



All of them were

Filled

WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

and began to speak in other languages, as
the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4



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Pentecost

Serving Us Today

Organist: Kathy Conway

We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship

Pre-service Meditation: *Psalm 104* (hymnal p. 146)

Pre-service Prayer:

Holy Spirit, God of Love, Who our night dost brighten,
Poured on us from heav'n above, Now our faith enlighten.
In Thy light we gather here; Show us that Christ's promise clear
Its Amen forever. Jesus, our ascended Lord,
Oh, fulfill Thy gracious Word:
Bless us with Thy favor! Amen. (TLH 230)

Order of Worship (The Lutheran Hymnal, p. 5)

*When the congregation is asked to stand, please do so only if you are able.
You may remain seated if standing is difficult.*

Welcome to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 227 — Come, Holy Ghost, in Love

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (sings): **Amen**

L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C (sings): **Who made heaven and earth.**

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C (sings): **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

L: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

C (sings): **Amen.**

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 104:1-2, 31, 33-34*

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great!

Cong: You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

L: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

C: may the Lord rejoice in his works,

L: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

C: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

L: May my meditation be pleasing to him,

C: for I rejoice in the Lord.

Congregation Sings (TLH, p. 6ff)

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore.

Amen.

The Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Pastor: Glory be to God on high:

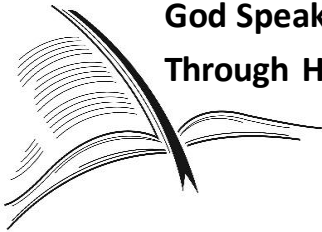
Cong: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, We glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takes away the sin of the world, Have mercy upon us. You who takes away the sin of the world, Receive our prayer. You who sits at the right hand of God the Father, Have mercy upon us. For You only are holy; You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C (sings): **And with Your spirit.**

P: Let us pray...

C (sings): **Amen!**



God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Lesson:

Genesis 11:1-9

Moses records the beginning of varied languages and also the various cultures and peoples.

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And

as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Epistle Lesson: *Romans 8:12-17*

The Holy Spirit creates faith in the hearts of sinners thereby setting them free from sin's slavery and making us God's children and heirs of eternal life.

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by

the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it! Hallelujah!

C (sings): Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel Lesson: *John 15:26-27*

C (sings): Glory be to You, O Lord!

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit and told the disciples what He would do.

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

C (sings): Praise be to You, O Christ!



Confession of Faith: *Martin Luther’s Explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed*

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.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength 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 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. ⇨

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn: 234 – Holy Ghost, with Light Divine

The Sermon

Text: Acts 2:5-12

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and 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 Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

“From Babel-ing to Blending”

- I. Everything that happened on the first Pentecost was due solely to the work of the Holy Spirit.
- II. The Holy Spirit works through means; that is, the very Scriptures He inspired.
- III. Working through Scripture, the Holy Spirit leads us to a oneness in Christ.

Cong. (sings): Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with Your free Spirit.

Hymn: 473 (1-2,5) – The Church’s One Foundation

Prayer

Offering Prayer (Congregation sings)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

(TLH 441:1-2)

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction (Pastor)

C (sings): Amen! Amen! Amen!

Hymn: 465 — Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to Worship at Trinity! to all who have gathered for worship this morning. We especially welcome guests and visitors—please sign our guest book in the north entry. We look forward to having you worship with us again!



Thank-offerings may be left in the offering plate in the back of the church or mailed to the church. Electronic donations may be made via the link for “online offering” at the bottom of the home page on our website (Spokanelutheran.com)

Called Home: The Lord brought Larry Ryals' time of grace to a close on May 1. Larry fell asleep on earth and awoke in the glories of Heaven. No plans have been made for a memorial service

Prayer List: The family of Larry Ryals; Karen Clark and the rest of Dale Johnson's family; Kathy Conway; Bertie Hein; Ariel Smith; Maggie, Miles, and Sia Toland; Donna Zarling; CLC pastoral vacancies



This Week's Schedule

(If the Lord wills we shall do this or that)



Today

9:15 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Seniors Lunch at Gethsemane (see below)

Next Saturday (May 30)

9:15 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion (**Greeters:** Dennis & Linda Lux)

Fellowship in the basement following the service

This is the last Saturday service before returning to the Sunday schedule.

