



# The Day of Pentecost

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**CALLED AND GATHERED**

**AS WE GATHER**

A familiar sight along highways and roadways in summer is the posting of work-zone signs as repairs are made to streets and bridges during the season of good weather. These signs bring a special level of care and concentration for drivers. For Christian people, the Church is the “work zone” of the Holy Spirit. In his hymn paraphrasing the Apostles’ Creed, Martin Luther writes of the Holy Spirit at work: “Who the Church, His own creation, Keeps in unity of spirit. Here forgiveness and salvation Daily come through Jesus’ merit” (LSB 954:3). As we are called and gathered, we are assured that we are in the most vital of work zones—the one to which we can give our greatest care and concentration.

**+ PREPARATION +**

**913 O HOLY SPIRIT, ENTER IN**



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts  
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.  
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,  
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in  
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -  
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us  
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.  
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing  
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.  
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.  
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

## INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Congregation **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 43:3, 5b; 66:4*

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

Pastor Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;  
Congregation **let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!**

Pastor Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,  
Congregation **my salvation and my God.**

Pastor All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;  
Congregation **they sing praises to Your name.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Psalm 38:18, 22; 140:6; 145:8*

Pastor With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
Congregation **for the LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.  
Congregation **Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!**

Pastor I say to the LORD, You are my God;  
Congregation **give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!**

Pastor Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires are known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.  
Congregation **Amen.**

Pastor In repentance, let us now confess our sins unto our gracious God.  
Congregation **Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, grant us Your divine absolution so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and for eternity. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.**

Pastor 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 us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. To them that believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.  
Congregation **Amen.**

## INTROIT

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

Pastor

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

Left Side

*O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.*

Right Side

*These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.*

Left Side

*When You give it to them, they gather it up; when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.*

Right Side

*When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the ground.*

**Congregation**

**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.**

Pastor

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

## KYRIE

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Pastor

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation**

**Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation**

**Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor

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 to the Lord.

**Congregation**

**Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation**

**Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Congregation**

**Amen.**

## SALUTATION

Pastor

The Lord be with you.

**Congregation**

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor

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 us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation**

**Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Ezekiel 37:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation **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.”

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.  
Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

*Acts 2:17b; Romans 10:10*

Congregation **I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.  
With the heart one believes and is justified,  
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15*

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.  
Congregation **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus said:] “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. <sup>27</sup>And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. . . .

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

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

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Congregation **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## 503 O DAY FULL OF GRACE



1 O day full of grace that now we see Ap - pear - ing on  
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, Our Lord on the  
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own, When He on the  
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, His Spir - it new  
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go That Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, Bring light from our God that we may be  
earth ar - riv - ing; Then came to the world that light sub - lime,  
cross was hang - ing; And then He a - rose and moved the stone  
life re - veal - ing, That we might no more from Him be lost,  
us pre - par - ing, We'll gath - er in song, our hearts a - glow,



Re - plete in His joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
Great joy for us all re - triev - ing; For Je - sus all  
That we, un - to Him be - long - ing, Might join with an -  
All dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the  
All joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, And walk in the



now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
mor - tals did em - brace, All dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.  
gel - ic hosts to raise Our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
mark of sin ef - face And bring to us all His heal - ing.  
light of God's own place, With an - gels His name a - dor - ing.

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## SERMON – “it’s a CONSPIRACY!”

### APOSTLES' CREED

**Congregation 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**Congregation** Grant Your blessing, O Lord, on the Church here and in all places, that You will confirm it in the Gospel, inspire it with unity and concord, and extend and prosper it throughout the world. Grant that the Holy Spirit continually call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the Church and keep it in the one true faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Confident of Your care, we pray for our families, those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship, and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also we pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all those in need, *especially* Hedy, Kathleen, Alicia, Sallyann, Sheila, Kathie, Lou, Jean, Dana, Kaylee, Leah, Terri, Rory, Jean, Annette, Ray, Rod, Sharlene, Fran, Doug, Wally, Janna, Ralph and Carol, Maria, Andrew, John, and Pastor Barber and his family. Grant that the Holy Spirit move us to be those who live out our Gospel calling in deeds of love. Lord, in Your mercy, **Congregation hear our prayer.**

Pastor Bless, we pray You, the nations of the world that there be times of peace and security. Remember in Your grace our schools, hospitals, homes for the aged, and all charitable institutions. Bless those who minister to human need, whether of body, mind, or spirit, and grant them wisdom, strength, and love for You and those in their care. Let Your blessing rest upon the seedtime and harvest, commerce and industry, leisure and the arts, and culture of our people. Take under Your special protection those whose toil is difficult or dangerous and be with all who contribute to the well-being of our society. Lord, in Your mercy, **Congregation hear our prayer.**

Pastor Merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives until that day when we share in the marriage supper of the Lamb and in Your glorious presence in heaven. **Congregation Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Congregation** 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 (AARONIC)

Pastor           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.

