

# THE DAY OF PENTECOST



Faith Lutheran Church  
**The Spirit: Leader and Guide**  
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**As We Gather:** We are people of the Word and people of the Spirit. The Word is where the ministry of the Spirit is at work leading and guiding the church and each of us as members of that church by Baptism and faith. The Spirit leads us to Christ so that Christ may present us to the Father, washed in His blood and wearing the white robes of His righteousness. This is not good news for the few but the message God has called us to proclaim to all the peoples. That which is most spiritual is not what is bestowed apart from the concrete or real but what is conveyed through the means of grace. Our life together in the Spirit is manifest in our life together hearing, believing, and rejoicing in His Word and Sacraments.

## PREPARATION

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

**God's Kids Opening** [Song "Let Us Sing for Joy"; Message; Prayer]

### Opening Sentences

*John 7:37-39*

**P** 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.

**G** **Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'**"

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

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

### Confession and Absolution

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**G** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word,**





Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re-joic-es;  
 With ev-er joy-ful hearts And bless-ed peace to cheer us  
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high-est heav-en,



Who from our moth-ers' arms Has blest us on our way  
 And keep us in His grace And guide us when per-plexed  
 The one e-ter-nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a-dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to-day.  
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next!  
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev-er-more.

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## Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading *Ezekiel 37:1–14* (The valley of the dry bones hears the Word of the Lord.)

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were

very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**Second Reading**      *Acts 2:1–21* (The Spirit descended upon the disciples as Jesus had promised.)

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty

rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

*<sup>17</sup>“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; <sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.*

*<sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;*

*<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.*

*<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Holy Gospel** *John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15* (“When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth.”)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus said:] “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. <sup>27</sup>And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. . . .

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, 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. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for 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. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**The Creed - The Third Article - *Sanctification***

**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.

Sermon Hymn Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling #650



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest  
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's



realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing  
 ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing  
 min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,



O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,



ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,  
 ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we  
 ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -



life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.  
 praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.  
 mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.


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## Sermon "Filled with the Holy Spirit" - Acts 2:1-21

### Offering and Offertory

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**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** 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 to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick, the suffering, and the dying, [*especially . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

Other petitions. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy**

**P** For an increase of the Spirit and the work of witness, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For pastors, teachers, missionaries, church workers, and all who proclaim the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For unity in the congregations and for the unity of the church, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For a spirit of repentance and renewal, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for a spirit of reconciliation and peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** In thanksgiving for those who have gone before and for our faithfulness unto death that we may receive the crown of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

## Benediction

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven #502



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, the dove sent from heav - en,  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, the fire — ce - les - tial,  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, the unc - tion of bless - ing,  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, the wind of great pow - er,



Ev - er one with the One who is Three,  
Who on Pen - te - cost came as fore - told,  
Sa - cred oil of the green ol - ive tree,  
Source of strength and of peace and of love,



From the Fa - ther You came, Words of peace to pro-claim,  
To de - scend from on high And the Church oc - cu - py  
Giv - ing heat, giv - ing light, As the tent lamps ig - nite  
Tru - est Com - fort - er, plead, As You bring all our need



Come and com - fort us, speak ten - der - ly.  
As the cloud filled the tem - ple of old;  
And as Aar - on praised God joy - ful - ly.  
To the throne of God's glo - ry a - bove.



You, the fra - grance of life we are seek - ing;  
All the bap - tized You seal with Your prom - ise,  
Bless - ed liv - ing and life - giv - ing wa - ter,  
Be the light that en - light - ens the Scrip - tures;



Fill Your tem - ple, Your al - tar make clean.  
All be - liev - ers Your gift there re - ceive,  
Now pre - serve us from e - vil with - in;  
Keep our feet from each dev - il - ish snare;



Joy - ous shel - ter of love, Gra - cious friend from a - bove,  
So that all the e - lect— All in Christ—may ex - pect  
For in Je - sus, God's Son, All be - liev - ers are one  
On - ly You can make whole All that trou - bles our soul;



In Your care we are rest - ing, se - rene.  
To en - joy what by grace they be - lieve.  
In this wash - ing that cleans - es from sin.  
By Your chris - m, Christ's tri - umph we share.

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