

Christ Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
Hillsboro, Texas



**They were all filled with
the Holy Spirit ...**

Acts 2:4, ESV

Pentecost Sunday
SPIRIT LANGUAGE

June 8, 2025

TODAY'S MESSAGE: SPIRIT LANGUAGE

On a day when Jews from many countries were together in Jerusalem for the "Feast of Weeks" (also known as the "First Fruits" or "Pentecost" – 50 days after the Passover), the Holy Spirit filled the disciples with the ability to speak the gospel of Jesus in many different languages – languages they had never spoken before. Even more important than the many languages they spoke was the one message they proclaimed. They spoke words that were given to them by the Holy Spirit. The common "language" of the Spirit (no matter what the human language... English, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, etc.) is one that calls us to repentance but also speaks of God's love, forgiveness, peace, joy and eternal life in Jesus. As God's people, this is the most important language that we are called to speak... "Spirit Language".



In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord's Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord's Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way:

(1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord's Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God's Word says concerning the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper".

Those not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, keep your hands down and folded and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.

✝ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✝

[“Divine Service: Setting Three” from LSB p.184]

Please silence – or turn off – all phones and electronic devices before and during the service.

Welcome

Opening Hymn

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

LSB 913

**O Holy Spirit, enter in, and in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine, around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us.
That we, may be, truly living, to You giving, prayer unceasing,
And in love be still increasing.**

**Give to Your Word impressive pow’r, that in our hearts from this good hour,
As fire it may be glowing.
That in true Christian unity, we faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us, by Your teaching, let our preaching, and our labor,
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.**

**O mighty Rock, O Source of life, let Your dear Word in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning.
That we be faithful unto death, and live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace, and peace, on us shower, by Your power, Christ confessing.
Let us see our Savior’s blessing.**

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(sung)* **A - - - men.**

Confession of Sins

Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 1:8-9

P: Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord. *Psalm 124:8*
C: *(sung)* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord. *Psalm 32:5*
C: *(sung)* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities by which I have offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, 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. *John 20:19-23*
C: *(sung)* **A - - - men.**

Entrance Psalm [ESV] *Psalm 143*

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

C: **Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.**

P: For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.

C: **Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.**

P: I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.

C: **I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**

P: Answer me quickly, O Lord! My spirit fails!

C: **Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.**

P: Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.

C: **Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.**

P: Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! I have fled to you for refuge.
C: **Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**

P: For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
C: **And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.**

ALL: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

"Come, Holy Spirit, Come"

[TLH 225]

**Come, Holy Spirit, come! Let Thy bright beams arise.
Dispel the sorrow from our minds, the darkness from our eyes.**

**Revive our drooping faith, our doubts and fears remove.
And kindle in our breasts the flame, of never dying love.**

**Convince us of our sin, then lead to Jesus' blood.
And to our wond'ring view reveal, the mercies of our God.**

**'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart, to sanctify the soul,
To pour fresh life into each part, and new-create the whole.**

**Dwell therefore in our hearts, our minds from bondage free.
Then shall we know and praise and love, the Father, Son and Thee.**

Opening Prayer

P: Let us pray.

ALL: **Heavenly Father, on this day you sent your Spirit to fill the hearts and open the lips of your disciples to proclaim the Gospel of your Son, Jesus Christ. Send us your Spirit, fill our hearts and open our lips to confess our faith and proclaim your salvation to all people; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Lord, your words are spirit and they are life.** John 6:63

Second Reading [ESV]

Acts 2:1-21

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."

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.’”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Lord, your words are spirit and they are life.** John 6:63

Gospel Reading [ESV]

John 14:23-27

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C: *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to his disciples:] “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.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn

“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”

LSB 498

**Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and make our hearts Your place of rest.
Come with Your grace and heav’nly aid, and fill the hearts which You have made.**

**To You, the Counselor, we cry, to You, the gift of God Most High.
The fount of life, the fire of love, the soul's anointing from above.**

**In You, with graces sevenfold, we God's almighty hand behold,
While You with tongues of fire proclaim, to all the world His holy name.**

**Your light to ev'ry thought impart, and shed Your love in ev'ry heart.
The weakness of our mortal state, with deathless might invigorate.**

**Drive far away our wily foe, and Your abiding peace bestow.
With You as our protecting guide, no evil can with us abide.**

**Teach us to know the Father, Son, and You, from both, as Three in One,
That we Your name may ever bless, and in our lives the truth confess.**

**(STAND) Praise we the Father and the Son, and Holy Spirit, with them One.
And may the Son on us bestow, the gifts that from the Spirit flow!**

Sermon

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Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Offertory (*sung*)

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Offering (*Greet those seated near you. You may say, "The peace of the Lord be with you."*)

[If you are a guest, please feel under no obligation to give anything, but receive this worship service as our gift to you. For the members and friends of this congregation, our mission and ministry is dependent upon your generous giving, a significant act of our worship.]

