

# Day of Pentecost

First Lutheran Church + Saint Peter, Minnesota

Sunday, May 31, 2020



*O Holy Spirit, enter in, and in our hearts your work begin,  
and make our hearts your dwelling.  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine, around and in us brightly shine,  
your strength in us upwelling.  
In your radiance  
life from heaven now is given overflowing,  
gift of gifts beyond all knowing.*

-From hymn no. 786, “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

## Welcome

### Invitation to Worship

In those days after Jesus rose from the dead,  
**in those days when no one really knew what was going on  
or what was going to happen –**  
In those days God exhaled the Holy Spirit.  
**And the disciples pushed out their fear**  
And as dancing flames heralded the arrival of something new  
**And as the birth cry was the cries of many languages, all understood –**  
In those days, the church was born, out of fear and fire,  
**With joy and awe.**  
The church was born.  
**Our church.**  
God’s church.  
**Let us worship God.**

### Musical Liturgy: Kyrie

*A Mass for Treble Voices*

I. “A Prayer for Mercy”

Allen Pote

Sung by FLC Treble Choir for Pentecost

*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy on us.*

*When we make mistakes by doing things we should not do;*

*O Lord forgive us, help us be true.*

*When we face decisions and knowingly choose the wrong;*

*O Lord forgive us, help us be strong.*

*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy on us.*

-Ancient Greek

Additional text by Allen Pote

### Confession and Assurance

Can you bottle a breeze? Can you blow out a forest fire? Can you help but breathe?

**For those times we stifle your Spirit, O God;**

**For those times we ignore your whispers and shouts;**

**For those times when we turn away from your wonders and miracles:**

**Forgive us.**

The breeze is loosed on the world. The fire is consumed.

We breathe deeply, for indeed, we are forgiven.

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**Gathering Hymn** —

“O God of Fire, O Word of Flame”  
Sung to O WALY WALY

O God of Fire, O Word of Flame,  
That calls each creature’s precious name,  
As once you came, come now, inspire,  
That we become on earth your fire.

Enfold us in your warm embrace,  
That we become your dwelling place,  
And as your holy mortal home,  
A welcome hearth to all become.

Pour out your Spirit on all flesh;  
Ignite in us enlightened speech,  
That, thus enkindled by your spark,  
We speak the language of each heart.

So change us, charge us, that we move  
As sanctuaries of your love,  
And in these latter days inspire,  
That we become on earth your fire.

-Susan Palo Cherwien

Remove from us all dross and fear,  
And with your burning love draw near,  
That as your first-fruits we emerge  
Refined, transfigured from your forge.

### **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

### **Scripture — Acts 2: 1-21**

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

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

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

<sup>17</sup>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.'"

Word of God, Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** — hymn no. 396, refrain, sung twice

“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.

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**Gospel** — **John 20:19-23**

The Gospel of the Lord according to the 20th chapter of John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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**Musical Liturgy: Creed**

*A Mass for Treble Voices*

III. “We Believe in God”

Allen Pote

Sung by FLC Treble Choir for Pentecost

*We believe in God: who has created, who is creating,  
 who has come in Jesus, Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new.  
 We believe in God: who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
 We trust in God, trust and believe. We are not alone.*

*We believe in God: who has created, who is creating,  
 In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
 We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen, amen.*

*We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence,  
 to love and to serve others, seeking justice and resisting evil,  
 to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.  
 In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.*

Statement of Faith of the  
 United Church of Canada,  
 adapt. Allen Pote

## Prayers of Intercession

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

We call on your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your people, that they reveal your love for all. Show each one of us the unique ways through which we are called to love and serve our neighbor. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of life, present in air, wind, humidity, storms, and oxygen in our atmosphere, breathing energy into all things. Heal with your breath the whole creation, especially those who struggle to breathe due to air pollution. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of righteousness. Give each one of us a heart for justice and the courage to speak out when we see systemic racism and discrimination in action. We pray especially this day for George Floyd, who died at the hands of those sworn to protect their fellow citizens. May your spirit move us to seek true justice for this man and his family, and work together to create real, lasting change. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. Encourage them when their efforts seem futile or when death prevails. Increase their trust in your power even to overcome death and pain and crying. We pray for all who long for comfort, especially Helen Baumgartner, Bob Gamm, Steven Wenner, every person affected by the COVID-19 virus, and all those we name aloud, silently, or in the comments of this video. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of hope. Give comfort to the loved ones of those who have recently passed away, especially the family and friends of Cole Turriffin. Abide with them in their mourning and give them hope in your promise of resurrection and new life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Offering

