

Zion

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

9:15 am Worship

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together

MUSIC FOR GATHERING “Spirit of the Living God”

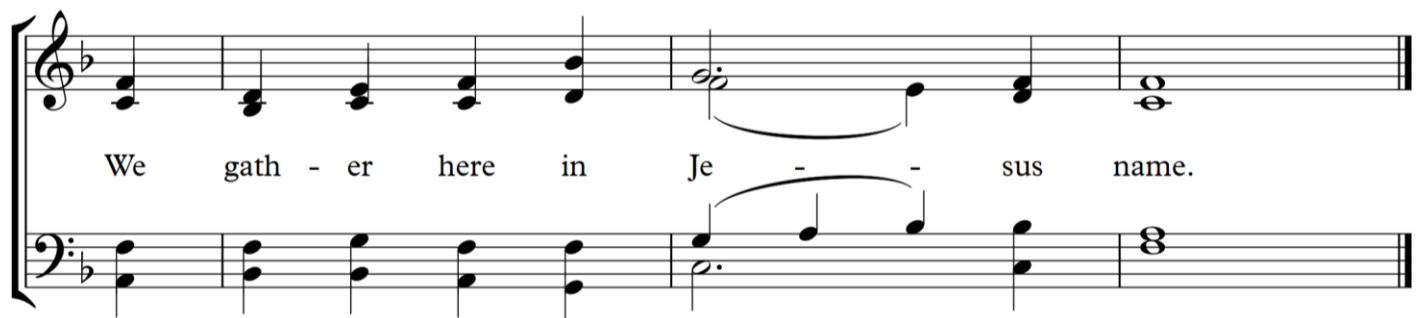
Daniel Iverson

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP “Come, Holy Spirit, Descend”



1. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it,
2. Come, to u - nite us,
3. Come, to in - spire us, de - scend on us, de - scend on us.
4. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it,



We gath - er here in Je - sus name.

*LITANY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Spirit of God, you moved over the waters at creation;

Move now in our hearts.

O Spirit of God, you breathed life in to the dry bones;

Breathe new life into us.

O Spirit of God, you animated the witness of the prophets;

Animate our witness to the world.

O Spirit of God, you descended upon Jesus as he prayed at his baptism;

Descend anew on us, we pray.

O Spirit of God, you led Jesus into the wilderness;

Lead us in the wild and desolate places of our lives.

O Spirit of God, you anointed Jesus to proclaim good news,
release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed;

Anoint us as we work for justice for all your people.

O Spirit of God, you came to your church in fire and wind;

Kindle our hearts with the fire of your truth and love.

O Spirit of God, you lead your church to new people and new places;

Lead us out of our complacency to the new things you are doing.

O Spirit of God, you are our advocate and our comforter; come upon us now.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

O Spirit of God, without you we are lost; guide us in this new day.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

O Spirit of God, without you we are powerless; give us the power to do your will.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

O Spirit of God, you move without ceasing; make us restless to follow you.

Amen, and amen, and amen.

*OPENING HYMN "O Living Breath of God"



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

Refrain



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching and song

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“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.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor 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.

²⁶Likewise 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 e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

[Jesus said,] 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. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless 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. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, 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. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Kate Warn

*HYMN OF THE DAY “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. Below the treble clef staff, there are three lines of lyrics. The first line is the title of the hymn: "Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu." The second line is the first verse: "1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new." The third line is the second verse: "2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ." The fourth line is the third verse: "3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name." The musical notation includes various note values, rests, and bar lines. The bass line features a double bar line with a repeat sign at the end.

Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

***APOSTLES CREED**

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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**

*Each petition ends "God of grace" and the congregation responds
"Hear our prayer."*

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

***SHARING THE PEACE**

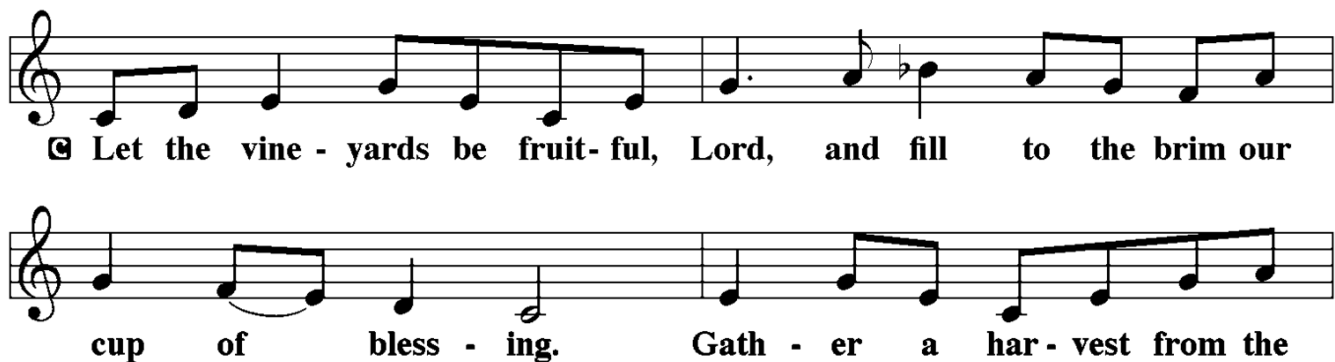
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

A stewardship note: Offering plates have been placed near the entrance to receive your gifts. An additional offering plate is on the stand near the organ. If you miss the chance to drop off your offering when you arrive, you are welcome to place your offering in the plate at the close of the service.