Lawn Mowing this Week

Dennis Lux



News & Notes

We thank Charles Maguire for leading Bible Class and the worship service this morning. **Pastor Eichstadt** is scheduled to return to Spokane tonight.

Gethsemane Seniors - May 27, 12:30 p.m. The Gethsemane Seniors meet on Wednesday and Trinity seniors are most welcome to attend. Following the meal, Don & Bonnie Chadbourne will share pictures and stories and biblical application to what they saw in their trip to Antarctica.

Lunch at the Ballpark

(Menu)

- Old fashioned NY/Vienna style (with casing) all beef hotdogs, steamed like at the ball park.
- Nathans angus beef hotdogs (no casing) grilled on an old fashioned roller grill.
- Deep fried Wings
- Grilled chicken, choice of plain or teriyaki glaze.
- French fries or Tots

Welcoming Potluck for Vicar Samuel & Trinity Rademacher on June 21st after the worship service. It will be a regular potluck, but no need to bring desserts (a cake will be provided).

New Email for Karen Clark: clark.karen1948@gmail.com

CLC Convention Prospectus: Copies of the *Prospectus* for the upcoming Church of the Lutheran Confession Convention (in June) are in the north entry. **The congregational discussion of the Prospectus will continue on June 14.**

The Branches Magazine: It's time to **renew or sign up** for a July-June subscription! **Sign up anytime before June 15, 2026.**

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Our weekly worship schedule returns to **SUNDAY** beginning on June 7.



May Cleaners

Sanctuary: Bettinger / **North Entry:** Lux
Basement: Helke

The Lord gave the word;
Great *was* the company of those
who proclaimed *it*
Psalm 68:11

The Great Company

Pentecost is a glad festival. It celebrates the coming of the Spirit of Truth, who leads His people into all truth. This is the Comforter whom the Savior, before He left the earth, promised to send to His disciples. This is the Paraclete who came, in wind and flame, to the assembled Christians in Jerusalem, filling the room with His presence and lighting their souls with His warmth.

And when He came upon them, they all began to speak—to speak with other tongues, “as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:4). They spoke, and men were strangely stirred. They spoke, and the Christian Church was born. They Gospel had begun its victorious, eternal course—through the nations, through the ages.

On Pentecost the psalmist’s words came true: “The Lord gave the word; Great was the company of those who proclaimed it. The Word came from God—the Word of salvation and life. And the company that proclaimed it was great indeed—the mighty, countless host of the redeemed.

The Lord still gives the Word. He gives it every time the message of salvation is preached from a Christian pulpit; every time a Christian opens his Bible; every time a group of believers gather in His name to study that Word and to ponder its sacred meaning; every time a little one hears of God’s love from the lips of a parent or teacher; every time a child of God communes with his Lord in prayer.

But more. He gives that Word every time an infant is brought to the baptismal font, every time a Christian kneels at the altar rail to receive the blessed Communion. For the Word that is spoken and taught and read is no less real and no less powerful when it comes in baptismal water or when it is clothed in bread and wine. For the written Word and the sacramental Word both reveal Him who is the Word made flesh. It is He who on Pentecost was preached to the people; to Him they were converted; in Him they were baptized; for Him the apostles witnessed; in Him the martyrs died.

Down through the centuries that Word has been proclaimed. And the great company that has proclaimed it has grown greater still with every passing age. Truly, “*their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world*” (Psalm 19:4).

We are the heirs of the Pentecostal promise. Our hearts have been enkindled with Pentecostal fire. May our voices ever proclaim the Pentecostal Word!

—Adapted from *The Psalms for Today*, Thomas Coates
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