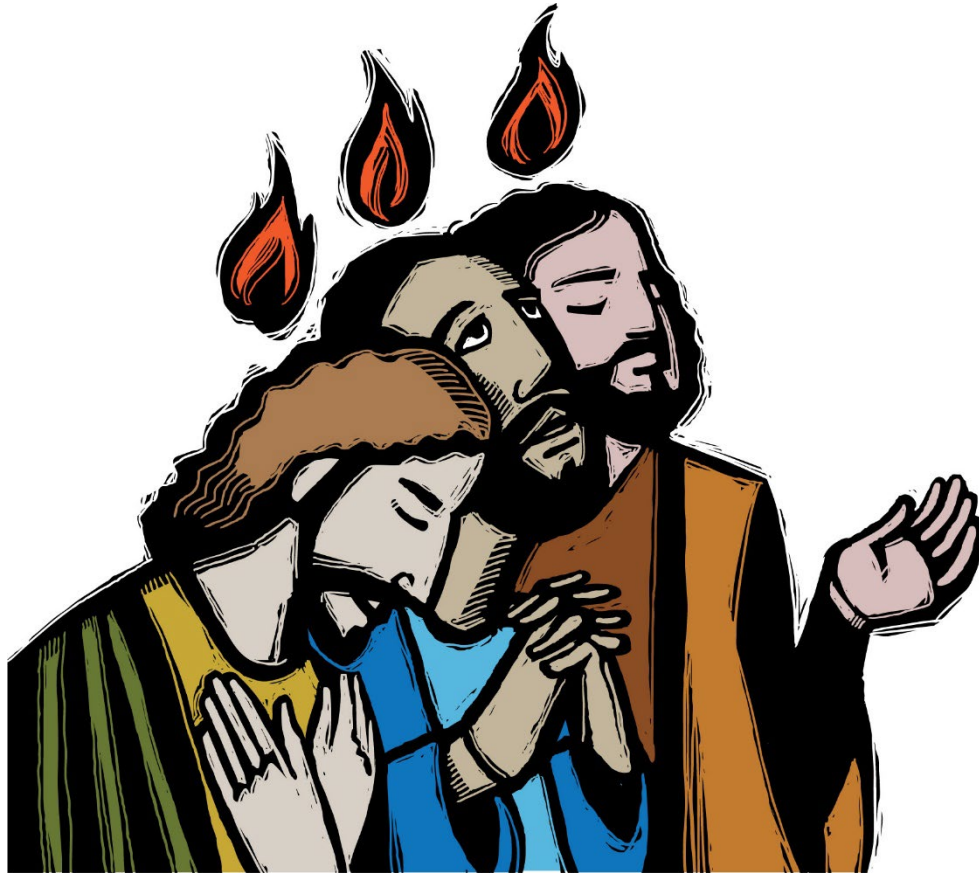


ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LITTLETON, COLORADO

May 23-24, 2026

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



PENTECOST

PENTECOST SUNDAY

KINDLE IN US THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE

AS WE GATHER

The arrival of the Holy Spirit is a day of celebration. This is a day to rejoice in promises kept and anticipate greater things to come. Today's festival is a bridge for the church. It connects the commemoration of the life of Christ (through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter) to the season centered on our life in Christ, beginning with Pentecost. The festival's signature red color reminds us of the fiery arrival of the Spirit, the Spirit's ongoing work as the heartbeat of Christ's church, and the blood shed by believers past and present as they proclaim the crucified, risen, and ascended Christ.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Pre-Service Music “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” (1992) Michael Burkhardt
 “Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord” Charles Ore

Pastoral Greeting

Opening Hymn “Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord” *LSB 497*

Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Romans 8:16–17*

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

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

Pastor: The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

People: **and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *John 16:7–8; Romans 10:13; 1 Corinthians 12:3*

Pastor: Jesus said, “I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.”

People: **“And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.”**

Pastor: So we pray to the Spirit, our Helper and advocate, who intercedes on our behalf. Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, Your presence among us unifies us as one Body.

