

# The Day of Pentecost

*Peace Lutheran Church*

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**AS WE GATHER...** Today we recall the Feast of Pentecost, fifty days after Jesus' resurrection. In God's wisdom, this is one of the feasts all were required to attend in Jerusalem. In this way God provided for the largest gathering from the farthest reaches where His people lived in order to discover what Pentecost was really all about. We have a true guide and teacher in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit teaches us about God's gift of faith in Jesus. The Holy Spirit directs us to where true refreshment is found—the forgiveness from Jesus. Thank goodness for this gift of a teacher.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER FOCUS

Leader: 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 to rejoice in the gift of a guide and teacher in the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### READING

Reader: Our first reading for today comes from Acts 2:1-21.

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

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 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, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

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. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:



“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;  
even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;  
the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.  
And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall  
be saved.’

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Lesson:**

***John 7:37-39***

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

Reader: On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ!**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN:** “*Spirit, Come Down*”

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***(Recording of Peace choir)***

**MESSAGE**

***“Life is best with a Teacher”***

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

Leader: Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer before You our common supplications for the wellbeing of Your Church throughout the world. So guide and govern it by Your Holy Spirit, that all who profess themselves Christians be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel and upon the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace, that they please You in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Behold in mercy all who are in authority over us. Supply them with Your blessing, that they be inclined to Your will and walk according to Your Commandments. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: God Almighty, we pray that You would make Your presence known in our Country, but especially in the city of Minneapolis. Bring calm, peace, and justice to all who are hurting, angry and scared, so that all people can live securely and without fear. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: We humbly ask Your abiding presence in every situation that You would make known Your ways among us. Preserve those who travel, satisfy the wants of Your creatures, and help those who call upon You in any need, that they have patience in the midst of suffering (especially.....). According to Your will, we pray that these individuals be released from their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

Leader: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"**

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*Verse 1*

*Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day,  
Without your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.*

*Verse 2*

*Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;*



*For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.  
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go.*

*Verse 3*

*Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen My steps toward home,  
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!  
So, take my hand and lead me Unto the end.*