

The Day of Pentecost

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

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Today we gather for worship on Zoom. The Service will be spoken. We will mute all participants, but please join the Cantor in speaking the Congregation parts.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

TODAY'S THREAD: *Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to work wonders in the hearts of humans through the word of Christ.*

OPENING HYMN

Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit | 181

*Come, oh, come, life-giving Spirit, God from all eternity!
May your power never fail us; Dwell within us constantly.
Then shall truth and life and light Banish all the gloom of night.
Show us, Lord, the path of blessing; When we trespass on our way,
Cast, O Lord, our sins behind you And be with us day by day.
Should we stray, O Lord, recall; Work repentance when we fall.
With our spirit, Lord, bear witness That we are the saints of God
Who rely upon him solely When we're chastened by the rod;
For we know, as children should, That the cross is for our good.
Prompt us, Lord, to come before him With a childlike heart to pray;
Sigh for us, O Holy Spirit, When we know not what to say.
Then our prayer is not in vain, And our faith new strength shall gain.
Grant our hearts in fullest measure Wisdom, counsel, purity,
That we always strive to please you, Working for you willingly.
Let the gospel spread and grow, Bringing Satan's overthrow.*

- M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C:** **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**
- M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling | 182

*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 on 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 gracious gifts unpriced.*

*Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry,
Teaching, 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.*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gifts of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:28, 29 EHV

God promised in those days. Those days are now. They began with Pentecost and continue until the Last Day. Prophecy, dreams, and visions speak of us proclaiming God's revelation - the Bible.

²⁸ After this, I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.
Your old men will dream dreams.
Your young men will see visions.

²⁹ Even on the servants, both male and female,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

C: Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

M: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare your praise.

M: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;

C: you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

M: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

C: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

C: Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

M: Create in me a pure heart, O God,

C: and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

M: Do not cast me from your presence

C: or take your Holy Spirit from me.

M: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

C: and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

M: Then I will teach transgressors your ways,

C: and sinners will turn back to you.

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.

C: Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1-21 EHV

100,000s of the old covenant faithful were in Jerusalem as God commanded for the harvest festival of Pentecost. This was the day God set aside from eternity to begin the new covenant harvest for eternity.

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³ They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴ They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵ Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ They were completely baffled and said to each other, “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” ¹² They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. ¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 This is what God says will happen in the last days:
 I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
 Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.
 Your young men will see visions.
 Your old men will dream dreams.
 18 Even on my servants, both men and women,
 I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
 and they will prophesy.
 19 I will show wonders in the sky above,
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.
 20 The sun will be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood
 before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
 21 And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
 will be saved.”



M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia. *(From the antiphon: Come, Holy Spirit)*

GOSPEL

John 16:5-11 EHV

If Christ didn't return to heaven, we would not be convinced about the things we believe. For it is the Holy Spirit that gives us our conviction in God's revealed truth. Our common confession confirms it.

M: The Gospel, John Chapter 16

⁵“But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’
⁶Yet because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth: It is good for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.”

M: This is the Gospel.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord | 176

*Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord! May all your graces be 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, And 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!*

SERMON – *See the separate sheet for the Sermon Road Map.*

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING – *The mail at church is being collected. Offerings may be mailed to:
Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, 200 E. Beidler Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR PENTECOST

M: Praise to you, Holy Spirit. We worship and glorify you, the Lord and the Giver of Life. At the beginning of the world you poured life into all breathing things. You are the Lord who poured new life and light into the disciples with your baptism of fire on the Day of Pentecost. It was you who, through the baptism of water with the word, poured new life in us, enlightening our darkened hearts and minds to know Jesus as our Lord. We praise your ongoing work:

C: **I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

M: Holy Spirit, all-seeing Counselor and Fountain of all spiritual gifts, arm the new self in each of us with Christ's clear and sharp word, the sword of truth, so we may daily defeat our enemies and drown our own sinful natures. Give us patience to endure with joy the afflictions God graciously sends us for our growth in Christ. Help us. Intercede for us. Train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence in Christ. Preserve our living faith by the life-giving breath of your word. Keep us in the one true faith, in Christ's holy church.

C: **In this Christian church you daily and fully forgive all sins to me and all believers.**

M: Holy Spirit, highest Comfort in every need, in these treacherous and loveless last days of this world, strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, encourage our fearful hearts. Let the still small voice of your word comfort us: "Be strong; do not fear. Your Lord will come again. He will come to save you." Anchor our lives in the hope that is sure: your promise to raise our bodies on the Last Day - your promise to give life incorruptible to all whom you made alive through the good news of Jesus, the LORD's serpent crushing Seed of the Woman.

C: **On the Last Day you will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Holy Spirit, graciously bring our private petitions to our heavenly Father's heart.

Silent prayer.

M: Come, Holy Spirit. Daily renew us with the new life and joy of Christ's resurrection victory, so we never turn lukewarm or put out your fire.

C: **Kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost | 190

*We now implore God the Holy Ghost
For the true faith which we need the most,
That in our last moments he may befriend us
And, as homeward we journey, attend us.
Lord, have mercy!*

*Shine in our hearts, O most precious Light,
That we Jesus Christ may know aright,
Clinging to our Savior, whose blood has bought us,
Who again to our homeland has brought us.
Lord, have mercy!*

*O sacred Love, grace on us bestow,
Set our hearts with heav'nly fire aglow
That with hearts united we love each other,
Of one mind, in peace with ev'ry brother.
Lord, have mercy!*

*O highest Comfort in ev'ry need,
Grant that neither shame nor death we heed
That e'en then our courage may never fail us
When the foe shall accuse and assail us.
Lord, have mercy!*

Silent prayer - Announcements after the close of Service

After our *Silent prayer*, we will unmute everyone. We invite you to hang around for a little while to greet one another, like we do when gathered for worship. Pastor will invite each one to share how you are doing and how Jesus has blessed you in this unplanned time at home. ...**encourage one another.** *1 Thessalonians 5:11*