

# ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD  
LITTLETON, COLORADO

*May 27-28, 2023*

4:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday



## **THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

## **THE SPIRIT OF THE MESSAGE**

## **AS WE GATHER**

The messenger may change; the message remains the same. When Jesus is the sum and focus of the messenger who stands before you this day, the message is Jesus Himself. Pentecost proves this. The power of Pentecost, as we will see in Acts 2, is not the persuasiveness of Peter and the other disciples. No, the power of Pentecost is the Spirit of the message: Jesus Christ Himself. Working through the Spirit whom He poured out upon the lives of His followers, Jesus equips those who carry His message into all the world. These are the messengers who spread the Good News of the One who was crucified for us, who rose again, who reigns on high, and who will one day return in His full glory. Listen to His message today as the Spirit brings it to you and be assured that as you are called to faith in Christ, you receive the fullness of who He's called you to be.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

**Prelude** "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" Charles Ore  
**Pastoral Greeting**  
**Opening Hymn** "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" LSB 497

**Invocation**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
**People:** **and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

*In silent prayer, we ask the Holy Spirit to create clean hearts within us.*

**Pastor:** O Spirit of God,  
**People:** **we confess that we have dishonored Your Holy Word through our lives of disobedience. By what we do and what we fail to do, we have not allowed Your message of truth to rule in us. Forgive us, faithful God. By Your grace, draw us to the cross of Jesus. Through faith in His promises, enable us to receive the restoring mercy that You alone can give. Amen.**

**Pastor:** In Christ Jesus, you and I receive the fullness of who we are called to be through the Spirit who has been given to us. United with Christ through our Baptism, the Spirit who claims us as the Father's own now delivers to us the message of His mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, commissioned by His Spirit, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Spoken Kyrie (from *Creative Worship*)**

**Pastor:** In peace, let us pray in the fellowship of the Spirit.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray for the blessing of the Spirit.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray as we are united by the Spirit.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray as we rejoice in the Spirit.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, O Holy Spirit, for You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

LSB 913  
Verses 1 & 3



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And 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.  
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in  
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us  
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - 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.  
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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✠ WORD ✠

**Old Testament: Numbers 11:24-30**

*(The Lord's Spirit rests on the elders of Israel, and they proclaim His message.)*

**So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.**

However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!"

But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

*(The Holy Spirit fills the disciples on Pentecost.)*

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs--we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"



Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"`In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'"`

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise for the Verse and the Holy Gospel.*

**VERSE**     *Liturgical Text*

Pastor: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: **and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Holy Gospel: John 7:37-39**

*(Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to those who believe.)*

**On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.**

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Children's Message (10:30 only)**

Christa Kirschner

**Hymn of the Day**

"O Day Full of Grace"

LSB 503

**Sermon**

"Pentecost Is ..."

Rev. Kelly Crabbe

Text: Acts 2:1-21

**Nicene Creed**

*(found in the back of the hymnal)*



## Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy ...

People: **Hear our prayer.**

## Sharing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

*You may now greet one another in the name of the Lord using...* **Peace be with you!**

**Offering** (4:00 pm & 10:30 am - collected in the back; 8:00 am – collected in the pews)

**Offering Music (8:00)**

"O Day Full of Grace"

Michael Burkhardt



## ✠ HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION ✠

*The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with "Amen!", a word of affirmation and belief.*

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### Preface (Divine Service, Setting One)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### Proper Preface

Pastor: It is truly good, 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 sends to us Your Holy Spirit that with our hearts we believe in You and with our mouths we confess Your saving name. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus (Divine Service, Setting One)

LSB 161

## Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13*

People: 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.

Agnus Dei (Divine Service, Setting One)

LSB 163

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Song **SOMEONE ELSE LIVING IN YOU**

Zehnder

Drink, drink, drink of His Spirit; Drink, drink, drink of His Word.  
Hold, hold, hold to His teaching, And show that you really have heard.  
Keep, keep, keep His commandments; Live, live, live in His grace.  
Love, love, love as He first loved you, And run for the prize in the race.

### CHORUS 1

**For there is Someone else living in you.  
For there is Someone else dwelling in you.  
For there is Someone else building His kingdom in you, yes, in you.  
For there is Someone else living in you.  
For there is Someone else dwelling in you.  
For there is Someone else building His kingdom in you.**

Drink, drink, drink of His Spirit; Drink, drink, drink of His Word.  
Hold, hold, hold to His teaching, And show that you really have heard.  
Thank, thank, thank Him for daily bread; Thank, thank, thank Him for love.  
Praise, praise, praise Him for Jesus' blood; Salvation's a gift from above.

### CHORUS 2

*And there's a new day waiting for you. And there's a new day of healing for you.  
And there's a new day; Jesus will come back for you, yes, for you.  
And there's a new day waiting for you. And there's a new day of healing for you.  
And there's a new day; Jesus will come back for you.*

Drink, drink, drink of His Spirit; Drink, drink, drink of His Word.  
Hold, hold, hold to His teaching, And show that you really have heard.  
Sing, sing, sing with your heart on fire; Sing, sing, sing with your mind.  
Pray, pray, pray in the Spirit, And love Him with heart, soul and mind. **CHORUS 1**

