



# Day of Pentecost

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*Welcome!* Words in **bold** are said together.

Children are always welcome - they worship God too! Cloth bags with quiet activities are by the stairs to keep them engaged during worship. Our nursery is at the bottom of the stairs and to the left.

## *Call to Worship*

*L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

*L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, C: and also with you.*

## *Gathering Song – Father, I Adore You (lyrics on screen)*

1. Father, I adore You.  
I lay my life before You.  
How I love You.
2. Spirit, I adore You.  
I lay my life before You.  
How I love You. How I love you.
3. Jesus, I adore You.  
And I lay my life before You.  
How I love You. How I love You.

*(Repeat all verses)*

## *Thanksgiving for Baptism*

*L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. C: Amen.*

*L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.*

*In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. (water may be poured into font).*

*L: Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation. C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.*

*L: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. C: Amen.*

## *Sharing the Peace*

*L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.*

**Prayer of the Day — O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## *Scripture Readings*

Numbers 11:24-30 p. 114

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>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 when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" <sup>30</sup>And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b p. 483

<sup>24</sup>O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**<sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

**<sup>27</sup>These all look to you to give them their food in due season; <sup>28</sup>when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

**<sup>30</sup>When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.**

<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—

<sup>32</sup>who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

**<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

<sup>34</sup>May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

**<sup>35</sup>Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!**

Acts 2:1-21 p. 885

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where

they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup>But 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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>In 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. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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

John 20:19-23

p. 883

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

*Children's Message and Sermon*

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*Song of the Day – Light the Fire*

I stand to praise you, but I fall down on my knees.  
My spirit is willing but my flesh is so weak.

*Refrain:* So light the fire (light the fire) in my soul (in my weary soul)  
fan the flame (fan the flame) make me whole (make my spirit whole)  
Lord you know (Lord you know) where I've been (where I've been)  
So light the fire in my heart again.

I feel Your arms around me, as the pow'r of your healing begins.  
Your Spirit moves through me like a mighty rushing wind. *Refrainx2.*

*Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Prayers of God's People*

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

*Offering*

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◇ Phone app: download "Give Plus Church" search by zip 99705, choose Lord of Life, and follow the instructions. Giving is secure.



*Offering Song – This is Amazing Grace*

Who breaks the pow'r of sin and darkness?  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?  
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

*Refrain:* This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love.  
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.  
You would lay down Your life that I would be set free.  
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,  
shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings. (*Refrainx2*)

*Offering Prayer*

**Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Christ's Words of Institution and Communion*

*L: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.*

## *Post Communion Prayer*

*L: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. C: Amen.*

## *The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## *Announcements*

- Barbecue at the outdoor pit following worship
- Office is closed tomorrow for Memorial Day – stay safe!
- Sat. is Clean Up Day

## *Closing Song – Make Me a Servant RP 236*

Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak,  
And may the pray'r of my heart always be:

Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today. *(repeat twice)*

## *Blessing*

*L: The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. C: Amen.*

## *Dismissal*

*L: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. C: Thanks be to God.*

## ***Special Thanks to...***

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## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries...***

5-28 Julie Tanguay  
5-30 Michelle & Kevin Powers  
5-31 Vanessa & Josh Knutson  
6-3 Donna Peterson