



**The Day of Pentecost**  
***Know You Are Loved***

**May 28, 2023 + 9am**

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All are welcome to receive Jesus' unconditional gift of God's grace through the sacrament of Holy Communion. Regardless of your church membership or affiliation, all are encouraged to participate in communion or to come forward for a blessing.

Children of all ages are encouraged to worship with the whole community in Christ. Children's worship bags are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Page numbers that are listed are found in the front of the cranberry-colored hymnal at the bottom of the page. Hymn numbers are listed in bold, large print on the top of the page.

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## PRELUDE

## CENTERING AND BELLS' CALL TO WORSHIP

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### We Gather in Grace

## OPENING LITANY

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

**come, Holy Spirit.**

Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

**come, Holy Spirit.**

With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

**come, Holy Spirit.**

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

**come, Holy Spirit.**

With power from above to make our weakness strong,

**come, Holy Spirit.**

**Amen\*\***

## HYMN

*"As We Gather at Your Table"*

**ELW 522 v. 1,3**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his  
family.

**Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into  
freedom.**

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the  
Holy Spirit.

**By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

**Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **GREETING**

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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Almighty and eternal God,  
open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that  
as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may  
hear with joy what you say to us today. We pray in the name of  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## **MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

**“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”  
Zion Bell Choir**

### **We Hear the Word of God**

## **COMPLEMENTARY READING**

**Acts 2:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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.

## **READING**

**Romans 8:14-39**

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

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the

creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God,<sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope<sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor,<sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.<sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees?<sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words.<sup>27</sup> And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.<sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.<sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?<sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else?<sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.<sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.<sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

<sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**Separation Anxiety**

Rev. Amy Heinz

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“O Living Breath of God”*

**ELW 407**

### **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 THE PEOPLE**

With boldness we approach the throne of our risen and reigning Lord, deeply assured of mercy and grace in our time of need.

*A brief silence.*

Your rising and your reigning give hope to your people. May all who live without hope today taste and see that you are good.

So we pray,

**O Lord of glory.**

Your rising and your reigning call us, your people, to testify to your goodness. Equip each of us today to be bold witnesses of Easter news.

So we pray,

**O Lord of glory.**

Your rising and your reigning call all the nations of the world to stop their scheming and seek your peace. May your Spirit convict all people to submit to your rule and pursue true peace.

So we pray,

**O Lord of glory.**

Your rising and your reigning call each of us to turn from the path of death to the path of obedience and life. Send your Spirit to strengthen our resolve, and help us to live as people of life and light.

So we pray,

**O Lord of glory.**

Your rising and your reigning bring light and life and healing. May all who suffer in the valley of the shadow of death and illness know your healing presence.



So we pray,  
**O Lord of glory.**

Your rising and your reigning announce the end of war. Keep us ever mindful of all who have served this country by giving their very lives in its defense, all who are affected by war and hostility, and your very creation itself laid waste by the ravages of war.  
So we pray,  
**O Lord of glory.**

May we, your Easter people, never fail to bless and thank you for your immeasurable love and sure promises.  
All praise to you, risen Christ, who with the Father and the Spirit lives in perfect communion forever and ever.  
**Amen.\*\***

### **We Share the Meal**

#### **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**                      *“God Extends An Invitation”*                      **ELW 486**

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Good Shepherd,  
you spread a table before us. We offer you our gifts, signs of  
your gracious love and tokens of our grateful hearts. Nourish us  
at the feast of the Lamb, that we may proclaim to all the world  
your triumphant love in Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

#### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also 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.**

You are holy, O God of majesty,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,  
whom you sent to save us.

He came with healing in his touch  
and was wounded for our sins.

He came with mercy in his voice  
and was mocked as one despised.

He came with peace in his heart  
and met with violence and death.

By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb,  
and at his command the gates of hell were opened.

The one who was dead now lives.

The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation,  
the Lamb upon the throne.

The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.\*\*

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and all the company of  
heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS**

**ELW p. 207**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**DISTRIBUTION SONGS**

*"Lamb of God"*

**ELW p. 208**

*"Spirit of Gentleness"*

**ELW 396**

*"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"*

**ELW 399**

## **BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **We Serve the World in God's Name**

#### **BENEDICTION**

As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world. And may that same Christ, who lives forever and is the source of our new life, keep your hearts rejoicing and ✝ grant you peace this day and always.

**Amen.**

#### **CLOSING SONG**

*"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"*

**ELW 400 v. 1,4**

#### **DISMISSAL**

We go in peace to serve the risen Lord,  
**with open doors, open hearts, and open hands.**  
**Thanks be to God!**

#### **POSTLUDE**

# Notes, Prayers, and Thoughts

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