Congregation   Amen.

## 650 HOLY SPIRIT, EVER DWELLING



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's



realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing  
ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing  
min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,



O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,  
Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,  
Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,



ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,  
ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we  
ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -



life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.  
praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.  
mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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## DISMISSAL

Pastor           Go in peace, as you serve the Lord!

Congregation   Thanks be to god!

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## Weekly Announcements

### Worship:

If you are planning to attend in person worship, please register each week using the link below.

<https://rsvp.church/r/PsLbwYgP>

Should you be unable to join us in person, please visit our website: [ourredeemerprospectheights.org](http://ourredeemerprospectheights.org) and click on the Livestream Tab. This connects directly to the service. Please dispose of your worship bulletin (and Communion supplies) or take them with you. We are not recycling them.

### Wednesday Evening Pastor-Led Bible Studies

**Pastor-led Bible Study has resumed on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm online.**

**ACTS: A study of Growth in the Church.** This means growth in Christian attitudes, insights, and skills for Christian living. The focus of this course will be the church and the world of our day. The guiding question will be this: *What does the Lord teach us for life today through the book of Acts?* Join us online on Wednesday evenings, 7 pm at <https://Koinonia.ClickMeeting.com/Acts> (or visit there for the recorded sessions).

### Guest preacher – Seminarian Tim Barber – June 6, 2021

In Thanks and Praise to God for a successful vicarage year, Seminarian Tim Barber will be joining us and Proclaiming God's Word during the Divine Service at 9:00 am on Sunday, June 6. Reserve your seat when registration is open for that Sunday using the link included the weekly reminder or on our website.

### Breeze Update

For those of you who have a Breeze account, we have activated another feature to give you access to member directory information. Simply log in to your account, click on the people tab and you get info. You can obtain birthday info via the Filter drop down on the left. Select more options. If you have questions about Breeze or need help setting up an account, please contact Jim Burmeister at (847) 343-3798 or (847) 934-5963.

### Prayer Request Information:

If you have a prayer request, please notify Jim Burmeister via text at (847) 343-3798, Phone: (847)934-5963 or via email: [elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org](mailto:elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org).

### Email address for Pastor Jim:

If you would like to send an email to Pastor Jim, please use the following address:

[Pastor@ourredeemerprospectheights.org](mailto:Pastor@ourredeemerprospectheights.org)

### Summer Suppers:

Please check the May Monthly News for detailed information regarding the 2021 Summer Supper Program.

### Wheeling Food Pantry Wish List

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: Beans (Cannellini, Northern, White, etc. green not needed) Flour, Ketchup, Mayonnaise and Pancake Mix. Items need to be dropped off at the Wheeling Township office located at 1616 N Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. Questions can be directed to Julie Villarreal at 847-259-7730.

### Offering Envelopes

Just a reminder, if you are running low on Offering envelopes, you can see Laurie before or after Worship today.

### Today's Worship Team

Thank you to our Worship team! Pastor Jim, Music: Zack, Video: Jim,  
Usher: Laurel, Lector: Sue P, Elder: Justin and Check-in: Laurie

### Coffee-And...

- Coffee-And... will resume outdoors, YAY!! Weather permitting. Tables and chairs will not be provided, therefore, you will need to bring your own chair.
- We will continue holding Coffee-And... outdoors on a weekly basis, of course, weather permitting. Feel free to bring treats, however, items need to be store bought and individually pre-packaged. Please refrain from bringing home-baked items or items requiring cutting. Coffee will be provided for you. Following these guidelines gives us an opportunity to visit with each other, which I know you all would like to do.

## May 2021

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### May Happenings

May 9 9:00 am – The Sixth Sunday of Easter – No Communion

May 11 6:30 pm - Board of Directors Meeting

May 13 6:30 pm – ORLC Summer Suppers

May 16 9:00 am – “The Ascension of the Lord (Observed)” – With Communion

May 20 7:00 pm - Call Committee Meeting

May 23 9:00 am - Pentecost Sunday – No Communion

May 30 9:00 am – Trinity Sunday – With Communion