



Alleluia Lutheran Church is a growing multi-ethnic community of Jesus' disciples, gathered into authentic relationships by the Holy Spirit around Word and Sacrament, and sent by the Holy Spirit to transform lives with Christ.

Pentecost + May 23, 2021



Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

transforming lives with Christ!

¡transformando vidas con Cristo!

Jesus is Lord!

¡Jesús es Señor!

God welcomes everyone.

Dios les da la bienvenida a todos.

Everything we have belongs to God.

Todo lo que tenemos pertenece a Dios.

Everyone is on God's team.

Todos están en el equipo de Dios.

Everyone needs a neighbor like us.

Todos necesitan vecinos como nosotros.

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

The assembly stands.

LITANY FOR PENTECOST

We have come to worship in spirit and truth. **God is with us. God lives.**

We have come to share the Good News. **The Spirit of God is moving along and calling us. The Spirit of God is leading and strengthening us.**

We have come to confirm the activity of the Spirit of God.

God is at work, among and within, in our world and the next, in us and those around us, to make all things new and to recreate life in all the people of God.

GATHERING SONG *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind,
as on Pentecost descend!

Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
past these walls your people send!

Sweep us into costly service,
there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!

4 God of passion, God unsleeping,
stir in us love's restlessness!

Where the people cry in anguish,
may we share your heart's distress.

Rouse us from content with evil;
claim us for your kingdom's work,
claim us for your kingdom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923-2007

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

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CONFESSION

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

We come before you, O God our Creator...

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God. God of spirit and truth, **we confess we are sinful and unclean. Our spirits are dry, and we need to be refreshed by your Spirit. We have tried to live life on our own terms, but we have failed. Our days run together, and we lack adventure and motivation in our lives. God of spirit and truth, forgive our sin, and refresh us with your Spirit.**

God created the world out of powerful love and continues to bless...

Praise God of the power to change lives.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

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¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and
glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:22-27

A reading from Romans.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains
until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have
the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for
adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were
saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is
seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with
patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know
how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs
too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what
is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints
according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands for the Gospel Acclamation and Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

1 O Holy Spirit, root of life,
creator, cleanser of all things:
anoint our wounds, awaken us
with lustrous movement of your wings.

3 O holy Wisdom, soaring pow'r,
encompass us with wings unfurled,
and carry us, encircling all
above, below, and through the world.

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GOSPEL John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The gospel of the Lord . **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

The assembly stands.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us now affirm our faith, the faith in which we baptize:

God is love, and in God is the source of all goodness and truth. God is the creator of the universe and continues to recreate a community of compassion for all humankind. Jesus is God's Son. Jesus was born of Mary and lived a life of kindness and concern. Jesus died a cruel death on an executioner's cross and was raised to new life on the third day. Now I can live a life of kindness and concern. Now I can die and be raised to new life. Now I can live as a forgiven sinner, confident of my place in eternity. The Holy Spirit is alive and at work, establishing and building the church of God on this earth. The Spirit of God leads me into the true faith, guides me through the difficult choices of life, and comforts me when I feel as if I cannot go on. God is with me, living inside of me, through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Gracious God...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of faithfulness...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of love...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of hope...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

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**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.**

The assembly stands for the Blessing and Sending.

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*

1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading,
fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing,
help us to follow you.

Refrain

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

2 Come to teach us, come to nourish
those who believe in Christ.
Bless the faithful, may they flourish,
strengthened by grace unpriced. *Refrain*

3 Guide our thinking and our speaking
done in your holy name.
Motivate all in their seeking,
freeing from guilt and shame. *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Week at A Glance

Sun 5/23 *Alleluia Worship@9AM*
Mon 5/24 *Troop 3 Meeting @7PM*
Tue 5/25 *Bible Study @ 10AM*
Pack Meeting @7PM

Scripture Readings & Gospel for next Sunday, May 30

1st Reading Isa 6:1-8
Psalm 29
2nd Reading Rom 8:12-17
Gospel John 3:1-17

Please adhere to Alleluia's re-opening Guidelines which are posted throughout the building. Be safe and God Bless!

Weekly Special Offerings—Please bring **canned or boxed food** for Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church food pantry. Many thanks!

<i>Sunday Servants</i>	<i>May 23, 2021</i>	<i>May 30, 2021</i>	<i>June 6, 2021</i>
<i>Reader</i>	Vicki	Martha	Carmel
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Laura K	Laura K	Kevin
<i>Children's Sermon</i>	Paul	Laura K	Tina

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