



*Come
Holy
Spirit*

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Day of Pentecost ~ May 23, 2021

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Welcome to all who are attending our service today. We are glad you are with us! To all guests and visitors, we especially extend our hands of friendship. May God bless the worship time for each one of you. Please come again!

Holy Communion is celebrated at the 8:30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

For those wishing to commune at the Lord's Table with us today: The Lutheran practice of close Communion attempts to prevent a person from eating and drinking judgment on himself (1 Corinthians 11:23-30). Thus, attendance at the Lord's Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians, (2) accept the real presence of Christ's body in the bread and His blood in the wine, (3) confess and repent of one's sins and trust that God offers complete forgiveness of those sins in this Sacrament, and (4) share oneness of faith, doctrine and practice among those who commune. Those wishing to commune with us today who have not done so previously, please see the pastor or an elder before the service begins. *(Grape juice is available for those who not drink alcohol and gluten free wafers are available upon request.)*

Para aquellos que desean participar en la Santa Cena con nosotros hoy: La práctica luterana de la comunión intenta evitar que una persona coma y beba el juicio de Dios sobre sí mismo (1 Corintios 11: 23-30). Por lo tanto, la asistencia a la Cena del Señor implica un compromiso de cuatro niveles con Cristo. Creemos que los comulgantes deben: (1) ser bautizados como cristianos, (2) aceptar la presencia real del cuerpo de Cristo en el pan y Su sangre en el vino, (3) confesar y arrepentirse de sus pecados y confiar en que Dios ofrece el perdón completo de esos pecados en este Sacramento, y (4) compartir la unidad de fe, doctrina y práctica entre los que comulgan. Aquellos que desean comulgar con nosotros hoy que no lo han hecho anteriormente, por favor vean al pastor o un anciano antes de que comience el servicio. *(El jugo de uva está disponible para aquellos que no beben alcohol y hostias libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición).*

(P = Pastor, C = Congregation, A = Reader/Assisting)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Theme: “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.

PRELUDE (11:00)

“Come, Holy Spirit”
John W. Peterson
Karon Keup, soloist

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Come, O Come, Thou Quick’ning Spirit”
(*“quicken” = “Life-giving”*)
(tune: “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”)

Come, O come, thou quick’ning Spirit,
God from all eternity!
May Thy power never fail us;
dwell within us constantly.
Then shall truth and life and light
banish all the gloom of night.

Grant our hearts in fullest measure
wisdom, counsel, purity,
that we ever may be seeking
only that which pleaseth Thee.
Let Thy knowledge spread and grow,
working error’s overthrow.

Holy Spirit, strong and mighty,
Thou who makest all things new,
make Thy work within us perfect
and the evil foe subdue.
Grant us weapons for the strife
and with vict'ry crown our life.

INVOCATION

- P** On this Day of Pentecost, we begin in the name of our Triune God, which was placed on us at our Baptism. In the name of the Father,
C **who created us.**
- P** In the name of the ✠ Son,
C **who redeemed us.**
- P** In the name of the Holy Spirit,
C **who sanctifies us. Amen.**

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

- P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
C **and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**
- P** Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;
C **let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!**
- P** Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,
C **my salvation and my God.**
- P** All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;
C **they sing praises to Your name.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

John 3:8

P Beloved in Christ, God sends His Holy Spirit as He promised to work true contrition and sorrow over our sins and the gift of the repentance of faith in His forgiveness. In this truth we make our confession together.

C **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. By the power of Your Word, we confess our sin and need of Your grace. We confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions, both in what we have done and in what we have failed to do. For the sake of the mighty work of our Lord Jesus, His death and resurrection for us and the whole world, grant to us Your forgiveness and new life.**

P “The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Receive the Holy Spirit. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

✠ THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1–21 (ESV)

(The Holy Spirit comes on the Day of Pentecost.)

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from Heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ 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, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians-- we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

¹⁶ But [Peter said] this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "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; ¹⁸ even on My male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out My Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26–27; 16:12–15 (ESV)

(Jesus promises to send the Spirit.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁶ “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. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

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 authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is mine and declare it to you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

PRAYER REQUESTS GATHERED

HYMN

“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”

(tune: I Know That My Redeemer Lives)

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which You have made.

To You, the Counselor, we cry,
To You, the gift of God Most High;
The fount of life, the fire of love,
The soul's anointing from above.

Your light to ev'ry thought impart,
And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.



Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow! Amen.

SERMON

“CHARGED UP”

Acts 2:1-21
Pastor Jim Sprengle

APOSTLES’ CREED (Third Article) AND LUTHER’S EXPLANATION

P As we celebrate the Lord pouring out the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we join in confessing the words of the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed, as well as its explanation from Luther’s Small Catechism.

C **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.**

P What does this mean?

C **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 the 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 my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

This is most certainly true.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Our offerings are made as an act of worship, given in loving response to all that God has graciously given us, both materially and spiritually.)

