

May 31, 2020 The Coming of the Holy Spirit - The Day of Pentecost

I will pour out my Spirit. God's Old Testament people celebrated the gathering of the harvest at the Festival of Weeks. On the fiftieth day, God sent the promised Counselor on the day we call "Pentecost" (Greek for "fifty"). This day marked the birthday of the New Testament Church and celebrates the harvest of souls won by the Son and gathered by his servants empowered by his Spirit. Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church and has been commemorated since at least 217 A.D. The Church dresses in red to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit's gift and the blood of the martyrs which was the seed of the Church. This day culminates the Season of Easter when our risen Lord now empowers his people to be witnesses of the resurrection for the world.



Our Mission is to nurture each other in God's Word and spread the Good News of Christ to all.

THE COMMON SERVICE

HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

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1 O Holy Spirit, enter in And in our hearts your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine, Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we May be Truly living, To you giving Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.

2 Give to your Word impressive pow'r That in our hearts from this good hour As fire it may be glowing,

That in true Christian unity We faithful witnesses may be, Your glory ever showing.

Hear us, Cheer us By your teaching; Let our preaching And our labor Praise you, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life, Let your dear Word, in doubt and strife, In us be strongly burning

That we be faithful unto death And live in love and holy faith, From you true wisdom learning.

Your grace And peace On us shower; By your power Christ confessing, Let us see our Savior's blessing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606-73, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, st. 1, 3, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal,* St. Louis, 1941, st. 2, alt.

STAND

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

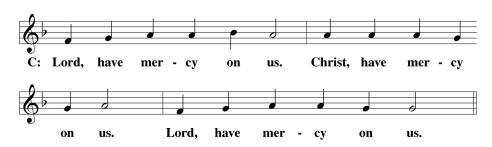


CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY Kyrie



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

All Glory Be to God Alone

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Gloria in Excelsis

1 All glory be to God alone, Forevermore the highest one, Who did our sinful race befriend And grace and peace to us extend. Among mankind may his good will All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

- 3 Lord God, our King on heaven's throne, Our Father, the Almighty One; O Lord, the Sole-begotten One, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, True God from all eternity, O Lamb of God-to you we flee.
- 4 You take the whole world's sin away; Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin away; Oh, listen to the prayer we say. From God's right hand, oh, send today Your mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

Text: attr. Martin Luther, 1483-1546, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890-1950, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:28-29 (NIV84)

"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. ²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1-21 (NIV84)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" 13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." ¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ " 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

VERSE OF THE DAY

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



STAND

M: The Gospel is from John, chapter 16, beginning at verse 5.



GOSPEL

John 16:5-11 (NIV84)

"Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶ Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. ⁷ But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; ¹⁰ in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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. 1 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord! May all your graces be 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, And 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!

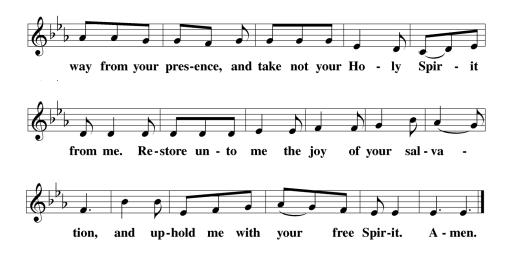
Text: German hymn, 15th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483-1546, st. 2-3; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

SERMON Jesus Promises to Send the Holy Spirit John 16:5-11

STAND







BE SEATED

OFFERING

For those who desire to give thanks to the Lord with your offerings, you can:

- Mail to the church (be sure to put the offering envelope inside another envelope)
- Donate at our website (find the donate button)
- Drop off during the week (call to be sure someone is at church)

GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

- M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.
- C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.
- M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.
- C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.
- M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

(Special prayers and intercessions may follow.)

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

(Silent prayer.)

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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.

BE SEATED

1 O Holy Spirit, grant us grace
That we our Lord and Savior
In faith and fervent love embrace
And truly serve him ever,
So that when death is near at hand
We at his cross may firmly stand
And there find our salvation.

- 2 Help us that we your saving Word In faithful hearts may treasure; Let e'er that bread of life afford New grace in richest measure.

 Make us to die to ev'ry sin; Each day create us new within That fruits of faith may flourish.
- 3 Then when our earthly race is run,
 Death's bitter hour impending,
 May your good work in us begun
 Continue till life's ending,
 Until we gladly may commend
 Our souls into our Savior's hand
 To rest in peace eternal.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532-99; tr. Oluf H. Smeby, 1851-1929, alt.

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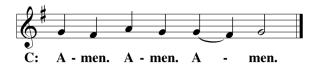
M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, abr.

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Announcements

Additional Worship Service

We have added a 9:15 am service so most of those who wish to attend are able to.

Resuming Worship Services

Our first in-person services will be held on next Sunday, June 7, at 8 am, 9:15 am and 10:30 am by CALL IN RESERVATION ONLY until we are at capacity. Pews will be assigned. Masks are encouraged. Worship services will continue to be online for those who do not feel comfortable coming to church yet.

Confirmation - June 14

Selena Germano, Kendra Pippett and Abigail Pfeifer will be confirmed on June 14 at the 10:30 am service. Families will be able to attend the service. Others can watch the service, including the examination and rite of confirmation online.

Communion

If you desire private confession, absolution and Communion, please contact Pastor Pfeifer.

pastor@lhelc.org or 515-771-5111.

In Our Prayers

The Lord is eager to hear the prayers of thanks and petitions for help from his people. Please keep these members and families in your prayers. Contact Pastor to add someone to this list.

Jenna Schaeffer - expecting in September

Prepare for Next Sunday

For a simple devotional reading plan, review the reading for this week on Monday - Wednesday. Then read the Scripture for next Sunday on Thursday - Saturday. The Word for next Sunday: Genesis 1:1-2:3, 2 Corinthians 13:11-14, Matthew 28:16-20

THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

May 31 - June 7

Today	8:00 am	Worship—Livestream
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Bible Class—Zoom
Saturday	3:30 pm	Homeless Meal Preparation
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship—Livestream
•	9:15 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Worship