

**THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
**The Day of Pentecost**

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# ETERNAL LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## FOR OUR GUESTS

Thank you for being here. During your visit today, you will see and hear what we're all about: God's eternal love for us through his Son, Jesus Christ! Any directions for speaking or singing, standing, or sitting will be indicated in this folder or projected on the wall in front of you.

- Restrooms are available just outside the chapel doors down the hallway to the left.
- If you have young children with you today, great! We encourage families to worship together. We do have a nursery area available just outside the chapel near the bathrooms, should you feel the need to step out of worship with your child for a moment.

## THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – THE DAY OF PENTECOST

*"I will pour out my Spirit"* (Joel 2:28). 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" from the Greek translation of the Old Testament in Leviticus 23:15). 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.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## OPENING HYMN

## O Holy Spirit, Enter In *Christian Worship #184*



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.

*STAND*

## INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of God the Father, whose eternal love for us has been revealed by the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ + God the Son, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and who promised to send us an abiding Counselor. And in the name of God the Holy Spirit, our divine Counselor, the Spirit of truth.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## CONFESSION

M: Dear friends in Christ, the reason why we need the Holy Spirit is because we have no natural ability to comprehend the way of salvation, to appreciate God's love, or to believe in Jesus. Nor do we have any inner ability to overcome sinful ways and change ourselves for the better. We rely on the Holy Spirit for all of that. So let us declare our dependence on the Holy Spirit, as we confess our sins, seeking the new life that the Holy Spirit alone can give.

**C: O Lord, we confess that we must be born again into the new life that only the Holy Spirit can give. Without the Holy Spirit, we are spiritually blind and spiritually dead. Our sinful minds are hostile toward you and our sinful lives are in need of many changes. In your great mercy, forgive our sins. Cleanse and renew our hearts. Sanctify us to live the holy lives for which you first created us, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

M: What other god is like ours, who forgives sin and shows mercy? The Lord has heard our confession, and he has demonstrated his love for us in giving his dear Son over to death for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of the Lord, I announce the Gospel of forgiveness to you. By his grace, God has justified you, declaring your sins to be forgiven. Now, believe in Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.

**C: We were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

M: *Let us pray.* Holy Spirit, Creator of faith and Giver of life, breathe new life into our hearts and minds by the Gospel of Christ, so that we may understand the way of salvation and be bold witnesses of Jesus Christ in all the world. Sanctify our lives so that we may bear the fruit of faith to the glory of the Father, who lives and reigns with you and the Son, one God, now, and for all ages.

**C: Amen.**

## PSALM 104

## Lord, Send Out Your Spirit

### REFRAIN:



Lord, send out your Spir - it, \_\_\_\_\_ and re -  
new the face of the earth; \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, send out your  
Spir - it, \_\_\_\_\_ and re - new the face of the earth.

*Verse:* O Bless the Lord, my soul, O Lord, how great are your ways!  
How many are your works O Lord! The earth is full of your glory!

### REFRAIN

*Verse:* You take back your spirit, they die, Returning to the dust.  
You send forth your spirit, They are created, you renew the face of the earth!

### REFRAIN

*Verse:* May the glory of God be forever, May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts and my deeds be pleasing to him, I find my joy in the Lord!

### REFRAIN

## THE WORD

### LESSON

**Joel 2:28-29**

*In the Old Testament, God poured out his Spirit on the prophets who testified to the truth. Here the prophet Joel speaks of Pentecost when the Spirit will work in the hearts of believers to proclaim the good news.*

<sup>28</sup>After this, I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.  
Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.  
Your old men will dream dreams.  
Your young men will see visions.  
<sup>29</sup>Even on the servants, both male and female,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

### STAND

### GOSPEL

**John 16:5-11**

*Jesus redeemed us by shedding his blood for us on the cross. Jesus sends us the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, who fills our hearts with faith and gives us a desire to share Jesus with others.*

<sup>5</sup>“But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>Yet because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart.  
<sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth: It is good for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

### BE SEATED

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**Empowered by the Spirit**  
*Hands 2 Grow*

HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

*Christian Worship #177*



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make our  
2 To you, the Coun - se - lor, we cry, To you, the  
3 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed your  
4 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And your a -  
5 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And you, from

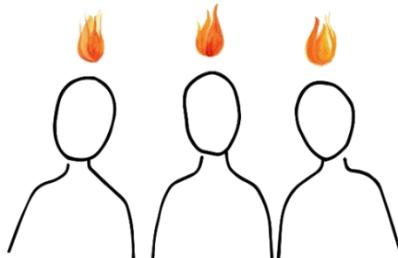


hearts your place of rest; Come with your grace and  
gift of God most high; The fount of life, the  
love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our  
bid - ing peace be - stow; If you are our pro -  
both, as Three in One That we your name may



heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which you have made.  
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - o - rate.  
tect - ing guide, No e - vil can with us a - bide.  
ev - er bless And in our lives the truth con - fess.

6 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!



2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. <sup>7</sup> They were completely baffled and said to each other, “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs— we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” <sup>12</sup> They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. <sup>15</sup> These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> This is what God says will happen in the last days: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions. Your old men will dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. <sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the sky above, and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke. <sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. <sup>21</sup> And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

### **The Gospel is God’s Miracle Drug**

- How to get it
- How to use it

## A CONFESSION OF FAITH

*The Third Article of the Apostle's Creed and Luther's Explanation*

**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.**

M: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing, 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 fully forgives all sins to me and 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.**

## OFFERING

*The members of Eternal Love congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our church's ministry. However, we do ask that everyone take part in completing the worship register. Whether you are worshiping in person or watching online, please fill out the Connection Card on our web site at [www.eternal-love.org/onlineworship](http://www.eternal-love.org/onlineworship).*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Holy Spirit, Counselor, Comforter, Spirit of Truth: Come to us today, as you once came to the first disciples. Transform our hearts and lives through the power of the Gospel, which you inspired the sacred writers to record on the pages of Holy Scripture.

**C: Create pure hearts within us and restore to us the joy of following Jesus.**

M: O Holy Fire, teach and counsel us to trust in Jesus alone.

**C: Give us power and courage and make us faithful witnesses of our Savior's redeeming love.**

M: Open our eyes to the truth,

**C: until we all see more clearly the eternal love which you have for us.**

M: Strengthen our faith and empower change in our lives so that everything we do is pure and glorifies our Savior.

**C: Bring forth abundant fruits of faith in each of us.**

M: As high school and college students step into the world to pursue higher education or enter the work force, encourage them, and equip them through Word and Sacrament to go boldly, trusting in you.

**C: Give them success in their work and fill them with the desire to be faithful witness.**

M: We bring these and all of our many cares and burdens to you as we rise and pray the prayer you have taught us...

*STAND*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

M: May God the Holy Spirit, given us by Jesus as our Counselor,  
guide you into all truth and remind you of the love of Jesus for you.

May He comfort, strengthen, sustain, and keep you in the one true faith in  
Jesus Christ + until life eternal.

**C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

*Christian Worship #319*



On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus,



King of grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Have no



pow'r to hide your face. This the su - per - scrip - tion be:



Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my life, my



hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion.

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