

Day of Pentecost
Holy Communion

May 31, 2020

Christ Lutheran Church
Cottonwood, Minnesota

Gathered into a faith community that knows no boundaries we will share in the Lord's Supper today. You are invited to **prepare elements of Holy Communion** in your home to be used later in our time of worship to commune members of your household.



Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us.

In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

(Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2019)

GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here.*

Prelude "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

arr. John Carter

Pentecost Reading – Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because

each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷‘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. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: We worship today as we live each day in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: O, come quickly, Holy Spirit, so that we may understand your holy word. Come, we pray, unite our hearts. Come, we pray, increase our faith. O, come quickly, Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: In faith, let us come before the Holy God and know who we are.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Holy Spirit, Holy Advocate and Comforter, in you we celebrate the liberating presence of the living Christ. You blow where you will, refreshing, renewing and inspiring. Like fire, you purify.

Holy Spirit, Advocate and Comforter, you expose what is evil in the world. You convict the world of sin. Like fire, you purify.

Purify us, carry us beyond our narrow personal concerns. Uphold, preserve and care for your creation. Nourish, sustain and direct your creatures.

Holy Spirit, Advocate and Comforter, like fire you purify. Purify us, we pray.

C: Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit who purifies you, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Greeting

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.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹When 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.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Janel Kuester

Hymn of the Day

“O Day Full of Grace”

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Recorded last week by we who are members of Association of Lutheran Church Musicians as a Virtual Hymn Project especially for this Day of Pentecost and debuted on May 26, 2020.



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.
Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842
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Profession of Faith in the Words of the Apostles' 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

The congregation will respond to the prayer petitions with, "hear our prayer."

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right to give you thanks and praise, O God, for you have amazed us with your deeds of power.

With your own hands you shaped the creation and filled the earth with your wonders. You breathed into us and we rose from the dust; the face of the earth came alive. From the cloud you spoke to Moses and through your prophets you promised to pour out your Spirit on all flesh.

In these last days you sent your child, Jesus the Christ, to speak your words of mercy and peace. Though he was killed, you raised him to new life, and now he comes to all who are thirsty, pouring out the new wine of the Spirit, intoxicating us with visions and dreams, awakening within us your marvelous gifts of wisdom, faith, healing, prophesy, and discernment, and firing our tongues with everlasting songs of joy. Amen.

Words of Institution

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 Holy Communion

P: Friends of Jesus, the table is set before you. Receive nourishment for your journey.

Please take this reflective time to share the Lord's Supper at home with these words,

"The body of Christ, given for you."

"The blood of Christ, shed for you."

A blessing may be given to those who do not yet receive communion with these words,

"Jesus loves you." Or, "You are God's beloved child."

Piano Solo *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds Us Together"* arr. Mark Hayes

Blessing after Communion

P: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray.

God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

P: Go out into the world, sent as Christ Jesus was sent, gifts and empowered for the common good. Dream dreams, pursue visions and speak of God's goodness in the words of those who would hear.

And may God give hope to your dreaming;

May Christ Jesus set rivers of life flowing within you,
and may the Holy Spirit unite you as one body and set you ablaze with joy.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Gracious Spirit, Hear Our Pleading" arr. Anne Krentz Organ
A video farewell from Gwen Arneson on this, her final Sunday as Lay Pastoral Assistant, Organist, and Choir Director, will follow this worship service video.

Celebration of Gwen Arneson's Ministry Among Us

Gwen is being recognized during today's worship service.

An in-person celebration will be held at a later date.

Please feel free to e-mail or send Gwen your well wishes at:

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—OR—

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Ways to Connect for Sunday Worship – Day of Pentecost

1. YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/xwMtzak4lf0>
2. This Bulletin is posted at our website christcottonwood.org AND emailed weekly. If you are not on our email list but want to be, please email Rhoda: christlutheran@christcotton.com)
3. Local Cable Channel – Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and Monday at 4:30 p.m.

Children's Resources for Pentecost Sunday:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5nsJ5lBMmM&feature=youtu.be&redirected=true>

This Sunday the Spark Family Sunday School link Episode 7 includes a video about the Holy Spirit. Here you will watch a video about Pentecost, listen to the story from the Spark Story Bible (p. 502), sing songs, find coloring pages and other activity ideas such as family altars, Psalm 104, decoding, reading a story called “We’re not in Kansas Anymore” and having a birthday party.

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<http://www.christcottonwood.org/>

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Thank you - The ministry to which God has called us is continuing in differing ways. We are grateful for your ongoing financial offerings that can be mailed to the church (P.O. Box 166, Cottonwood, MN 56229) or given online **with the following link:** <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1600>

Prayer Requests

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7 to, “*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*” Your prayers are a gift to those requesting them, and encouragement for one another as we experience challenges, sorrows, or thanksgivings of any kind.

Health Concerns, as well as Others In Our Hearts and On Our Minds:

Landyn Berends	Dean Berg	Bob Bode	Mark Bode
Elaine Elston	Irene Evers	Norm Evers	Gordy Geistfeld
Gail Gregoire	Bruce Hoffman	Diane Hoiland	Tara (Wisdorf) Iyer
Grant Johnson	Bob Kaeter	Teri Kemmer	Cole Louwagie
Linda Magnuson	Pr. Curt Miller	Jori Ella Morrison	Gretchen Noon
Ione Olson	Savannah Rausch	Joyce St. Pierre	Harvey Suer
Kelsey Sullivan, niece of Gwen Arneson		Gary Vossen	

All those dealing with illness, addictions, depression, unemployment, under-employment, and any challenges in their lives.

Independent Living/Assisted Living/Care Center Residents/Homebound:

Shi Aamodt, Arvilla Berg, Darleen Cole, Michele Engholm, Irene Evers, Marge Gigstad, Janet Gniffke, Adrian Golberg, Julie Jaeger, Marietta Jarcho, Betty Lovsness, Lila Mauland, Laurie Pickthorn, Donna Neuharth, Bobby Olson, Alnora Pederson, Margaret Rewerts, Marge Seitz

Deaths: Comfort and peace for the Family of CLC member LaVonne “Bonnie” Fischer as they grieve her death (May 24).

Comfort and peace for the Family of Milton Hakenson, Crista Post’s grandfather, as they grieve his death.

Families of our Congregation.

Lane Huso
Lee and Gina Huso, Shay, Jed, Audrey

Workers in Other Countries, Missionaries, and Local Congregation Missions.

Kikatiti Secondary School Students and Staff in Tanzania

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