



Sunday, May 28, 2023
Pentecost

Service Theme
HE LIVES TO POUR OUT HIS SPIRIT

Fifty days after the Passover, God's Old Testament people celebrated Pentecost (Greek for "fifty"). Pentecost commemorated the harvest gathering and was also used to remember the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai, the start of the Church of Israel. Christ chose Pentecost to be the birthday of his New Testament Church too. By pouring out his Holy Spirit, Christ empowered the Church to gather in the great harvest of souls won by the Son. Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church, along with the Nativity and the Resurrection. The early church fathers mention the Festival of Pentecost often enough to lead many to believe it was celebrated annually already at the time of the apostles. Pentecost closes the fifty-day period after Easter and ends the festival half of the church year. The Church dresses in red this day to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit's gift, as well as the blood of the martyrs, which was the seed of the Church.

O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in And in our hearts
 2 Give to your Word im - pres - sive pow'r That in our hearts
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let your dear Word,



your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
 from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
 in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
 That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
 That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
 ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
 and ho - ly faith, From you true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we May be Tru - ly liv - ing, To you giv - ing
 Hear us, Cheer us By your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
 Your grace And peace On us show - er; By your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
 And our la - bor Praise you, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
 Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

Order of Service: Divine Service 1

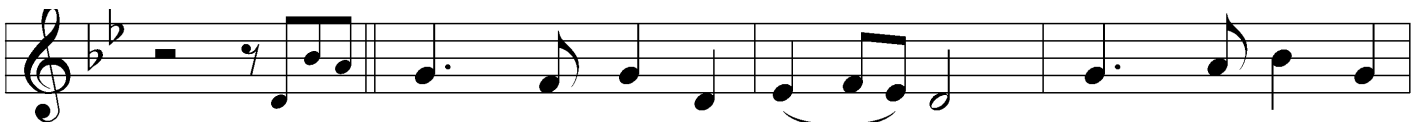
M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen!**

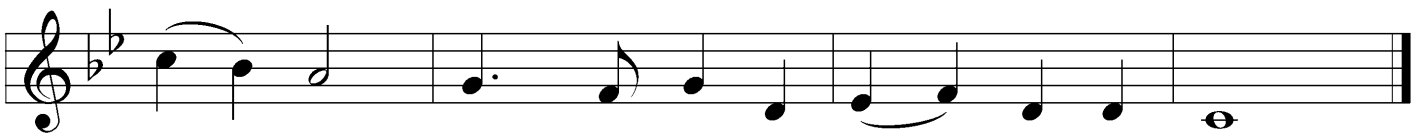
CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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



Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men.

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.

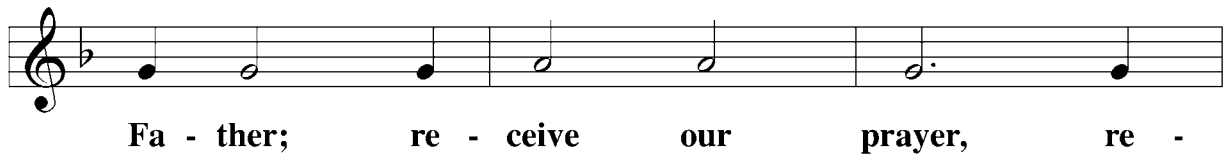
C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

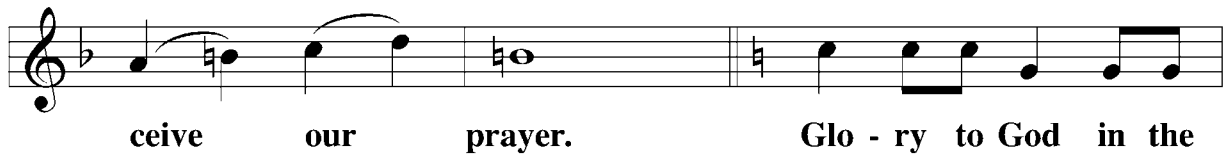
M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



