*

*Men: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and the earth was formless
and empty,*

Women: And the Spirit of God hovered on the face of the deep.

Men: You sent forth Your Spirit and they were created.

Women: The Spirit of the Lord has made me; the Breath of the Almighty has given me life.

Men: We rebelled against Him and grieved His Holy Spirit.

Women: We became like a withered tree, like a garden where there is no water.

*Blessed be the Lord, the Holy Ghost,
For blessed is the shadow of His wings.*

Men: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!

Women: It is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

Men: For Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law by being cursed for us,

Women: So that through faith we would receive the promised Spirit.

Men: Come to Him, whoever is thirsty! Drink!

Women: Rivers of Living Water will flow out of your heart.

Men: He has sent another Comforter to be with us forever.

Women: He will come to you like spring rain, like morning dew.

Men: Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, that your sins may be forgiven.

Women: And you will receive the Gift, the Holy Ghost.

*Blessed be the Lord, the Holy Ghost,
For blessed is the shadow of His wings.*

Men: The Spirit is poured out upon us once more from on high;

Women: The desert becomes a garden and the barren field, a forest.

Men: He pours water on the thirsty, and streams of water on the dry ground.

Women: He pours out His Spirit on our children.

Men: They will grow like grass beside the streams, like poplar trees beside a river.

Women: For the promise is to us and to our children.

*Blessed be the Lord, the Holy Ghost,
For blessed is the shadow of His wings.*

THE PREFACE

*The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.*

2 Timothy 4:22

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

[Colossians 3:1]

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is good and right that we do.*

[Psalm 136]

THE PROPER PREFACE

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

**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 Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

THE PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.*

THE AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

**O Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us!
O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us!
O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,
grant us Your peace! Amen.**

Holy Communion

> *Note about Holy Communion: All who receive Holy Communion here must first be instructed. Our pastor will be very glad to instruct you. Please contact the office for an appointment. Those who have not been instructed may come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.* <

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| 1 Lord Holy Ghost, beneath Your wings
I hear the beating heart of God my Father;
Here I find rest upon the breast
Of Jesus Christ, my Savior and my Brother. | 3 Under Your wings, Your mighty wings,
No sinner is too weak to live forever.
Oh, what is death? While here Your breath
I breathe, I live and I can perish never. |
| 2 Under Your wings, Your holy wings
None can accuse me here; none shall in heaven.
Sheltered in grace, I lift my face
To call the wand'ring world into Your haven. | 4 Under Your wings, under Your wings
Your peace and power bear me like a river.
Under Your wings, under Your wings
Until Your wings shall bear me high forever. |

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| 1 Lo, Christ, the King of kings,
Pours out the Promise giv'n:
With healing in His wings,
The Comforter from heav'n,
The Wind from Home!
Down from the Father's throne
The Holy Ghost has come! | 3 Breathe, and the dead will wake;
Shine, and the blind will see.
Each sinful chain will break,
Each evil dream will flee,
And by Your grace,
The Kingdom spreads in peace
And joy and righteousness! |
| 3 Come, holy, living Flame,
And fire our hearts today.
Oh, come in Jesus' name;
Revive us as we pray:
Lord Holy Ghost,
Come fill us with
The sacred fire of Pentecost. | 4 Our Lord will soon appear;
Soon ev'ry knee will bow.
The last days now are here;
The time for grace is now!
This is Your hour.
O Spirit of the Lord,
Anoint us with Your pow'r! |
| 5 The Father now be praised, the Spirit glorified!
Through Him be seen and heard the Savior Crucified
Till all the lost
Have heard the loving call of God the Holy Ghost. | |

Now, Lord, You dismiss Your servant in peace, as You have promised,
for my eyes have seen the Salvation You prepared before the face of all people,
a Light to enlighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Your people Israel!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

And His mercy endures forever!

THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

Let us pray. Dear Comforter, by whom our Savior was conceived in human flesh and blood, we thank You that now, with His flesh and blood, You have given us pardon and peace. Blessed Spirit, strengthen us through this holy Food in faith toward You and in deep love for one another, and rule our hearts and minds with power to serve You to the salvation of souls, to the Father's glory, and to the praise of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now, and forever. Amen.

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

THE BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

*The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Amen. Amen. Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART – TUNE: TLH 390 – TEXT: RMH

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| <p>1 Lord Holy Spirit, make me strong.
 When this brief battle seems so long,
 Sing to my soul Thy triumph song:
 "Let Jesus Christ be praised!"</p> | <p>3 Rule, Blessed Comforter, in me.
 Let me find freedom serving Thee.
 Let me my Savior's witness be.
 Let Jesus Christ be praised.</p> |
| <p>2 Take from my timid eyes the veil;
 Show me, when human powers fail,
 Thy pow'r, O Spirit, shall prevail
 And Jesus Christ be praised.</p> | <p>4 Deeds far beyond me let me dare.
 Grace out of Heaven let me share;
 Words from Thy mouth let me declare
 That Jesus Christ be praised.</p> |
| <p>5 Jesus hath sworn a mighty vow:
 All pow'r is here and round me now.
 Almighty Spirit, it is Thou!
 Christ Jesus shall be praised.</p> | |

God's People at Prayer

For Home Devotions

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.

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

Readings from Holy Scripture

*These may be read in the morning and evening, as suggested
here, or in any way that best works with your schedule.*

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Su	Numbers 21:10–35	Luke 21:20–38
M	Numbers 22:1–20	Luke 22:1–23
Tu	Numbers 22:21–23:3	Luke 22:24–46
W	Numbers 23:4–28	Luke 22:47–71
Th	Numbers 24:1–25	Luke 23:1–25
F	Numbers 27:12–23	Luke 23:26–56
Sa	Numbers 32:1–6	Luke 24:1–27

The Sacrament of the Altar

*As the head of the family should teach it
in a simple way to his household*

*What should admonish and encourage a Christian to
receive the Sacrament frequently? First, both the
command and promise of Christ the Lord. Second,
his own pressing need, because of which the
command, encouragement, and promise are given.*

*From the Large Catechism: If you could see how many
knives, darts, and arrows are every moment aimed
at you [by the devil], you would be glad to come to
the Sacrament as often as possible. But there is no
reason why we walk about so securely and
carelessly, except that we neither think nor believe
that we are in the [sinful] flesh and in this wicked
world or the devil's kingdom. Therefore, try this
and practice it well. Be sure to examine yourself, or
look about you a little, and just keep to the
Scriptures. . . . With God's grace, you may feel your
misery more and become hungrier for the
Sacrament.*

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LC V, 82–84.

Verse for Meditation

Jesus said: "[The Holy Spirit] will glorify Me, for He
will take what is Mine and declare it to you."

John 16:14 ESV

Daily Prayer

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

The following topics may guide your prayer each day.

- Su For the joy of the resurrection among us
- M For one's calling and daily work, coworkers,
and the unemployed
- Tu For deliverance against temptation and evil;
for all who suffer and are afflicted
- W For immediate, extended, and church family;
for our schools, communities, and
neighborhoods
- Th For the Church and her pastors, all who serve
in the congregation, and missionaries
- F For the preaching of the holy cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ; for the sick and dying
- Sa For faithfulness to the end; for receptive
hearts and minds to God's Word

The Lord's Prayer

Collect of the Week

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.

Readings for Holy Trinity Sunday, May 30

Isaiah 6:1–8; Psalm 29; Acts 2:14a, 22–36; John 3:1–17