

# *Triune Lutheran Church*

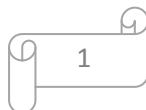


## *Day of Pentecost*



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.



*We thank you for joining us here  
at Triune Lutheran Church, a  
family united by our Risen Lord,  
Jesus Christ!*



In order to make you feel more at home, here are a few notes about the service. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We hope to make your time here as meaningful as possible!

## *Worship*

- The \* by the headings throughout the service indicate when we invite you to stand, as you are able.
- The light print will be spoken by the pastor or another worship leader, while we encourage you to speak the **bold print**.
- The hymns are chosen from our *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) hymnal, which is the red book directly in front of you in the pews. You will find the hymns in the last two-thirds of the book with the bold numbers on the top of the pages.
- We welcome all the baptized to join us in the Lord's Supper, where we believe Jesus is present "in, with, and under" the bread and wine as his body and blood. After the organist and assisting minister commune, you will be invited to come forward up the non-organ side aisle to the pastor, who will give you bread (gluten-free wafers also available upon request). You are encouraged to keep the bread in your hands and then dip it into the chalice of wine for intinction. You may also come forward to receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded. You may return to your seat up the center aisle. If you are unable to come forward, the elements will be brought to you.
- For visitors, if you so choose, we encourage you to fill out a card available at the center-aisle end of the pew to learn more about us.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen!**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One,  
for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly.  
All life is sustained by you, our Source of new life.  
We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
who frees us from sin and raises us up to that new life.

Here, at this font, we touch the river of the water of life,  
bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.  
Here, death is washed away forever.  
Here, we are grafted into the tree of life,  
with leaves for the healing of the world.

Holy Spirit, pour out yourself on all those gathered here,  
into this community, and throughout all creation.  
Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions.

Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen!**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

ELW 400

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all  
the peoples of earth. As the Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire  
of your love, empowering our lives for service and our  
tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior  
and Lord. **Amen!**

**FIRST READING**

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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.

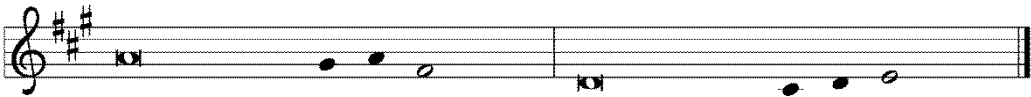
<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<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.'”

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

**PSALM**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b



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

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its  
 swarms too man- | y to number,  
 living things both | small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships | to and fro,  
 and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them | look to you  
 to give them their food | in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they | gather it;  
 you open your hand, and they are filled | with good  
 things.

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

**<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;  
and so you renew the face | of the earth.**

**<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.**

**<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth | and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.**

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

**<sup>34</sup>May these words of | mine please God.  
I will rejoice | in the LORD.**

**<sup>35<sup>b</sup></sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul.  
Hal- | lelujah!**

## SECOND READING

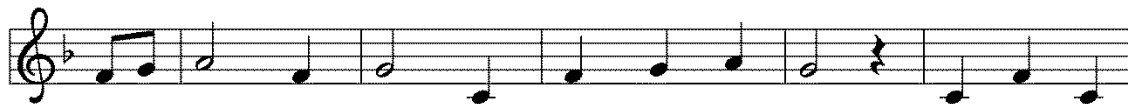
Romans 8:14-17

<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 have 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, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### \*GOSPEL

John 14:8-17[25-27]

The holy Gospel according to John.

**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 me 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.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

This is the holy Gospel of our Lord!  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## **SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

ELW 398

## **\*NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Holy Spirit, enliven your whole church to speak true words of forgiveness and salvation in every language and tongue. Continue to work through witnesses of every age, gender, and nationality. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Spirit, send cooling breezes where people and creatures are suffering oppressive heat. Save the land from drought and wildfires. Bless the work of those who make it possible to harness the power of the sun and the wind. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Spirit, dispel human arrogance and establish leaders who are humble of heart. Speak peace into all the world. Overcome prejudice and fear. Move us to support international aid organizations and those who provide aid to immigrants and refugees. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Spirit, you hear us when we cry to you. Bring clarity and hope to those living with dementia, anxiety, depression, or addiction. Accompany those who feel weak and worn, including Bev Deitrick, Paul Loede, Hazel Schwab, Trudy Weidman, Mardell Weiss, Dave & Clara Wilcox, Jenny Bennett, Cathy Gallagher, Dianne Handlovics, Richard

