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The Feast of Pentecost



Our Savior Lutheran Church

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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.

For those caring for young children or who have difficulty standing for the prayers, hymns, or other parts of the service, please know that you may sit as you find need or comfort.

Don't be embarrassed if your children make noise during worship—all children do. We encourage families to worship together. If needed for children under three years old, there is a nursery available in the basement during service and Bible class.

Out of courtesy to your brothers and sisters, please turn off your cell phone ringer and refrain from leaving or entering the sanctuary during the readings and the prayers.

Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's Table members of Our Savior and members of sister congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Pastor Gregory would be very 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.

Christian Education

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study follow the service. Pre-Kindergarten through seventh grade students meet in the basement, high school students at the parsonage, and adults in the sanctuary.

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Doug Newman
Crucifer	Josiah Paradis
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Andrew Gull Riley Albert

Prayers 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.

Preparation for Confession

The Eighth Commandment: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Questions for self-examination

- Do I speak the truth in love so that it covers a multitude of sins?
- Do I use texting, email, social media, or other means to break this commandment?

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

> *Please stand and face the processional crucifix at the entrance to the nave.* <

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – TUNE: TLH 236 & TEXT: LSB 500

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| <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>△ 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.</p> |
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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.

> *Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination through the Ten Commandments.* <

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.

HYMN OF RESPONSE – TUNE: TLH 320 & TEXT: RMH

- 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, or I grow cold and dry.
Breathe in me, warm and loving Wind, and I shall never die.**
- 2 Blow through me, Breath of God; I cannot make me new.
Blow, Wind of heaven, clear and clean, and cleanse me through and through.**
- 3 O Breath, O rushing Wind, Lord from above the skies,
Raise me to walk with Jesus Christ here and in Paradise.**

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

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

the Reading of 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.

1 O day full of grace that now we see Ap - pear - ing on
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, Our Lord on the
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own, When He on the
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, His Spir - it new
 earth's ho - ri - zon, Bring light from our God that we may be
 earth ar - riv - ing; Then came to the world that light sub - lime,
 cross was hang - ing; And then He a - rose and moved the stone
 life re - veal - ing, That we might no more from Him be lost,
 Re - plete in His joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
 Great joy for us all re - triev - ing; For Je - sus all
 That we, un - to Him be - long - ing, Might join with an -
 All dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the
 now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts em - bla - zon,
 mor - tals did em - brace, All dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing,
 gel - ic hosts to raise Our voic - es in end - less sing - ing,
 mark of sin ef - face And bring to us all His heal - ing.

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The Sermon

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

OFFETORY HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 332, STANZAS 1–4

These hymn stanzas can also be sung from The Lutheran Hymnal #332.

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| <p>1 Arm these Thy soldiers, mighty Lord,
 With shield of faith and Spirit's sword.
 Forth to the battle may they go
 And boldly fight against the Foe.</p> | <p>3 Come, ever-blessed Spirit, come
 And make Thy servants' hearts Thy home.
 May each a living temple be
 Hallowed forever, Lord, to Thee.</p> |
| <p>2 With banner of the Cross unfurled,
 They overcome the evil world
 And so at last receive from Thee
 The palm and crown of victory.</p> | <p>4 Enrich that temple's holy shrine
 With sev'n-fold gifts of grace divine;
 With wisdom, light, and knowledge bless,
 With counsel, strength, fear, godliness.</p> |

The Presentation of the Offering

Psalms 116:17; 18:1

I will offer the thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

O LORD, my strength, I love You.

The Rite of Confirmation

for Luis Mark Albert, Matthew LeClair Connell, Nora Colton Gould,

Mary Katherine Gregory, Kali Elizabeth Vega, Landon Joel Vega

The Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

after each petition:

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

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.

2 Timothy 4:22

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

It is good and right that we do.

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.* <

Psalm 139:1–16 (antiphon: verse 17)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – 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>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>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>4 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> |
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – 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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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 46 & TEXT: RMH

- 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!
- 2 He breathes, the dead awake; He shines, the blind can see.
The chains of evil break and dreams of darkness flee
Where by His grace
The Kingdom spreads in peace and joy and righteousness.
- 3 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!
- 4 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.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29–32

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.

THE THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:1

*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 PAULINE 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.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 332, STANZAS 5–6

These hymn stanzas can also be sung from The Lutheran Hymnal #332.

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| <p>5 O Trinity in Unity,
One only God and Persons three,
In whom, through whom, by whom, we live,
To Thee we praise and glory give.</p> | <p>△ 6 Oh, grant us so to use Thy grace
That we may see Thy glorious face
And ever with the heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.</p> |
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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 Third Article: Sanctification

As the head of the family should teach it to his household.

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.

From the Large Catechism: In [this article] is expressed and portrayed the Holy Spirit and his office, which is that he makes us holy. . . . The work [of redemption] is finished and completed, Christ has acquired and won the treasure for us by his sufferings, death, resurrection, and so on. But if the work remained hidden and no one knew of it, it would have been all in vain, all lost. In order that this treasure might not be buried but put to use and enjoyed, God has caused the Word to be published and proclaimed, in which he has given the Holy Spirit to offer and apply to us this treasure of salvation. Therefore to sanctify is nothing else than to bring us to the Lord Christ to receive this blessing, which we could not obtain by ourselves.

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LC II.35, 38–39

Hymn

The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.

LSB 498:1

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which You have made.

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, 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 the Feast of the Holy Trinity, May 26

Isaiah 6:1–8; Psalm 29 (v. 2); *selected verses*—Romans;
Acts 2:14a, 22–36; John 3:1–17