



Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023 - 8:30am Traditional Service  
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Memphis



## As We Gather

Pentecost proves for God's people that Jesus remains at work in our midst. As we read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2, we see that the ascension departure of Jesus some ten days beforehand is not the end of His work in this world. Far from it! Jesus continues His saving work through the Spirit, whom He poured out upon the lives of His earliest followers. This same Spirit of Jesus enables us to carry His message into all the world. We are the messengers who spread the Good News of Him who was crucified for us, who rose again, who reigns on high, and who will one day return to this world in His full, heavenly glory. We listen to His message today as the Spirit brings it into our midst and are assured that as we are brought to faith in Christ, we receive the fullness of who we've been called to be.

## Welcome

### Men's Choir - Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

- 1 *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,  
With all Your graces now 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!*
  
- 2 *Come, holy Light, guide divine,  
Now 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!*
  
- 3 *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!*

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## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

- P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

**C** and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

*In silent prayer, we ask the Holy Spirit to create clean hearts within us.*

**P** O Spirit of God,

**C** we confess that we have dishonored Your Holy Word through our lives of disobedience. By what we do and what we fail to do, we have not allowed Your message of truth to rule in us. Forgive us, faithful God. By Your grace, draw us to the cross of Jesus. Through faith in His promises, enable us to receive the restoring mercy that You alone can give. Amen.

**P** In Christ Jesus, you and I receive the fullness of who we are called to be through the Spirit who has been given to us. United with Christ through our Baptism, the Spirit who claims us as the Father's own now delivers to us the message of His mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, commissioned by His Spirit, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Introit

*Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

**P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

**C** and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

**P** O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all;

**C** the earth is full of Your creatures.

**P** These all look to You,

**C** to give them their food in due season.

**P** When You give it to them, they gather it up;

**C** when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

**P** When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,

**C** and You renew the face of the ground.

**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.**

**P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

**C** and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

## Kyrie

**P** In peace, let us pray in the fellowship of the Spirit.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray for the blessing of the Spirit.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray as we are united by the Spirit.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray as we rejoice in the Spirit.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, O Holy Spirit, for You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### 496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine

1 Holy Spirit, light divine,  
Shine upon this heart of mine;  
Chase the shades of night away,  
Turn the darkness into day.

2 Let me see my Savior's face,  
Let me all His beauties trace;  
Show those glorious truths to me  
Which are only known to Thee.

3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,  
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;  
In Thy mercy pity me,  
From sin's bondage set me free.

4 Holy Spirit, joy divine,  
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;  
Yield a sacred, settled peace,  
Let it grow and still increase.

5 Holy Spirit, all divine,  
Dwell within this heart of mine;  
Cast down ev'ry idol throne,  
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

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#### Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

#### Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant to us the same Spirit so that we may joyfully receive the message of Christ, who has come for us all; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 11:24–30*

<sup>24</sup>Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

<sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and

Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” <sup>30</sup>And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*Acts 2:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams;  
<sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.  
<sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;  
<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.  
<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Verse

*Liturgical Text*

**P** Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
**C** **and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

John 7:37–39

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.  
**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup>Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” <sup>39</sup>Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

## Children’s Message

### 503 O Day Full of Grace

- 1 O day full of grace that now we see  
Appearing on earth’s horizon,  
Bring light from our God that we may be  
Replete in His joy this season.  
God, shine for us now in this dark place;  
Your name on our hearts emblazon.**
- 2 O day full of grace, O blessed time,  
Our Lord on the earth arriving;  
Then came to the world that light sublime,  
Great joy for us all retrieving;  
For Jesus all mortals did embrace,  
All darkness and shame removing.**

3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own,  
When He on the cross was hanging;  
And then He arose and moved the stone  
That we, unto Him belonging,  
Might join with angelic hosts to raise  
Our voices in endless singing.

4 God came to us then at Pentecost,  
His Spirit new life revealing,  
That we might no more from Him be lost,  
All darkness for us dispelling.  
His flame will the mark of sin efface  
And bring to us all His healing.

5 When we on that final journey go  
That Christ is for us preparing,  
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,  
All joy of the heavens sharing,  
And walk in the light of God's own place,  
With angels His name adoring.

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## Sermon

## Offering

### 956 Create in Me

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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## Prayer of the Church

**P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
**C** and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

**P** Confident in Christ our Savior and in the promised intercession of the Holy Spirit, let us lift up our hearts and voices in prayer to our Father above.

Faithful Lord, Your mercies are new every morning. Even when we stray from Your presence through disobedience to Your commands, You reconcile and restore us through the Spirit of the message, who is Christ Himself, our hope of glory.

**C** Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

**P** Redeeming Savior, You prepare a place for us in Your Father's kingdom and promise to all who trust in You the inheritance of life forever in Your presence. Help us with our hearts to believe and with our mouths to confess Your saving name.

**C** Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

**P** Sanctifying Spirit, You fill the lives of all who trust in Jesus. Grant restoration and peace to those who are broken in heart and mind, body and soul. Grant that each one of us find refreshment in Your presence. Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors, for in them we see You and, in serving them, we give our service to You.

**C** Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.

- P** Sovereign King, You are Lord of all things in heaven and on earth. Watch over the community, the state, and the nation in which we live, guiding all public servants to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You as their God. Enable us to dwell in security and peace, giving witness to the message of Christ with both boldness and gentleness so that those who have yet to receive You as their Savior may be brought to saving faith.
- C** **Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.**
- P** Great Physician, You give healing to those who cry to You for mercy. Today we lift up before You [*names*]. Whatever issues we may be facing, help us to look to You and remember that in Christ alone we receive the fullness of who we are called to be.
- C** **Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.**
- P** Receiving the fullness of Your Spirit and offering these prayers to You, O gracious Lord, we trust that You hear and answer us according to Your good and gracious will.
- C** **In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

### 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.**

### Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

- P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
**C** **and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

### 768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

- 1** To God the Holy Spirit let us pray  
 For the true faith needed on our way  
 That He may defend us when life is ending  
 And from exile home we are wending.  
 Lord, have mercy!
- 2** O sweetest Love, Your grace on us bestow;  
 Set our hearts with sacred fire aglow  
 That with hearts united we love each other,

**Ev'ry stranger, sister, and brother.  
Lord, have mercy!**

**3 Transcendent Comfort in our ev'ry need,  
Help us neither scorn nor death to heed  
That we may not falter nor courage fail us  
When the foe shall taunt and assail us.  
Lord, have mercy!**

**4 Shine in our hearts, O Spirit, precious light;  
Teach us Jesus Christ to know aright  
That we may abide in the Lord who bought us,  
Till to our true home He has brought us.  
Lord, have mercy!**

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## **Postlude**

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