Jakubcin, Matt Loede, Mary Phillips, George Tomaselli,  
those serving in the armed forces and as first responders,  
and all those we name in our hearts...Hear us, O God. **Your  
mercy is great.**

Holy Spirit, reveal your love through families of all shapes  
and sizes. Bring joy to co-parents, single parents, and those  
without children. Bless extended families, foster families,  
adoptive families, and families of friends. Bring closure and  
healing to broken relationships. Hear us, O God. **Your  
mercy is great.**

Holy Spirit. You make us children of God and joint heirs with  
Christ. We praise you for all the saints who called on your  
name and who now know the fullness of your salvation. Hear  
us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come  
near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ,  
our risen Lord. **Amen!**

### **\*PEACE**

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

### **OFFERING**

#### **\*OFFERING HYMN**

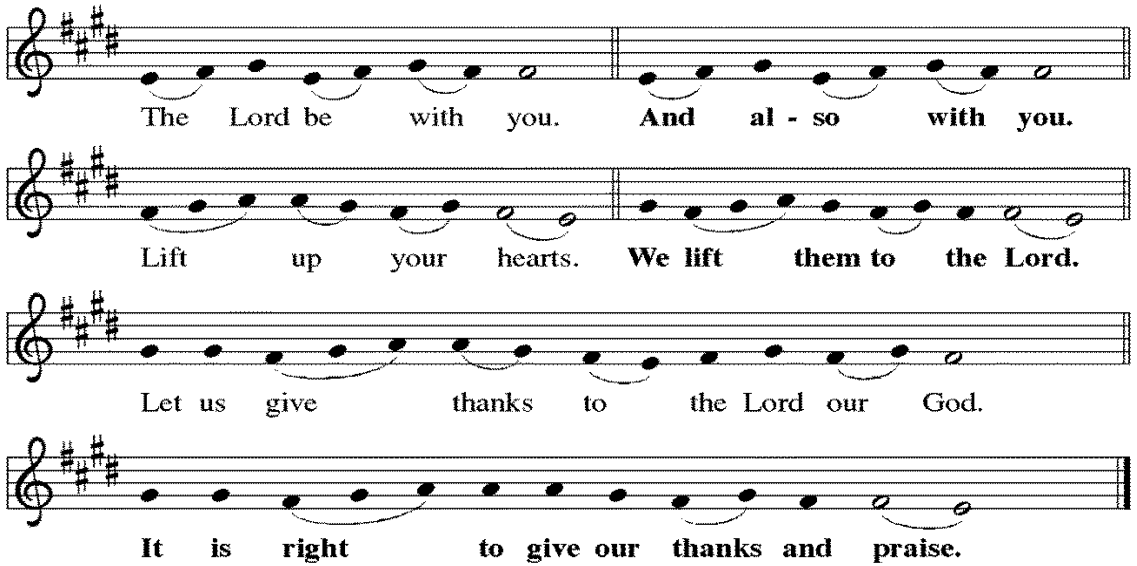
“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

ELW 479

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,  
as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore,  
meet us now in this meal.  
Nourish us to follow you,  
using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary,  
for the sake of new life for all. **Amen!**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

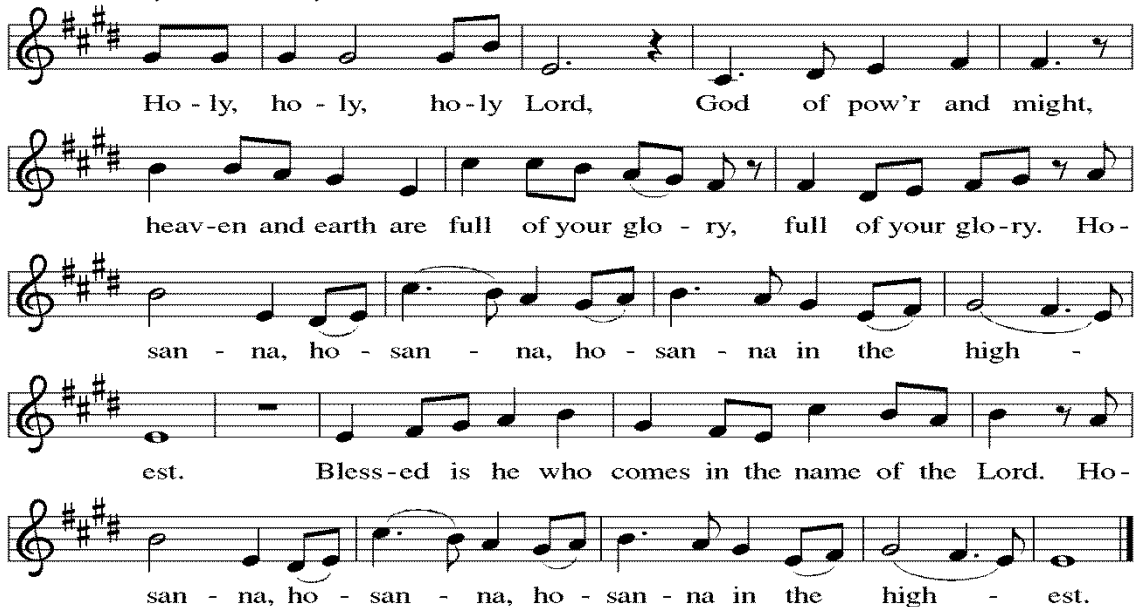
## \*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,  
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,  
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the  
witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,

