# **DAY OF PENTECOST** May 31, 2020 - 10:00 AM

# **Living Springs Lutheran Church**

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Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

### **PRELUDE MUSIC**

"Concertino"

Julia Benitez-Nelson; accompanied by Yewon Kerr By Chaminade

# **GATHERING: GOD-STORIES**

You may send your photos and/or God Stories to GodAroundUs@livingspringscolumbia.org. Where have you seen or experienced God at work in yourself, in the lives of others, or the world this past week? Names are NOT required.

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

"By Streams of Living Water"

JuBELLation By Michael E. Akers

#### We stand as able THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

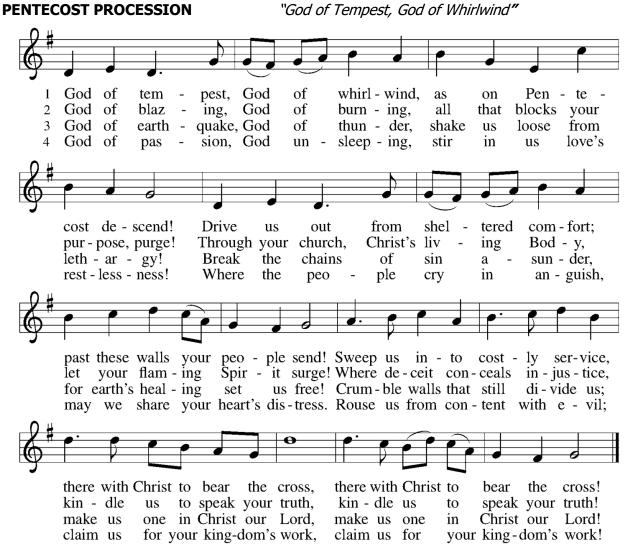
# People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a wellwatered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life. In the waters of Baptism, you joined us to the death & resurrection of Jesus—and with the laying on of hands, you fulfilled the ancient promise by giving us the Holy Spirit. We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

# People: Amen.

We focus on the cross as it enters the sanctuary, accompanied by the dove with ribbons of "fire" to represent the Holy Spirit.



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#### APOSTOLIC GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Pastor: Christ is Risen!
- People: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!
- Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit!
- People: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!
- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

# People: And also with you.

Pastor: O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### People: Amen.

#### We are seated CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children, youth, and young at heart are invited for a special message. All may bring coins or dollars for the Lent-Easter bucket collection (Disaster Response).

Jesus loves me! this I know,	Yes, Jesus loves me,
for the Bible tells me so;	yes, Jesus loves me,
little ones to him belong,	yes, Jesus loves me,
they are weak, but he is strong.	the Bible tells me so.

### **FIRST READING**

The spirit of God rested upon seventy elders in Israel who had been chosen to share the burden of leadership with Moses. When some became jealous that two others also had the spirit and could prophesy, Moses said that he hoped that all of God's people would be prophets.

Lector: A reading from Numbers.

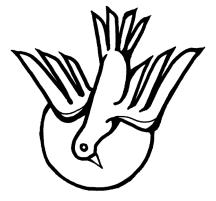
Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp. (Numbers II:24-30)

Lector:	Word of G	od, Word of life	9

People: Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 104:24-34, 35B

- Lector: How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- People: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.
- Lector: There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.
- People: All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.
- Lector: You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- People: When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
- Lector: You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.
- People: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.
- Lector: You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.
- People: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.
- Lector: May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.
- People: Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!



#### SECOND READING

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

#### Lector: A reading from Acts.

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, 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 Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: '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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Acts 2:1-21)

Lector: Word of God, Word of life. **People:** Thanks be to God.



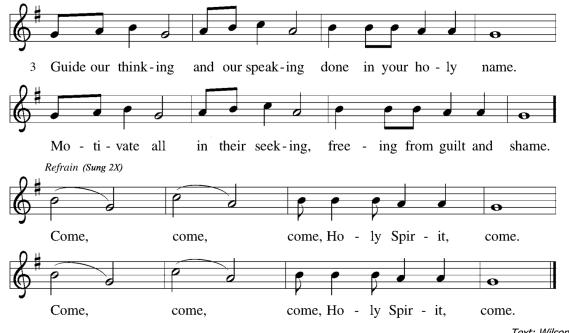
We stand for the reading of the Gospel, as the Bible is processed to the center of the Chancel on this Festival of Pentecost. **GOSPEL PROCESSION** 



Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John. **People: 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." (John 20:19-23)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, O Christ.



Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

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We are seated **PENTECOST MESSAGE** 

"Spirit of Gentleness"



# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: 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 +

Pastor: We call on your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your church, that they reveal your love for all. Lord, in your mercy,

# People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: 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. Lord, in your mercy,

#### People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We call on your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Give each one of us a heart for justice and empathy. Lord, in your mercy,

#### People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, hospital staff, midwives, chaplains, counselors, hospice workers, and all who care for those in need. We pray for all who long for comfort, especially *Shirley Laingen; Margaret Blank; Charles Kauffman; JoAnn Pulse; Bunie Talbert; Jack Ramsey; Ann Vanvial; the Williams family; and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud...* We ask for your special blessing upon our High School and College Graduates: Kennedy Bracey, Collin Flores, Elijah Harris, Austin Padgett, Kaitlyn Thoma; and Sam Arnold, Tyler Evans, Tammy Mancuso. Lord, in your mercy,

#### People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We call on your spirit of friendship. As Elizabeth welcomed Mary to her home, give us a spirit of welcome to those whom we meet through this congregation and through our daily lives. Surprise us daily with unexpected grace, that we rejoice in every blessing you send. Lord, in your mercy,

#### People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We call on your spirit of hope. As you have led your saints in all times and places, stir in us the desire to follow their example, leading us from death to new life in you. Lord, in your mercy,

#### People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God, our peace and our strength, we pray for our nation and the world as we face continued uncertainties around coronavirus. Protect the most vulnerable among us, especially all who are currently sick or in isolation. Grant wisdom, patience, and clarity to health care/essential workers, especially as their work caring for others puts them at great risk. Guide us as we consider how best to respond in our families, congregations, workplaces, and communities. Give us courage to face these days not with fear but with compassion, concern, and acts of service, trusting that you abide with us always. Lord, in your mercy,

# People: hear our prayer.

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

#### People: Amen.

#### SHARING OF PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always. **People: And also with you.** *We greet one another, with the words that the risen Jesus spoke to his disciples: "Peace be with you."* 

#### **OFFERINGS ARE GIVEN**

Offering may be dropped off at the office during the week or sent through the mail. For those who wish to give electronically, you may use the secure Givelify app.





**OFFERING OF MUSIC** 

"Syrinx"

Julia Benitez-Nelson by Debussy

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us with your love and grace, for service in your name in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen.

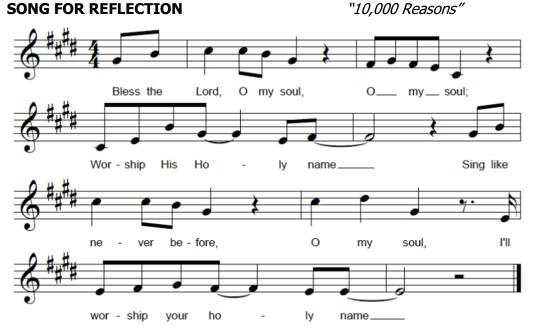
#### THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY COMMUNION

- Pastor: We have been made one as the body of Christ thought the waters of baptism. In our journey of faith & life, we have been fed with Christ's own body and blood. Even though we fast from the Lord's Supper at this worship service, we give thanks for the gift of Holy Communion, as we look forward to the joy of the time when we will again be gathered and fed at your table.
- Pastor: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we offer our praise and give you thanks. When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation; David fought Goliath; the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life. You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he conquered death and granted the people your life.

We give you thanks and praise for the gift of Holy Communion and for the blessing it brings to your people. Even though we abstain from your meal for reasons you understand, we sense the power of your forgiveness and grace offered to us and the world through your Son. Awaiting those times when we fully share in his meal, we still remember, and cherish in our hearts, the words uplifting this great and glorious gift which Jesus gave us:

People: 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." 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."

We take time for prayer and reflection as we sing together, giving thanks to God for all the times we have been fed with our Lord's body & blood—and looking forward to that day when we will all be gathered again around the Lord's Table.



Verse 1: The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever comes before me, let me be singing when the evening comes (to Chorus)

Verse 2: You're rich in love and you're slow to anger, Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (to Chorus)

# LORD'S PRAYER

- Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- People: 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.

# PENTECOST PROCESSION

On this is the 50th and final day of the Easter season, the Paschal Candle (lit at the Easter Vigil service) is removed from its stand and follows the Cross in the procession, along with the symbolic Pentecost dove. As the Spirit empowers us to be Christ's witnesses to the ends of the earth, so we conclude our Pentecost worship with the Confession of Faith "out in the world."