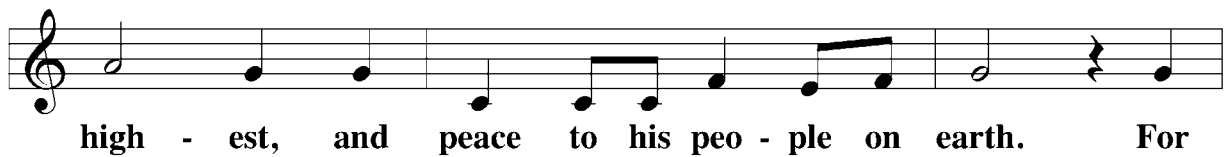
You are seated at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -



ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



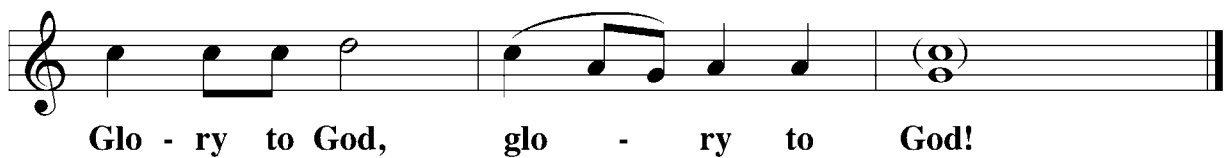
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

First Lesson

Acts 2:1–21 (EHV)

In the Old Testament, God poured out his Spirit onto the prophets so they could reveal his will. On Pentecost, Jesus poured his Spirit onto the Church so they could proclaim his gospel to the world.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely baffled and said to each other, “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” ¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. ¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷This is what God says will happen in the last days: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions. Your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹I will show wonders in the sky above, and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke. ²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Psalm
51b (p. 87)

Refrain

Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, re - new our hearts and
kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

Psalm tone

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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

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (EHV)

When God pours out his Spirit it is not only for the benefit of the individual believer. God gives his Spirit to us so that we might be of benefit to the entire Church.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were deceived and somehow led away to mute idols. ³Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "A curse be upon Jesus," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are different kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord. ⁶There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone.

⁷Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one person a message of wisdom is given by the Spirit; to another, a message of knowledge, as the same Spirit provides it; ⁹by the same Spirit, faith is given to someone else; and to another, the same Spirit gives healing gifts. ¹⁰Another is given powers to do miracles; another, the gift of prophecy; another, the evaluating of spirits; someone else, different kinds of tongues; and another, the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them to each one individually as he desires.

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia. *(From the antiphon: Come, Holy Spirit)*

Gospel Lesson

John 7:37-39 (EHV)



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

Jesus promised that those who were spiritually thirsty would be filled with living water. Jesus kept this promise when he poured out his Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

³⁷On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and called out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink! ³⁸As the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from deep within the person who believes in me." ³⁹By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were going to receive. For the Holy Spirit had not yet come, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

CW 179 "Hail Thee, Festival Day"

(The pastor will sing the verses as a solo. The congregation is invited to sing the refrain)

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be



hal - lowed for - ev - er, Day when the Ho - ly



Ghost shone in the world with his grace.



1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -
3 Hear how in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his



wait his ap - pear - ing He whom the Lord had fore -
cho - sen a - pos - tles, Preach to the ends of the



told earth sud - den - ly, swift - ly de - scends.
Christ and his won - der - ful works.

Refrain

2 Forth from the Fa - ther he comes with heav - en - ly
4 See the com - mun - ion of saints in - crease through the



wis - dom and cour - age, Pour - ing up - on the new
gos - pel of Je - sus. Praise to the Spir - it of



church pow'r to pro - claim and bap - tize.
life; praise to the Spir - it of pow'r!

Refrain

Sermon Text & Theme

Acts 2:1–21 ... Pentecost reveals how the Holy Spirit works.

- 1) He fills the Church with his presence and gifts.
- 2) He draws people to hear the Gospel.
- 3) He prepares people for the Last Day.

Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of the Church for Pentecost

M: Praise to you, Holy Spirit. We worship and glorify you as the Lord and the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to shed life on all created things, as you gave a new life of understanding to the disciples in your Pentecost baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word, you have made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord.

In thanksgiving for your gifts to us, we confess:

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing 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.

M: Holy Spirit, all-seeing Counselor and fountain of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful flesh. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus, where there is forgiveness for all.