Breath of life and Fire of love:

with a mighty wind you brought creation into being,  
and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom.

We praise you for the gift of your Son,

who poured out the Holy Spirit on his disciples of every  
race and nation.

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.

Remembering, therefore,

his death, resurrection,  
and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit,  
we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth.

Holy Spirit, continue to come upon us and upon this meal:

anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love,  
that, with thankful hearts,

we may be witnesses to our Risen Lord.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
both now and forever. **Amen!**

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

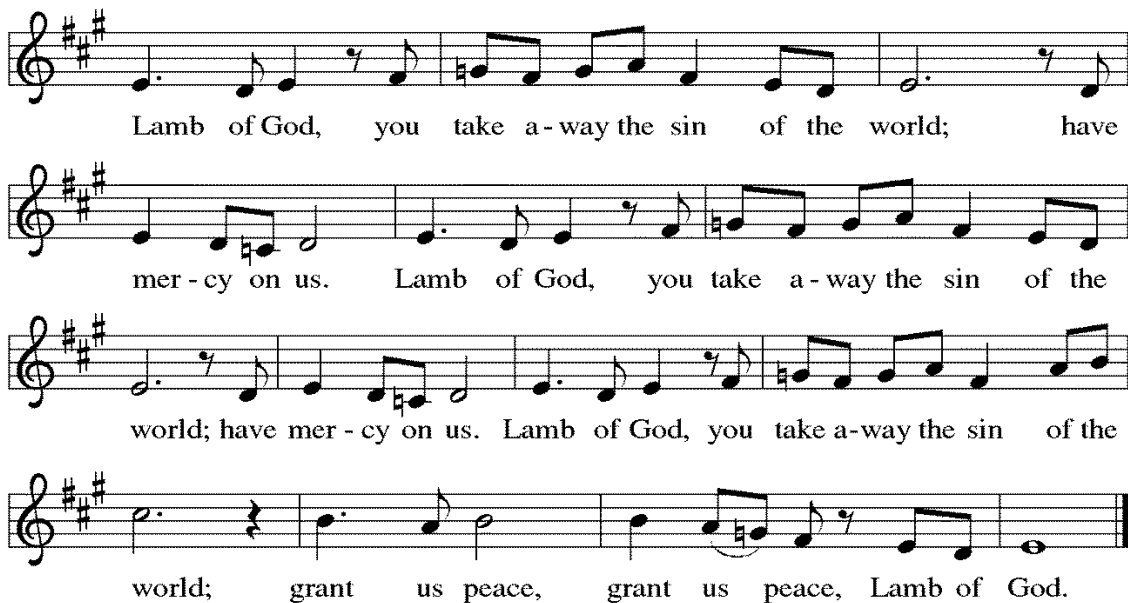
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,  
gives everyone a place at the welcome table.  
Alleluia! Come to the feast!  
Thanks be to God!**



## \*COMMUNION HYMN



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION

### \*COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God,  
you have greeted us in our brokenness  
and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.  
Risen to new life with you,  
send us now to bear your healing love  
into the wounded world,  
in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.  
**Amen!**

## **\*BLESSING**

The blessing of the living God,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
surround and sustain you,  
keep you from harm,  
and fill you with courage into life everlasting!  
**Amen!**

## **\*SENDING HYMN**

“Spirit of Gentleness”

ELW 396

## **\*DISMISSAL**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world!  
Go in peace. Share the good news!  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

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## *A Spirit of Adoption*

Pentecost is an under-celebrated holiday. I love Pentecost! God sent the permanent presence of God's Spirit in exactly the way that made sense on that particular day. In so doing, God reaffirmed the centuries-old commitment of God's chosen people to be simultaneously holy and a welcoming community for all people.