*Please remember to give financially to support our ministry. You can write a check and mail it to the church office or give online at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=283920>.*

## 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, for you are a constant loving presence in our lives.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,

**You have brought us this far along the way.**

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,

**But guided us into the path of love and light.**

In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.

**The cry of the poor has become your own cry;**

**Our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.**

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted,

to break bread with the outcast and despised,

and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

*Please raise your bread up.*

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

*The body of Christ given for you. Please eat the bread now.*

*Please raise up your glass.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

*The blood of Christ shed for you. Please drink the wine/juice now.*

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup

With courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Come, Spirit of Freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,

that rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor is yours, almighty Creator, now and forever.

**Amen**

## **Musical Liturgy**

*A Mass for Treble Voices*

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V. "Lamb of God"

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*O Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.*

*Dona nobis pacem, dona nobis pacem.  
Give us your peace. Give us your peace, Lord.*

*O Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Amen. Amen.*

-Based on John 1:29

## **Communion Blessing**

May this holy feast of our Lord Jesus Christ  
Nourish you during these uncertain times,  
Empower your acts of loving-kindness,  
And give you peace.

## **Benediction**

As you go forth from this place, may the wind of the Spirit startle your senses and blow through your life; may the fire of the Spirit scorch your complacency and light your way. And may the blessing of the Holy One—Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer—rest with you now and forever more. Amen.



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, the 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  
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
 cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
 life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be  
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
 lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
 stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
 lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the  
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
 mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair 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 true heal - ing.  
 join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

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 Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842  
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## Dismissal

Go in peace. The Spirit of God is with you.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude — “Fantasia Super: Komm, Heiliger Geist, BWV 651”

Johann Sebastian

Bach

*A setting of Martin Luther’s hymn for Pentecost, hymn no. 395, “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”*

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Margaretha Kramer, Dutch  
Laura Lindell, Swahili  
Dan Polzin, English  
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**Prayers of the People**

**We are called to remember one another in prayer. The list below is for recent needs or praise, and a long-term prayer list for chronic or long-term needs will be published monthly in the Heartbeat:**

- Helen Baumgartner
- Bob Gamm (father of Cindy Nadeau)
- Steven Wenner (brother-in-law of Dawn Wenner)

**Family & Friends of those who have died:**

- Cole Turritin

**Announcements**

**Communion TODAY:** On Pentecost Sunday (May 31), the day we celebrate the surprising and unexpected ways that the Holy Spirit moves, we will be sharing communion together! You are invited to participate from your own home. Before worship, have a piece of bread and a small glass of wine or juice for each person ready. We are confident that God is present as we assemble online and will be present in the bread and wine/juice served in this way.

**Bishop Elizabeth Eaton Preaching Next Week:** We will be celebrating Holy Trinity Sunday on June 7th with a sermon from the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA. The rest of the service comes to you from the pastor, staff, and members of First Lutheran.

**Simplified Summer Schedule:** After two and a half months of daily online offerings, we are slowly down a bit for the summer. Our Sunday worship services will remain at 10am and be accessible on Facebook. There will also be a children's message posted on Sundays. Join us Wednesdays for a brief service featuring a song and reading. These links can be accessed through our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/FLCSTP](http://www.facebook.com/FLCSTP)).

Pastor Gwen is turning 40 in June! She's decided it's time to finally write up that **Advanced Healthcare Directive**. Would you like to join her in making progress in this area? Maybe you have never filled one out or need to update yours. Thrivent is going to lead a Healthcare Directive workshop at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9. RSVP to Pastor Gwen if you want to learn with her!

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