C: In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

M: Holy Spirit, highest comfort in every need, in these gray and last days of the world, strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, encourage our fearful hearts. Remind us of your Word and promises: "Be strong; do not fear. Your Lord will come again. He will come to save you." And in your final, mighty, creative act, O Holy Spirit, raise up our bodies so that we, together with all the saints, may lift up our heads and with glorified eyes see our Savior drawing near.

C: 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. Amen.

(Special Intersessions may follow)

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for answering the prayers of our sister congregation in Orleans – Abiding Word - by leading seminary graduate Justin Digman to accept their call to serve as their pastor. We pray that you would bless his family's move to the Ottawa area. Grant *him* the wisdom to use faithfully the gifts you have given *him* to fulfill *his* ministry among them to the glory of your holy name.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord *who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world.* Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -



ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -



ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Word of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

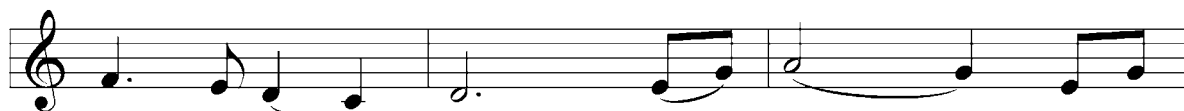
C: Amen.



O Christ, Lamb of



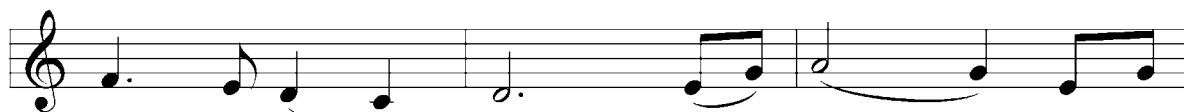
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

Distribution

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

In peace, Lord, you let your
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

Final Prayer

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: 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.

190 We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost



1 We now im - plore God the Ho - ly Ghost
2 Shine in our hearts, O most pre - cious Light,
3 O sa - cred Love, grace on us be - stow,
4 O high - est Com - fort in ev - 'ry need,



For the true faith which we need the most,
That we Je - sus Christ may know a - right,
Set our hearts with heav'n - ly fire a - glow
Grant that nei - ther shame nor death we heed



That in our last mo - ments he may be -
Cling - ing to our Sav - ior, whose blood has
That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each
That e'en then our cour - age may nev - er



friend us And, as home - ward we jour - ney,
bought us, Who a - gain to our home - land
oth - er, Of one mind, in peace with ev -
fail us When the foe shall ac - cuse and



at - tend us. Lord, have mer - cy!
has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!
'ry broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!
as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

Su (28)	9:00 am 10:30 am 11:45 am 12:00 pm	Sunday School and Bible Class Worship with Communion Coffee Hour Evangelism
Tu (30)	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Th (1)	10:30 am 6:30 pm	Longfield Devotion Confirmation (W)
Fr (2)	10:30 am 3:00 pm 4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Information Class Online Women's Bible Study Confirmation (D) Friday Fellowship & Bible Study
Su (4)	9:00 am 10:30 am 11:45 am 3:00 pm 4:00 pm	Sunday School and Bible Class Worship with Communion First Fellowship Worship & Communion in Poltimore Meet and Greet in Poltimore

Pastor Sullivan will be out of town from June 5-8 for District Conference

Fr (9)	3:00 pm	Online Women's Bible Study
Su (11)	9:30 am 10:45 am	Worship with Communion Bible Class

Announcements

Church Cleaners:

May 28 – Simon // June 4 – Matthew

Letter from Saint Paul's Lutheran Church

Members of Divine Word,

We would like to invite you all to bid farewell to our beloved Pastor Goetzing and his wife Karen. A special worship service will be held on Sunday June 18th at 2:30 P.M. with a fellowship meal afterwards. If you would like to join us please RSVP to the church office at stpaulwels@rogers.com with your name, and number of people.

If you would like to contribute to a gift for Pastor Goetzing and Karen please contact Dennis Gougeon at dennyg2112@bell.net.

We hope you can join us to praise God for the many years of service that both Pastor and Karen contributed to the Ottawa Valley. We look forward to seeing you there.

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