It's important to remember that the first Pentecost didn't happen in Jerusalem but at Sinai. Fifty days after the Passover (which is where we get the name Pentecost/Πεντηκοστή "50th") God appeared to the Israelites who had assembled at the foot of Mount Sinai. The Bible is explicit that this appearance was accompanied by a multitude of "voices" (קִלְקִיל/Qolot Exodus 19:16; קִלְקִיל), a lightning storm and something like lamps or tongues of fire (פְּלִמְדִים/Lapidim—"lightning" is an unfortunate translation choice and ignores the other occurrences of the word in the Bible as well as millennia of Jewish precedent). The voices and the fires were *seen* by the whole community (Exodus 20:18).

How is a voice seen? The rabbis tell us that each voice was a different human language into which the Torah was revealed at Sinai. Rabbi Yochanan said: "When God's voice came forth at Mount Sinai, it *divided itself into 70 human languages, so that the whole world might understand it*. All at Mount Sinai, young and old, women, children, and infants according to their ability to understand. Moses, too, understood only according to his capacity, as it is said (Exodus 19:19), 'Moses spoke and God answered him with a voice.' With a voice that Moses could hear" (Midrash Exodus Rabbah 5:9).

The Torah was revealed in 70 languages, which was symbolic of all nations. The Israelites could see the mixed multitude that traveled with them (Exodus 12:38) understanding Torah in their own languages! Every Pentecost since Sinai would have carried the memory of that first one in which flames and a multitude of languages ushered in God's appearance to the people and the revelation of God's ongoing presence.

The celebration of Shavuot/Pentecost was one of the big three pilgrimage festivals while the temple stood (Exodus 34:22, Numbers 28:26, Deuteronomy 16:10) and traveling to Jerusalem was incumbent upon all Israelites. They were to bring the first fruits of their late-spring harvest to the temple. That's why on the first Christian Pentecost, Jews, including recent converts, from all over the world were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate a festival that was several hundred years old already.

After Jesus was crucified around the time of the Passover, and he appeared in various places over the next 40 days, his disciples only had to wait another few days before the time came to celebrate Pentecost. They were already planning to remember how God had appeared to God's people over a thousand years earlier with multiple languages, stormy

weather and little fires to inaugurate a new covenant with God’s people. Those in Jerusalem that day weren’t disappointed! God’s Spirit appeared with power to do a new thing in an old way. The people again heard a mighty wind storm (Acts 2:2). They again saw something like tongues of fire (Acts 2:3). And they again heard the words of God proclaimed in many human languages so that all people could understand what was being said (Acts 2:4).

But what difference does it make for us that when God welcomes people into an intensified relationship, God does so with the proclaiming of the word in multiple languages? God cares deeply that no one be left out of the revelation, particularly those who have already drawn close. The mixed multitude at the first Pentecost at Sinai had already left Egypt, and their normal lives to follow this powerful God with God’s people. God made it a point to speak to the *entire assembly in voices that they could understand*.

During the celebration of Pentecost while the temple stood, the people were enjoined to recite “my father was a wandering Aramean” as they presented their sacrifice to remember a time before their incorporation into a holy people when their ancestors were foreigners in a strange land (Deuteronomy 26:5). At the first church-age Pentecost, God again made sure that all those, including proselytes, who had come to celebrate from North Africa, Asia Minor, the Levant, Arabia, Persia and Central Asia, were welcomed in their own languages and invited into the new thing that God was doing.

We are called today to participate in similar welcoming to people from some of those same places. If we turn away or refuse to associate with people from Libya, Egypt, Arab countries and Persia, (or anyplace else), especially because they speak a different language from us, we are doing the exact opposite of what God did during those Pentecosts at Sinai and Jerusalem. From the earliest time, God has been at work bringing those who were once far away into God’s kingdom. This active inclusion continued into the early church. Paul said God’s Spirit is a “spirit of adoption” that makes strangers into children and heirs (Romans 8:15-17).

Even though much of the world doesn’t know the work of the Spirit, we have the Spirit with us to abide with us forever (John 14:16-17) and remind us of all things (Romans 14:26). Christians cannot be reminded often enough that God has always been reaching out to people across linguistic and ethnic lines. At Pentecost, we remember and celebrate God’s Spirit of adoption, reaching out to bring people close in old and new ways.

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