People: **Yet, too often we neglect, belittle, or attack our brothers and sisters.**

Pastor: You have been poured out that we might bear witness to Christ, our Savior.

People: **Yet, too often we remain speechless.**

Pastor: You were sent that You might produce in us the fruit of righteousness.

People: **Yet, too often we display our pessimistic, discontented, selfish nature. We plead to God, our Father, to forgive us for the sake of Christ. Holy Spirit, grant us power to testify to our Savior, Jesus, in what we say and do. Bring to bear in us the fruit of righteousness and hold us united in faith unto life everlasting.**

Pastor: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,” and “no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit.” Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **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



dwel - 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



dwel - 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!

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.**



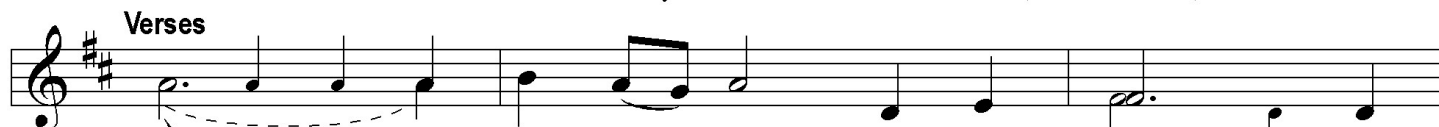
Hymn of Praise

“This is the Feast”

LSB 155



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *to refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *to refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - - tion: **to verse 4**
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - - - - men. *to refrain*
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - - - - - ia! **to Final Refrain**



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

✂ WORD ✂

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 11:24-30

(Moses and the Israelites anticipate the day when the Lord pours out His Spirit on all His people.)

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!" And 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

(Promises come to pass and the Spirit ignites the church.)

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

They were all filled with
the Holy Spirit ...

Acts 2:4, ESV

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.”

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.’

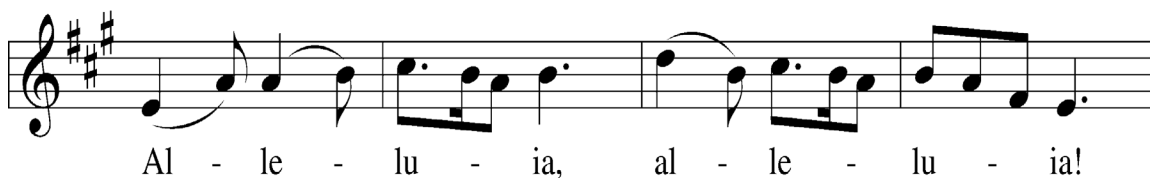
Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please rise for the Verse and the Holy Gospel.

Alleluia — II

LSB 952



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

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

Holy Gospel: John 7:37-39

(The festival-going Christ points to the life that flows from the Spirit.)

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. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message (10:30)

Pastor Larson

Hymn of the Day “O Day Full of Grace”

LSB 503

Sermon “Reclaimed”

Pastor John Larson

Text: Acts 2:1-21



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 and 10:30 am - collected in 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)

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

“God Himself is Present”
Michael Burkhardt

Hymn “God Himself is Present”
LSB 907

Hymn “Come Down, O Love Divine”
LSB 501

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 “Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling”
LSB 650

Congregational Concerns

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude “Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling (Son of God, Eternal Savior)” Michael Burkhardt



SERVING IN WORSHIP

OFFICIANT / PREACHER

Pastor John Larson

MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP / ORGANIST

Michael Zehnder

ELDERS

4:00 Jeff Dunker; 8:00 Bob Olsen; 10:30 Michael Lawrenz

ACOLYTES

8:00 a.m. Juliette Dallet; 10:30 a.m. Parker Aldrich

LECTORS

4:00 Dick Castleman; 9:00 a.m. Joann Sorrentino; 10:30 Lisa O'Neal

COMMUNION SERVERS

4:00 Mike Price; 10:30 Lisa O'Neal

ALTAR GUILD

Laura Banko, Charmaine Rohde

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...



and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8, NRSV

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