



He Lives to Pour Out His Spirit

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ETERNAL LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

a member congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

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. In addition, activity sheets for young children are available on the bulletin table and small bags with quiet activity items are located just outside the chapel doors.

WORSHIP SERIES THEME: HE LIVES

Life is full of either/or moments where you face an unavoidable choice between two alternatives. Some of those moments are relatively insignificant. Other times, they shape the course of your life.

Here is the biggest either/or of them all. Either Jesus is still dead, or Jesus rose. Jesus claimed to be the Son of God and Savior from sin. He said the proof is that he would rise from the dead. "The Son of Man must suffer many things ... be killed and after three days rise again" (Mark 8:31). Thus, if Jesus remains dead, he is both failure and fraud. However, if Jesus rose from the dead, he proves he is who he claimed to be—the Messiah. And he did what he came to do—save us.

THEME OF THE DAY: HE LIVES TO POUR OUT HIS SPIRIT

Fifty days after the Passover, God's Old Testament people celebrated Pentecost (Greek for "fifty"). Pentecost commemorated the gathering of the harvest and was also used to remember the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai, the start of the Church of Israel. Christ chose Pentecost to be the birthday of his New Testament Church too. By pouring out his Holy Spirit, Christ empowered the Church to gather in the great harvest of souls won by the Son.

The early church fathers mention the Festival of Pentecost often enough to lead many to believe it was celebrated annually already at the time of the apostles. Pentecost closes the fifty-day period after Easter and ends the festival half of the church year. The Church dresses in red this day to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit's gift, as well as the blood of the martyrs which was the seed of the Church.

OPENING DIALOGUE TO THE SEVENFOLD SPIRIT

The seven candles on the altar will be lit one by one as each gift of the Spirit is invoked. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. -- Isaiah 11:2

Come to us, O Spirit of wisdom.

Make us wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Come to us, O Spirit of understanding.

Enlighten our minds with your truth.

Come to us, O Spirit of counsel.

Comfort us in all our trials.

Come to us, O Spirit of power.

That we may be faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ.

Come to us, O Spirit of knowledge.

That we may know God's will and live according to it.

Come to us, O Spirit of the fear of the Lord.

That we may hate what is evil and love what is good.

Come to us, O Spirit of the Lord.

That we may remain in the one saving faith. Amen.



OPENING HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your grac - es
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, and cause the Word of
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the will your



be out - poured on each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
 life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
 work to do and in your ser - vice to a - bide;



your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright - ness
 and call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror
 let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -



of your light you gath - er and in faith u - nite
 keep us free; let none but Christ our mas - ter be
 pare each heart, and to our weak - ness strength im - part



your Church from ev - 'ry land and tongue: this to your
 that we in liv - ing faith a - bide, in him, our
 that brave - ly here we may con - tend, through life and



praise, O Lord our God, be sung. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

STAND

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION

Based on Psalm 51

In Psalm 51, the Lord invites us to confess our sin to him, with this assurance: “A broken and contrite heart I will not despise.” So let’s approach the Lord with contrite hearts, that is, hearts that are truly sorry for challenging his will and breaking his commandments, and let’s make an open and honest confession of our sins to the Lord, using the words of Psalm 51:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love. According to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. I have sinned against you, and done what is evil in your sight. I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

ABSOLUTION

It was because of God's gracious love for all people, even sinners like us, that Jesus came to us. His suffering and death paid for our sin. And his resurrection assures us that his payment has been accepted as “payment in full.” I forgive you all your sins in the name of Jesus. Now he sends us his Holy Spirit to create pure hearts in us, and to restore to us the joy of our salvation. So, with this blessed assurance of forgiveness, and with the power of the Holy Spirit to help us be Jesus’ witnesses, we may all pray:

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

BE SEATED

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 104A - Lord, Send Out Your Spirit

Refrain



LORD, send out your Spir-it and re-new the face of the earth.

Tone



How many are your / works, LORD!

In wisdom you / made them all.

All creatures / look to you

to give them their food at the / proper time.