Offering Prayer

[LSB 781 (v.1-2)]

P: We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

C: **May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive. And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give! Amen.**

Prayers

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

VISITORS and MEMBERS

Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

C: *(sung)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Psalms 136

C: *(sung)* **It is good and right so to do.**

P: 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 his disciples the Holy Spirit as he had promised. At 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 *(sung)*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He. Blessed is He. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

ALL: 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.

Words of Our Lord

Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed . . .

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

John 20:19

C: (sung) A - - - - men.

Agnus Dei (sung)

John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have
mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the
sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.... A - - - - men.

Distribution Hymns

“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

LSB 497

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, with all Your graces now outpoured,
On each believer's mind and heart. Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Your light, in holy faith Your Church unite.
From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue, this to Your praise, O Lord our God be sung:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, holy Light, guide divine, now cause the Word of life to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright, and call Him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free. Let none but Christ our master be.
That we in living faith abide, in Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, holy Fire, comfort true, grant us the will Your work to do,
And in Your service to abide. Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Your pow'r prepare each heart, and to our weakness strength impart.
That bravely here we may contend, through life and death to You our Lord ascend.
Alleluia, alleluia!

**Holy Spirit, ever dwelling, in the holiest realms of light.
Holy Spirit, ever brooding, o’er a world of gloom and night.
Holy Spirit, ever raising, those of earth to thrones on high.
Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.**

**Holy Spirit, ever living, as the Church’s very life.
Holy Spirit, ever striving, through us in a ceaseless strife.
Holy Spirit, ever forming, in the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship, for Your gifts and fruits unpriced.**

**Holy Spirit, ever working, through the Church’s ministry.
Quick’ning, strength’ning and absolving, setting captive sinners free.
Holy Spirit, ever binding, age to age and soul to soul,
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.**

**Holy Spirit, the dove sent from heaven, ever one with the One who is Three,
From the Father You came, words of peace to proclaim, come and comfort us, speak tenderly.
You, the fragrance of life we are seeking. Fill Your temple, Your altar make clean.
Joyous shelter of love, gracious friend from above, in Your care we are resting, serene.**

**Holy Spirit, the fire celestial, who on Pentecost came as foretold,
To descend from on high, and the Church occupy, as the cloud filled the temple of old.
All the baptized You seal with Your promise, all believers Your gift there receive,
So that all the elect – all in Christ – may expect, to enjoy what by grace they believe.**

**Holy Spirit, the unction of blessing, sacred oil of the green olive tree,
Giving heat, giving light, as the tent lamps ignite, and as Aaron praised God joyfully.
Blessed living and life-giving water, now preserve us from evil within.
For in Jesus, God’s Son, all believers are one, in this washing that cleanses from sin.**

**Holy Spirit, the wind of great power, source of strength and of peace and of love,
Truest Comforter, plead, as You bring all our need, to the throne of God’s glory above.
Be the light that enlightens the Scriptures. Keep our feet from each devilish snare.
Only You can make whole all that troubles our soul. By Your chrism, Christ’s triumph we share.**

Nunc Dimittis (*sung*)

Luke 2:29-32

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face
of all people; a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: (*sung*) **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ALL: O God our Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent your Son into the flesh, we thank you that for his sake you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament, and we ask you not to forsake your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we be enabled to serve you constantly; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: (*sung*) **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

Psalms 103:1

C: (*sung*) **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: (*sung*) **A - men, A - men, A - - men.**

Closing Hymn

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

LSB 496

**Holy Spirit, light divine, shine upon this heart of mine.
Chase the shades of night away. Turn the darkness into day.**

**Let me see my Savior's face. Let me all His beauties trace.
Show those glorious truths to me, which are only known to Thee.**

**Holy Spirit, pow'r divine, cleanse this guilty heart of mine.
In Thy mercy pity me. From sin's bondage set me free.**

**Holy Spirit, joy divine, cheer this saddened heart of mine.
Yield a sacred, settled peace. Let it grow and still increase.**

**Holy Spirit, all divine, dwell within this heart of mine.
Cast down ev'ry idol throne. Reign supreme and reign alone.**

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