

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LITTLETON, COLORADO

June 7-8, 2025

4:00 p.m. Saturday, 9:00 a.m. Sunday



PENTECOST SUNDAY

KINDLE IN US THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE

AS WE GATHER

It is the week of weeks—seven times seven plus one, the fiftieth day—when Pentecost arrives. It is the last day of Easter and the first day for the fruits of Christ's Easter victory to be proclaimed to the ends of the earth. Today we discover anew what it means to be united in the apostles' teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer. All things in common, the disciples are gathered to bring the nations together as one people by the Word of Christ's death and resurrection and the faith that apprehends and confesses this saving truth. All of this is enabled by the fire of the Spirit burning in us and through us so that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Prelude

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

Paul Manz

*(Worship Notes: The tune of today's Prelude and Opening Hymn, "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, meaning, "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star," has been called **"The Queen of Chorales."** It was written by Lutheran composer Phillip Nicolai in 1597 and has been arranged by many classical and contemporary composers from J.S. Bach in his first Cantata BWV 1 to contemporary composer Paul Manz who wrote today's prelude using the tune in a smashing setting of clashing chords and harmonies against constant triplets and double pedals. This almost wild setting evokes the morning sun breaking up the night's darkness (just as the Holy Spirit breaks up the darkness of our hearts and brings us into the light of Christ). The hymn tune, "Wie schön leuchtet," is so popular it is used for five different hymns in our Lutheran Service Book (see page 1016 of your hymnal index) and today's textual version is a prayer for the infilling of the Holy Spirit, appropriate to the season of Pentecost: "O Holy Spirit, Enter In.")*

Pastoral Greeting

Opening Hymn

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

LSB 913

Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *John 7:37–39; 15:26–27; 16:12–14, 16*

Pastor: Blessed be the kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and to the end of the ages.

People: **Amen. Alleluia!**

Pastor: On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.”

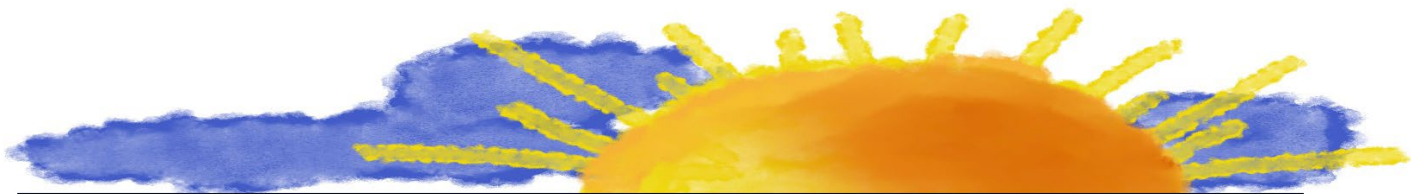
People: **Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, “Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”**

Pastor: Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive.

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

Pastor: But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me.

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



Pastor: And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

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

Pastor: I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth.

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

Pastor: He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me.

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



SONG OF RESPONSE

"Someone Else Living in You"

Zehnder



1.Drink, drink, drink of His Spir - it; drink, drink, drink of His Word.
2.Drink, drink, drink of His Spir - it; drink, drink, drink, of His Word.
3.Drink, drink, drink of His Spir - it; drink, drink, drink of His Word.



Hold, hold, hold to His teach - ing, and show that you real - ly have heard.
Hold, hold, hold to His teach - ing, and show that you real - ly have heard.
Hold, hold, hold to His teach - ing, and show that you real - ly have heard.



Keep, keep, keep His com - mand - ments; live, live, live in His grace.
Thank, thank, thank Him for dai - ly bread; thank, thank, thank Him for love.
Sing, sing, sing with your heart on fire; sing, sing, sing with your mind.



Love, love, love as He first loved you, and run for the prize in the race.
Praise, praise, praise Him for Je - sus' blood; sal - va - tion's a gift from a - bove.
Pray, pray, pray in the Spir - it; and love Him with heart, soul and mind.

CHORUS



1.3.For there is Some-one else liv - ing in you, For there is Some-one else
2.And there's a new day wait-ing for you, And there's a new day, of



dwell-ing in you, For there is Some-one else build - ing His king - dom in you, yes, in you.
heal-ing for you And there's a new day Je - sus will come back for you, yes, for you!



For there is Some-one else liv - ing in you, For there is Some-one else
And there's a new day wait-ing for you, And there's a new day of



dwell-ing in you, For there is Some-one else build-ing His king - dom in you!
heal - ing for you, And there's a new day, Je - sus will come back for you!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

Pastor: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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.



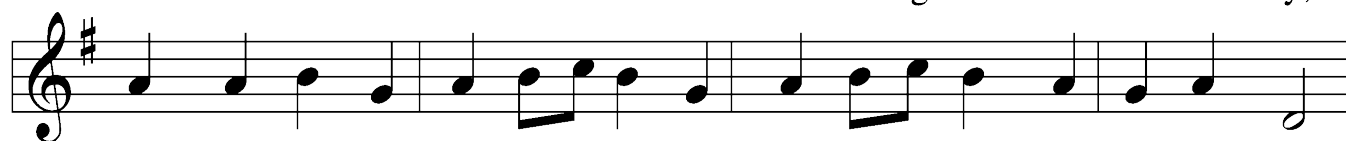
1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:

2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:



3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:

Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—
Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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✠ WORD ✠

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

(God confuses the languages of the people to preserve them from even greater sin only to have Christ transcend those divisions when He comes.)

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let

us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

(Filled with the Spirit, they began to speak in other tongues.)

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."



They were all filled with
the Holy Spirit ...

Acts 2:4, ESV

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

"And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams;
even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.
And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord
shall be saved.'

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Please rise for the Verse and the Holy Gospel.

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

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

Holy Gospel: John 14:23-31

(The Helper will teach you all things.)

Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Vacation Bible School Children's Song (9:00)

Children's Message (9:00)

Jenna Lawrenz

Hymn of the Day "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

LSB 497

Sermon "Two Masters?"

Pastor John Larson

Text: Matthew 6:24

Creed Catechism

Third Article (Holy Spirit)

Pastor: Now is the day of salvation because the Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts, and we are ready to hear the Gospel. Let us confess the work of the Spirit in the explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed.

People: 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.

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 - collected in back;
9:00 am – collected in the pews)

Offering Music (9:00)

"Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

Charles Ore



✠ 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)

LSB 160

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 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:

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

Special Organ Music “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” Michael Burkhardt (1994)

Hymn "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" LSB 650

Hymn "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray" LSB 768

General Communion Blessing

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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

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

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn "O Day Full of Grace" LSB 503

Congregational Concerns

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling" Michael Burkhardt (1992)



SERVING IN WORSHIP

OFFICIANT	Pastor John Larson
MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP / ORGANIST	Michael Zehnder
ELDERS	4 p.m. Jim Wert; 9:00 a.m.; Michael Lawrenz
ACOLYTES	8:00 a.m. Colette Dallet; 10:30 a.m. Matthew Faulk
LECTORS	4 p.m. Mike Price; 9:00 a.m. Norm Finrock
COMMUNION SERVERS	4:00 p.m. Mike Price
ALTAR GUILD	Barbara Rutter, Athenia Michel

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...



and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8, NRSV