(11:00)

“If Ye Love Me”

(Based on John 14:15-17a)

Peter Niedmann

Ascension Choir

*If ye love Me, keep My commandments,
And I will pray the Father, and He will give you,
He shall give you another Comforter.*

*If ye love Me, keep My commandments,
And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you,
He shall give you another Comforter,
That He may abide with you forever,
Even the Spirit of truth,
That He may abide with you forever,
Even the Spirit of truth.*

*If ye love Me, keep My commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And He shall give you,
He shall give you another Comforter,
Another Comforter.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord God, on this day we praise You for sending the light of Your salvation to the whole world by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit. Cause the light of Your saving Word to shine in our hearts and throughout the world that we with many may be brought to true repentance and strengthened in saving faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Come, Holy Spirit!**

P Heavenly Father, visit the homes of Your people and bless husband and wife, parent and child, widowed and single. Give us contentment in whatever state we are and help us to love one another with purity and kindness of heart, as You have first loved us. Lord, we pray,

C **Come, Holy Spirit!**

P O Lord, pour out Your Spirit on all Your people, that we may give generously, serve faithfully, and act wisely in every circumstance, for the extension of Your Kingdom and for the glory of Your holy name. Lord, we pray,

C **Come, Holy Spirit!**

P For all who face trouble, sickness, or sorrow this day...Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those who are celebrating...Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

- P** Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:
- C** **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.**

(8:30 service, please turn to page 12 for the Benediction)

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

**We believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.
Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness of all our sins.**
*(Grape juice is available in the center of the trays for those who not drink alcohol
and gluten free wafers are available upon request.)*

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Jesus instituted, or established the Lord's Supper for us; 1Cor 11:23-26; Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20)

PAX DOMINI

(Latin for "Peace of the Lord" - the response is, "Amen!", or "So be it!")

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Spirit Of The Living God"

Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.

Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me.

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.

Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.

Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.

Shield me, free me, call me, lead me.

Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.

"Spirit Song"

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you

With His Spirit and His love,

Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

Oh, let Him have those things that hold you,

And His Spirit, like a dove, will descend upon your life

And make you whole.

Chorus:

Jesus, oh Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.

Jesus, oh Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.

Oh, come and sing this song with gladness

As your hearts are filled with joy,

Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.

Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness,

Give Him all your years of pain,

And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. **(chorus)**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have met us today with Your Son's very body and blood and have sent us from Your Supper with Your Spirit placed on us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

BENEDICTION

P 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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please read the FYI in your bulletin for additional announcements and information.)

HYMN

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit,
You we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living
As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
In the Church the mind of Christ;
You we praise with endless worship
For your gifts and fruits unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working
Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,
Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending,
You we worship and extol.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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† SERVICE SCHEDULE

All Services are open and there is no need for reservations.

† HELP NEEDED FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

If you are coming to service, think about offering to be a servant during worship. Let Pastor or Michele know where you can help!

† PRESCHOOL LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Vancouver, WA currently seeks a part-time PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR for the 2021-2022 school year to lead a Christ-centered educational environment for learning and nurturing young children through Jesus' love. Start date: Summer 2021. For more information and a complete job description, please contact: Krista Moore at preschool@vanflock.org and Lisa Hergert at lhergert0324@gmail.com

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests at 503-665-8821 or e-mail: office@alcportland.org

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Jack Curry (nephew of Pastor Jim and Michele) Carolyn Erdmann, Ray Brown, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, The Family of Randy Arronson, The family of Jim Kuether, Jr., Mary Niska, Larry Hart, The Family of Jack Webber, Bill Ritchie, Colleen Ek Yah, Esperanza Gutierrez, Brian Laxton, Virginia Hunt, John Eilers and Family, Marty Blankenburg, Richard Robertson, Lewis Eilers, The Family of Ordena Laxton, The Family of Wayne Rippon, Rich Zahursky, Audrey Bauch, Alan Bauch, Leonard Murphy, Bruce Blubaum, Judy Blubaum, Elly Brown, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), *Barbara Schrader, *Dale Porath, All those suffering or infected with Covid-19. *Home Bound.

† ALTERNATIVES FOR HOMEBOUND WORSHIP AND DEVOTIONS

- Radio: KPDQ on 93.9FM Sunday mornings at 7:00am.
- alcportland.org for Bible Studies and Worship Services

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Our Mission Statement:

~Go and Share Jesus Christ~

Our Vision Statement:

“Take part...Join Jesus on His mission”

The members of Ascension Lutheran Church are committed to being God’s witnesses in Gresham, and in all of Portland and the Northwest, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8):

With the universal Christian Church, we believe, teach and respond to the love of the Triune God— the Father, Creator of all that exists; the Son Jesus Christ, Who left His home in Heaven to become flesh and blood, to suffer and die for the sins of all peoples of the world, and Who rose from the grave, victorious over sin, death and the devil, that we too might live with Him in Heaven; and the Holy Spirit, Who creates faith in our hearts in Christ Jesus through God’s Word and Sacrament. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity are one God, co-equal and co-eternal. The core teachings of our faith from the Lutheran perspective can be summarized in three short phrases: Grace alone, Scripture alone, Faith alone.

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