

Grace Devotion

Week of June 8, 2025

From Acts 2: The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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On Pentecost, the Church was born with wind, fire, and voices all as one—God’s Spirit moving with power and inclusion of all. Imagine being in that room—hearing the roar of the wind inside, seeing fire settle on your friends’ heads without burning them, and suddenly understanding languages you’ve never studied before. The part that is most important is what happened just before—“They were all together in one place.” Pentecost began in unity. The Spirit moved in that space and in that community that was joined together waiting and praying. Then, the Spirit sent them outward into the streets, into the world, and on a mission.

Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit makes us courageous—gives us the boldness to speak, act, and love beyond ourselves and our own little bubble. The Spirit encourages us to make connections with everyone. People from different nations heard the good news in their own language. God speaks in ways each of us can hear. A smile is known in every language.

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Fill the corners of our hearts like wind through an open window. Ignite in us, the fire of Your love. Give us voices to speak, ears to listen completely, and courage to share Your grace in every language of kindness we know. Make us one, even in our diversity. Amen

With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy

June 8, 2025
Pentecost

Welcome/Announcements

Westminster Chimes

Prelude: "Holy Spirit Rain Down" (Frager)

** Song: "Soul on Fire"

#4

** Call to Worship

Lector: Come, Holy Spirit, fill this place,

Congregation: Ignite our hearts with your grace-filled presence.

Lector: As tongues of fire, let your presence descend,

Congregation: Empower us, Lord, our hearts to heal and strengthen.

Lector: Spirit of God, our friend and guide,

Congregation: Lead us onward, to love without end.

** Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)

Gracious God, on this day of Pentecost, we gather in Your presence, awaiting the outpouring of Your Spirit. Fill us, O Holy Spirit, with Your divine presence and power. Ignite within us an intense love for You. May Your Spirit move among us, inspiring, guiding, and transforming us. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

** Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

#259

** Sharing the Peace of Christ

Joys and Concerns

Praying for Others/Lord's Prayer

Celebration of Our Gifts

** Offertory Response: Spirit of the Living God

#247

** Prayer of Dedication

Special Music "Go Make a Difference", sung by Helen Smith

Prayer of Confession

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Grace

Hymn: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

#252

Scripture Readings:

Acts 2:1-21

John 14:8-17

Time for the Young at Heart (adapted from Psalm 104:24-34, 35b)

Message: "The Fire We Carry"

Holy Communion

**Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, we thank you for this meal of grace. As You filled the disciples with Your Spirit, fill us now with love and purpose. Sent us out to share Your good news with the world, as a Spirit-led and Christ-fed people. Amen

** Song: "Confidence"

#60

** Final Blessing

** "A Choral Benediction"

Postlude:

*On the screen ** Please stand, if you are able.

Announcements

Thank you to Scott Fredericks and Helen Smith for sharing their gifts with us today.

Upcoming Events

- Monthly Movie, June 13th @ 3:00 PM
- June 16th – 20th, VBS @ Trinity in Hanover
- Summer skills swap. We have designed monthly skill swaps for multi generations this summer. Our first skills swap will be held on Thursday, June 26th @ 3:00 pm. We will be sharing with each other the games of our childhood. Please join us for games that will range from marbles to gaming systems. We will end our session with a group meal. If you still have your favorite game, bring it along, or just bring your memories of what you played. Listen to others, share what they played and try out something new.

Financial Information

General pledge: May 2025 \$4,540.00

General pledge: May 2024 \$6,547.00

YTD income: \$ 70,273.02

YTD expenses: \$ 106,419.91

YTD deficit: \$ 36,146.89

Upcoming Meetings

- June 8th @ 11:00 AM, Congregational Meeting
- June 9th @ 6:00 PM, Consistory Meeting
- June 11th @ 7:00 PM, VBS Meeting @ Trinity Hanover
- June 23rd @ 4:00 PM, Worship & Music
- June 30th @ 3:00 PM, Staff Meeting



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Thank you for today's Worship Leaders:

Associate Pastor - Amy Fawks

Lector - Jenn Weaver

Organist and Music Director - Christian Keller

Head Ushers – Craig Bixler & Chelsey Topper

Acts 2

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