

Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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Pentecost Sunday

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THE 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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
The keeper of the covenant,
The source of steadfast love,
Our rock and our redeemer
Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Fountain of living water,
Pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you love.

Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Jesus Christ, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

Amen

Gathering Hymn~~Spirit of Gentleness~ELW #396

Refrain
Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness calling and
free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness, wind, wind on
the sea.

You moved on the waters,
You called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains
From the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slum-bers
And rise on your wings."

Refrain
You swept through the desert,
You stung with the sand,
And you goaded your peo-ple
With a law and a land
And when they were blinded with idols and
lies,

Then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes.

Refrain
You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
Then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
And down in the city you called once again,
When you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind.

Refrain
You call from tomor-row,
you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow
all the captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes.
With ...bold new decisions your people
arise.

Refrain

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

READINGS

A reading from Acts Acts 2:1-21

²When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ³And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ⁴Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁵All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁶Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁷And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁸Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁹And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ¹⁰Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹¹Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹²Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹³All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹⁴But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁵But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁶Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁷No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁸'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. ¹⁹Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

²⁰And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²¹The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²²Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Let us read Psalm 104:24-34, 35b responsively

²⁴ **O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

²⁵ Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

²⁶ **There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.**

²⁷ These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

²⁸ **when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰ **When you send forth your spirit,* they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.**

³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure for ever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—

³² **who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

³³ I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

³⁴ **May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.**

³⁵ Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more.
Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

A reading from Romans 8:22-27

²² **We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and 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. ²⁴For in* hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes* for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.**

²⁶ **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 sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God,* who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit* intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.***

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Al-le-lu-ia! Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to *John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*
Glory to you, O Lord.

26 ‘When the Advocate* comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. 27 You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. 4 But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate* will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about* sin and righteousness and judgement: 9 about sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; 11 about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

12 ‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Hymn of the Day~~Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart~~ELW #800

Spir-it of God, de-scend up-on my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its puls-es move;
stoop to my weak-ness, strength to me im-part,
and make me love you as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no proph-et ec-sta-sies,
no sud-den rend-ing of the veil of clay,
no an-gel vis-i-tant, no op-'ning skies;
but take the dim-ness of my soul a-way.

Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

Teach me to love you as your an-gels love,
one ho-ly pas-sion fill-ing all my frame:
the bap-tism of the heav'n-de-scend-ed dove,
my heart an al-tar, and your love the flame.

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Baptism and Rite of Confirmation of Alizah, Audrey Jahns, and Mason Russell

APOSTLE'S 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 CHURCH

Hear us O God
Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERATORY HYMN

186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of love,

You call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING~~ELW pg 152

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

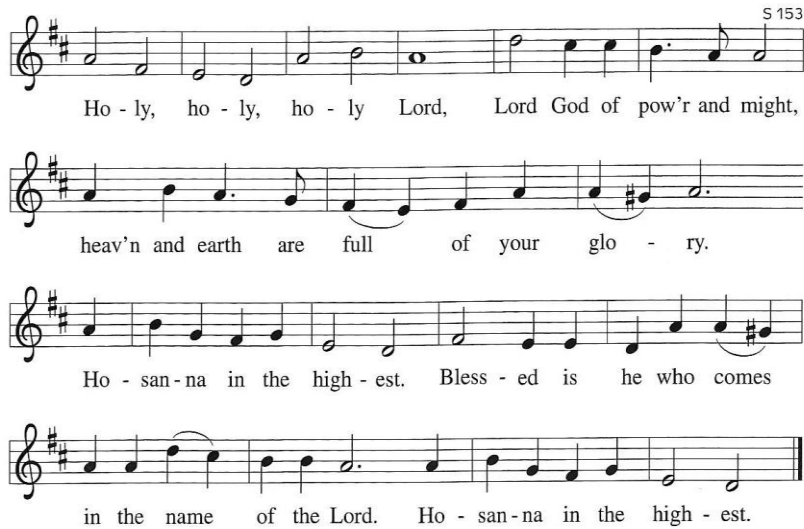
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Hymn of Thanksgiving



S 153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of steadfast love,

At this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world.

Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us
new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

S 154

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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BENEDICTION

May the Lord Bless you and keep you
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN~~God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind~~ELW #400

God of tempest, God of whirlwind,
As on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
Past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service,
There with Christ to bear the cross,
There with Christ to bear the cross!

God of blazing, God of burning,
All that blocks your purpose, purge!
Through your church,
Christ's living Body,
Let your flaming Spirit surge!
Where deceit conceals injustice,
Kindle us to speak your truth,
Kindle us to speak your truth!

God of earthquake, God of thunder,
Shake us loose from Lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder,
For Earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us;
Make us one in Christ our Lord,
Make us one in Christ our Lord!

God of passion, God unsleeping,
Stir in us love's restlessness!
Where the people cry in anguish,
May we share your heart's distress.
Rouse us from content with evil;
Claim us for your kingdom's work,
Claim us for your kingdom's work!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrate with us today the rite of Baptism of Alizah and Audrey Jahns. We will also celebrate in the rite of confirmation Alizah, Audrey, and Mason Russell. Please congratulate these young people and welcome them into the life of Christ and our church.

May 30th: Casual Sunday and Noisy Offering for Lutheran Disaster Response.

Next week is Memorial Day Weekend. It is also our fifth Sunday and our contemporary service. We will be also change our service setting to "With One Voice" on June 6. We will learn this setting together and will use it throughout the summer.

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed!

Go in peace. Share the Good News. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God

Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

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