MUSIC OFFERING "Way Down Deep in My Soul"

Earlene Rentz

OFFERTORY CANTICLE (*remain seated*)



☞ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the

seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Creating God,
take our hearts and set them on fire. Take our lives and transform them.
Take our church and resurrect it with your life-giving Spirit. Take our gifts
and use them for the fulfillment of your vision of peace and unity. Amen.

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.
 It is indeed right . . .

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

INVITATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We gather at the Lord's Table and all are welcome. Communion will be distributed by continuous progression at the front of the sanctuary, and you are welcome to come forward by side, as directed by the pastor. In addition to the pre-poured cups of communion wine, grape juice (darker in color) is available in the center of each tray, and gluten free wafers are available upon request. You are welcome to kneel at the rail for prayer after receiving the elements. The communion cups may be placed in the small baskets near the end of the pews as you return to your seat.

COMMUNION HYMN "Spirit of Gentleness"

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Refrain

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Spirit of the Living God, you have refreshed us with this holy meal. Now send us into the world to be your disciples, strengthened by your love and sustained by your grace. Amen

BLESSING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

*CLOSING HYMN “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Refrain



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the
spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Every Time I Feel the Spirit". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system is labeled "Refrain" and contains the lyrics "Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing". The second system contains the lyrics "in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the". The third system contains the lyrics "spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.



1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

***THE BLESSING**

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ✠ bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE “Everytime I Feel the Spirit”

Lynette Maynard

Flowers are presented by the congregation to the Glory of God

Bulletins are sponsored by Donna Moore

TODAY’S WORSHIP TEAM:
Pastor Kate, Karen Kline
Usher/Greeter – Brian Miller
Lay Reader – Carol Atherholt

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Weekly Record**Last week****Mo. Total****Budget**

Attendance (in-person)	48	97	-----
Attendance (on-line)	7	17	-----
General Fund offering	5,085	9,102	18,963
Greater Zion Fund offering	435	1,735	-----



May 19, 2024

The Day of Pentecost

Fifty days after Passover, Jews kept the Pentecost festival, which originally celebrated the wheat harvest but had become the commemoration of the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. As the fiftieth day of Easter, Christians maintained the festival, altering its focus to a celebration of the Spirit of the risen Christ in the church. In an oblique reference to Sinai, the fire of God's word is now on the foreheads of the faithful. In John's gospel, the Spirit brings the truth of God into the believing community. With the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost, the Spirit crosses all boundaries that would separate us and brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, and to our weak hearts.

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

“Advocate,” “counselor,” and “comforter” are terms offered as translations of *parakletos*, found five times in John, once in 1 John, and nowhere else in the Bible. The historical sources of this figure are much debated by scholars. The Advocate, the spirit of truth, will come to complete Christ's mission, witness to Christ's resurrection, give glory to Christ, and judge the sinful world. For the communities addressed by the gospel of John, the presence of the divine Advocate assures them of the truth of their beliefs.

Acts 2:1-21

The fire and wind, associated with God's presence on Mount Sinai, are now experienced in the assembly of believers, and miraculous events, seen in the ministry of Jesus, occur now in the church. Acts is moving the church into all the ends of the earth, and Acts 2 begins this multilingual proclamation. Luke cites the apocalyptic vision of the prophet Joel to authenticate the power of God among the leaders of the church. By “tongues” Luke refers to actual languages that were spoken in the Greco-Roman world.

Romans 8:22-27

We and the whole creation are groaning in labor, awaiting the birth of God's new age in which Christ's resurrection will renew all things. Until that end time, we have the Spirit who is praying for us before God.

Announcements

Following worship we will conclude our study focusing on the Bible's understandings of peace as a cornerstone for faithful living in a violent world.

Daughters of Zion Class meets tomorrow at 1:30pm. Guest speaker Kris Wilson, from Mt. Hope Nazarene Retirement Community, will be here to share some exciting news about the facility. Come out and join us!

We will be collecting snack items for the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey for the next month. There is a list of single-sized requested items in the Rosette. *Please check the dates on the boxes to make sure they are current.* All items may be dropped in the marked donation bin when you enter the worship space. We thank you for all your generosity!

MC Food Pantry Needs for the month of May are: boxed spaghetti, diapers, applesauce, soup, Spam, and canned fruit. They could use some reusable grocery bags. At this time they do not need any one-use plastic bags. Please make sure any donations are not out of date. You may place your food donations in the shopping cart outside the church office. Thank you.

Worship for the Festival of the Red Rose will be June 9 at 10:30 am, with fellowship time both before and after the service. Please note the change to our worship time!



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