- 1. This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
- 2. Hide it under a bushel? NO! ...
- 3. Won't let anyone \*puff\* it out ...
- 4. The Spirit leads us out to serve . . .
- 5. Everywhere I go . . .
- 6. This little light of mine . . . (Repeat)

# **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

- Pastor: On this day of Pentecost, we boldly proclaim to the world our faith, with emphasis on our belief in the work of the Holy Spirit.
- Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?
- People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
- Pastor: What does this third article mean?
- People: I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as the spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

(From Martin Luther's Small Catechism, 1529 - explanation of the third article of the Apostle's Creed)



#### **BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

Pastor: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People:Amen.Pastor:Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace to bear the Spirit's fruit. Share the good news.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"O Day Full of Grace"

Association of Lutheran Church Musicians Arranged by David Cherwien

# The Story of the Virtual Hymn "O Day Full of Grace"

# Pentecost, 2020

During Lent of 2020, churches around the world suspended liturgies as a pandemic spread its way around the entire globe, sending people around the world into isolation. Current communities of the faithful had never had to consider faith-life without very regular assemblies for worship. Church musicians had spent their entire efforts "bringing together" - to develop, nurture and encourage a powerful instrument: the assembly at song.

As the world arrived at Easter, many Cantors (Church musicians) were somewhat in a state of shock that we would be going through Holy Week without these gatherings. Many had adapted to new methods of encouraging worship to continue - aided by technology, but nevertheless in isolation, without the ability to accomplish corporate singing.

On Easter Sunday, the Episcopal Church released its video of the hymn "The Strife is O'er" which was put together in a short time span. It was very moving, and encouraging to many: to see the church singing together - young voices, older voices, instruments - over 800 people responded with pent-up energy and desire to once again sing together - even if in isolation. This inspired Lutherans to follow their example.

In early May, a plan was proposed to Jim Rindelaub (Executive Director, ALCM) by David Cherwien (ALCM member, Cantor, Mount Olive Lutheran Church, and Artistic Director, National Lutheran Choir). The proposal was that ALCM, with its very congregational-song-centric 1,700-person membership, could launch a similar thing for Lutherans to use in their virtual liturgies on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020. The National Lutheran Choir could help provide what was needed to launch this effort.

ALCM researched the company that helped produce the Episcopal Easter Hymn, and inquired about a project for Lutherans. Kory Caudill, President of Inside Music Nashville, was happy to take this on. Funding was found by ALCM through the generosity of Pauline and John Kiltinen. Cherwien and the National Lutheran Choir scrambled over one weekend to produce the arrangement and the initial 8 voice and organ parts with which others could create submissions. The initial hope was for at least 400 participants. (This number was surpassed by over 900)

The Hymn "O Day Full of Grace" was chosen, a hymn known to most Lutherans. This choice was solidified by a letter the ALCM membership received from very active and longtime friend, board-member Norma Aamodt-Nelson. The letter was sharing the news of her entering hospice; the end-of-life time for her due to cancer. In this letter she quoted the final stanza "When we on our final journey go, ....we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow . . ."

The arrangement had to be simple, with a very predictable introduction and interludes as to indicate clearly the point at which to breathe and sing in time. Two stanzas were arranged for 4-part high and 4-part low voices (one for each), the standard hymnal harmonization was included, and a unison with descant final stanza. Instrumental parts (kept simple as to encourage all ages) were also created and made available.

The invitation net was cast as wide as possible - including internationally. In the end there were over 1,300 video submissions - 960 singers, 364 instrumentalists. Kory Caudill of Nashville received these, and within one week his company edited them all together, to release in various formats for churches to include in their virtual worship materials for Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020.

Soli deo gloria

O Day Full of Grace - no text (YouTube for watching)

# DAY OF PENTECOST:

A Holy Rumbling

Helene's foot pressed down; her heel held long and steady on the organ's pedal board. The bellows in the basement blew air through ducts up to the biggest pipes, and there was a rumble. A rumble that wiggled lead in the windows. A rumble that wobbled the chandelier, rattled coins in the offering plates, and made the walls shudder. A rumble that troubled the baptismal font waters and stirred flames on altar candles. And it was a rumble that resonated in the hearts of that little church assembly every Sunday when, before their last amen, the congregation began to breathe the words and melody of the hymn they knew by heart:

Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with life anew,

that I may love all that you love and do what you would do.

Then the doors were opened. Women picked up their purses, children collected their crayons, the men stretched their legs. A voice sounded: "Go in peace. Serve the Lord." And the people said, "Thanks be to God."

Jesus joined the disciples and said, "Peace be with you" (John 20:19, 21). How could it be? The doors were locked. The disciples had assembled in fear. The light of day was spent. How could it be that he entered into such a place, where the end of so much had made no room for peace? And how did it happen that though they were crowded into hiding and imprisoned by walls of sadness, peace came to be with them?

We, too, are visited by the holy mystery of the Spirit of God despite the closed doors of our hears, minds, and lives. It is the sudden rumbling of the Spirit—the divine breath that first gave life to creation—that stirs us to pray:

Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with life anew,

that I may love all that you love and do what you would do.

-Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889

May Books of the Month: 1 & 2 Corinthians June Books of the Month: Galatians & Ephesians

