The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ in our homes, our communities, and the world.

We welcome all who worship with us today.

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

Children are welcome and celebrated!

The "Children's Ministry" table and basket in the lobby contains a variety of items for children's use during worship.

Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

Fresh Wind Shannon Diaz, soloist; Frank Mattes, percussion Fielding et al.

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

Gathering Dialog

God speaks to us in the riches of creation.

God speaks to us in the stories of Jesus.

God speaks to us in the lives of other people.

God speaks to us in words and ways that we can understand.

God of fire and beauty, warm us.

God of peace and justice, disturb us.

God of wind and wonder, amaze us.

God of Pentecost, kindle your love in our lives.



With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.**

We pray.

God of wind and flame, pour out your Holy Spirit on a world in need of Pentecost fire. Fill your people with courage and power, and set our hearts ablaze, that our young may have visions, and our elders may dream dreams. Ignite a passion within us to spread the good news of your glorious salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

Translation: NRSV-UE

Reading Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts.

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

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."
But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.
No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'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.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
 and they shall prophesy.

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

The sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel John 14:8-17, 25-27

The Good News from John, the 14th chapter. **Open our hearts, Lord.**

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

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.

Translation: NRSV-UE

How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 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.

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. 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. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

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.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you.
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.
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 Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon Pastor Shari Duminy



Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

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

After each petition:

God of fire,

burn brightly in your church.

Pastor's closing prayer:

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**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying, "Peace be with you."

The assembly is seated.

MFAI

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

During the Offering Song, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated. If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.



Offering Prayer

We pray.

God of wind and flame, your Pentecost fire continues to touch us and bless our world today. May our offering bring the warmth of your love, and the glory of your holy flame, to those who are shaken by the swirling winds all around us.

Amen

We rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

May the Spirit of Pentecost be with you!

And also with you!

People of Pentecost lift up your hearts.

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts with the flames of your justice for others.

Children of the Spirit, join your voices in praise.

Come, Holy Spirit, to teach us new songs of compassion and service.

We celebrate the Divine Spirit, who hovered over creation and brought order out of formlessness.

We praise you, Spirit.

We celebrate the Divine Spirit, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and, through him, made divine life available to all.

We praise you, Spirit.

We celebrate the Spirit, who has been poured out on all people, and leads us into the Reign of God.

We praise you, Spirit.

And so, as we gather at this table, we recognize the Spirit's presence among us, and we open our hearts to Spirit's influence.

We come knowing that we depend on you for life and truth and love.

We come knowing that you welcome us with open and accepting arms.

We come ready to meet with you, and be changed by the encounter.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

Pour your Spirit upon these gifts of the bread and cup, and on your children who hunger for your goodness. As we eat of the bread, may grace dance in our hearts to feed and move us to rush out with healing for a broken world. As we drink from the cup of hope, may it cascade through us, filling us with your undying compassion — until we become lives of flowing love for a parched people.

And when that great day comes when you gather your children in one place, around one great table, we will receive the Spirit and sing to you, with one voice, one heart. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

Heart of our hearts, flesh of our flesh, Spirit of our spirits, hear us as we pray as one people saying:

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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

Invitation to the table

Come to this table of Christ's grace. Share in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, who renews the face of the earth.

Distribution of communion

asked

chills

Communion Song Every Time I Feel the Spirit ACS 942 RefrainEv 'ry time feel the spir - it mov - ing Ι feel in my heart, will pray. Ev - 'ry time I the spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray. 1 Up - on the my Lord spoke, tain moun -2 . . All a round me looked so fine, Jor-dan riv chilly and cold, er, Refrainof his mouth fire smoke. out came and

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We rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after communion

We pray.

Thank you, Divine Spirit, for this meal of remembrance, and for coming to us as we have shared it.

May the love we find at this table be reflected in our lives; may the power we receive at this table make us peacemakers and healers; and may the Spirit who fills us again at this table lead us to be those who proclaim God's reign in every word we speak and in everything we do. Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

See visions and dream dreams.

Testify to the saving work of the Lord as the Spirit gives you life and breath.

In the name of the triune God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit.

Amen



Dismissal

God's glory has filled our hearts!

We will go to empty ourselves for others.

Christ has given himself for us!

We will go to offer ourselves to everyone in need.

The Spirit gifts us with new life!

We will go to be a blessing to everyone we meet.

Please join in supporting our church's ministries using your preferred method of giving:



- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
- Establish automatic contributions to the church using your bank's bill pay service.

Additional information is located in the Stewardship section of the church \acute{s} website at: lchsemmaus.org.

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