When you give it to them, they gather / it up;

when you open your hand, they are satisfied / with good things. *Refrain*

May the glory of the LORD endure for- / ever;

may the LORD rejoice / in his works—

he makes winds his / messengers,

flames of fire his / servants.

I will sing to the LORD / all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

In the Old Testament, God poured out his Spirit onto the prophets so they could reveal his will. On Pentecost, Jesus poured his Spirit onto the Church so they could proclaim his gospel to the world.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.² Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.³ They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them.⁴ 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.

⁵ Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.⁶ When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.⁷ They were completely baffled and said to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?"⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language?⁹ Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia,

and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” ¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

¹⁴Then 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. ¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷This 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.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the sky above,

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3-11

When God pours out his Spirit, it is not only for the benefit of the individual believer. God gives his Spirit to us so that we might be of benefit to the entire Church.

³Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "A curse be upon Jesus," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.

⁵There are different kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord. ⁶There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone.

⁷Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one person a message of wisdom is given by the Spirit; to another, a message of knowledge, as the same Spirit provides it; ⁹by the same Spirit, faith is given to someone else; and to another, the same Spirit gives healing gifts. ¹⁰Another is given powers to do miracles; another, the gift of prophecy; another, the evaluating of spirits; someone else, different kinds of tongues; and another, the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them to each one individually as he desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

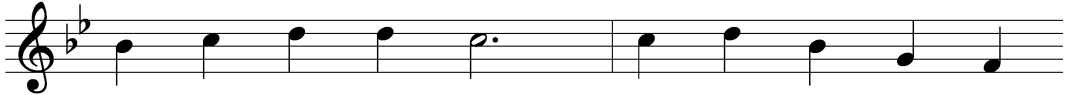
Young children may come forward for a brief devotion.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, and make our
2 To you, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, to you, the
3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's al -
4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, and shed your



hearts your place of rest; come with your grace and
gift of God most high, the fount of life, the
might - y hand be - hold while you with tongues of
love in ev - 'ry heart; the weak - ness of our



heav'n - ly aid, and fill the hearts which you have made.
fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
fire pro - claim to all the world his ho - ly name.
mor - tal state with death-less might in - vig - o - rate.

- 5 Drive far away our wily foe,
and your abiding peace bestow;
with you as our protecting guide,
no evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and you, from both, as Three in One
that we your name may ever bless
and in our lives the truth confess.
- 7 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!

³⁷On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and called out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink! ³⁸As the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from deep within the person who believes in me.” ³⁹By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were going to receive. For the Holy Spirit had not yet come, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

The River of Life

- It flows from Christ.
- It flows through every Christian.

A CONFESSION OF FAITH

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

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.

What does this mean?

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. If being here today was a blessing to you and you would like to support our ministry, you can scan here to donate:



During this time, we ask that everyone take part in completing the worship register. Please fill in the requested information and pass the booklet to the end of the row.

OFFERING SONG

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

*Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.*

*Holy Spirit, come abide within;
May Your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.*

*Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth;
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

Create pure hearts within us, and restore to us the joy of trusting and following our Savior.

O Holy Fire: burn away any ideas that we can earn our salvation. Teach and counsel us to trust in Jesus alone.

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

Without you, we are spiritually blind, and we cannot see the Father's love or understand the Savior's forgiving grace.

Open our eyes to the truth until we all see more clearly the great and eternal love which you have for us and which has gained our salvation.

We thank you for the Holy Scriptures and for Holy Baptism through which you gave us spiritual rebirth and faith in Christ;

And for the Bible and the Lord's Supper by which you keep us in the true faith.

Teach us to leave behind all of our other burdens, cares and worries, as we bring our hopes and needs before you in this perfect prayer ...

STAND

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

BE SEATED

HYMN

To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

Sts. 1-3



1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray
 2 O sweet - est Love, your grace on us be - stow;
 3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,



for the true faith need - ed on our way
 set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow
 help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed



that when life is end - ing he may de - fend us, on our
 that with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, ev - 'ry
 that we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us when the



home - ward jour - ney at - tend us. Lord, have mer - cy!
 stran - ger, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!
 foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!

STAND

PRAYER

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

St. 4

4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;
teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right
that we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, un - til
home at last he has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

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