

## Order of Worship for June 8, 2025

### Welcome/Announcements

Choir Anthem Wind of the Spirit (congregation joins on third time)

Wind of the Spirit, move fresh as we worship and fill us with hope ev'ry day.

Breath of creation, blow life in our being and gift us with purpose we pray.

So our life is filled with meaning, and love is what we're breathing in the wind of the Spirit.

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### Pentecost Litany

L1: In the beginning...God created the world. God guided and taught the people God's ways. In those early days, God spoke in big, powerful actions and in still quiet moments. Still...people forgot.

L2: God sent Jesus into the world. Jesus guided and taught the people God's ways. Jesus shared God's love in big, powerful actions, and in still quiet moments. God didn't want us to forget again...

**C: God sent the Holy Spirit into the world. The Holy Spirit guides us and teaches us God's ways in big, powerful actions, and in still quiet moments even when we forget...**

L1: May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us.

L2: May the Holy Spirit continue to teach us.

**C: May the Holy Spirit continue to remind us. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ELW #400 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!
- 2 God of blazing, God of burning,  
all that blocks your purpose, purge!  
Through your church, Christ's living Body,  
let your flaming Spirit surge!  
Where deceit conceals injustice,  
kindle us to speak your truth,  
kindle us to speak your truth!
- 3 God of earthquake, God of thunder,  
shake us loose from lethargy!  
Break the chains of sin asunder,  
for earth's healing set us free!  
Crumble walls that still divide us;

make us one in Christ our Lord,  
make us one in Christ our Lord!

- 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., b. 1923

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### Greeting

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

### Prayer of the Day

God our creator, **the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Children's Sermon Acts 2:1-21,36-42 from Spark Story Bible

<sup>1</sup>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.'

<sup>36</sup>Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both  
Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other  
apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized  
every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will  
receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who  
are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many  
other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt  
generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about  
three thousand persons were added. <sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching  
and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

### Second reading Romans 8:14-17

*Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered,  
and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of  
God.*

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit  
of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba!  
Father!" <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and  
if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so  
that we may also be glorified with him. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen, ris'n indeed.

### Gospel reading John 14:8-17

*Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too  
will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the  
coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.*

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

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him,  
"Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen  
me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I  
am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my  
own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and  
the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very  
truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do  
greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in

my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day ELW #396 Spirit of Gentleness

#### *Refrain*

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*
- 2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*
- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

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## 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 the People

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge. Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work. Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

We pray for courts and legislatures. Write your commandments on our hearts, and inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and systems of justice in a desire for reconciliation. Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit. Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need. Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

We pray for this congregation. Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith. Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

We offer thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life. Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

### Noisy Offering

#### Offering Prayer

Loving God, **everything you make is good. May these gifts be used to share your love to all people. In your name we pray, Amen.**

#### Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you!**

#### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of Power and might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest,  
Hosanna in the highest.

#### Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

#### Invitation to Communion

##### Lamb of God

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

#### Meal of Holy Communion

##### Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

##### Prayer after Communion

Mothering God, **you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.**

##### Blessing

P: Let us remember—on Pentecost they were all together in one place.  
**C: All together.**

P: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.  
**C: All of them.**

P: God promises to pour God's Holy Spirit on all people.

**C: All people.**

P: You all helped make this art project.

**C: All of us.**

P: You all are an important part of this church.

**C: All of us.**

P: May we all continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit—here in this place and far beyond.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!**

Sending hymn ACS #942 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*Refrain*

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

1      Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,  
out of his mouth came fire and smoke. *Refrain*

2      All around me looked so fine,  
asked my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain*

3      Jordan river, chilly and cold,  
chills the body but not the soul. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**



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