



Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Festival of Pentecost
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Fifty days after Easter, God sent the promised Counselor on the day we call "Pentecost" (Greek for "fifty"). Pentecost marks the birthday of the New Testament Church and celebrates the souls won by the Son and gathered into his Church by his Spirit. Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church. The Church Colors are red to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit's gift and the fire of zeal he gives Christians to use that gift.

Response for Pentecost

P: We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God has poured out his love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, which is his gift to us. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts,

C: But the same Spirit gives them.

P: There are different ways of serving,

C: But the same Lord is served.

P: There are different abilities to perform service,

C: But the same Spirit gives ability to everyone for service.

P: The Spirit's presence is shown in some way for the good of all.

C: If we live by the Spirit, let us walk by the Spirit, that we may be the children of God.

Our Confession of Sins

P: Beloved in the Lord; let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Response

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

CW 183 vv 1-3 Text, Tune, Setting: public domain.

**Holy Spirit, Light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the gloom of night away; Turn the darkness into day.**

**Holy Spirit, Love divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In your mercy pity me; From sin’s bondage set me free.**

**Holy Spirit, Joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Fill me with your heav’nly peace; Let it grow and still increase.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gifts of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell the world the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Musical Selection (10:30a)

“There Is a Redeemer”

Children’s Choir

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God's Word for Pentecost

Ezekiel 37:1-6

A Picture is Worth a 1,000 Words

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know."⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!' ⁵This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD."



Hymn

“Descend, O Holy Spirit”

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De - scend, O Ho - ly Spir - it, de - scend on us we pray;
De - scend, O Ho - ly Spir - it, let heal - ing wa - ter flow
De - scend, O Ho - ly Spir - it, as rush - ing, migh - ty wind;



And bless us with Your pres - ence, re - newed in us to - day.
To com - fort those in mourn - ing, a so - lace to the soul;
We stand in ad - o - ra - tion; O Spir - it, now de - scend,



A fer - vent in - ter - ces - sor be - fore the Fa - ther's throne;
A foun - tain in the des - ert, the wa - ter of Your Word,
O cleanse us by Your pow - er, our weak - ened faith re - new;



Your gen - tle sup - pli - ca - tions make our pe - ti - tions known.
A - noint - ed with Your pow - er, the sweet - est mes - sage heard.
Com - mis - sion us for ser - vice to lead the lost to You.

From Acts 2 – Happy Birthday Holy Christian Church

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? . . . ¹¹We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: . . .
¹⁶This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people . . .²¹And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Hymn – *“We Are the Lords”*

CW 427

John 14:25-27 - Happy Homecoming Jesus

²⁵All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.



Response

Tune: CW 588 Text, Tune, Setting: public domain.

Cre - ate in me, O God, a spot - less heart,
 Re - store to me sal - va - tion's joy, O Lord;

re - new in me a spir - it that is right,
 give me a will - ing spir - it, keep me true.

And from your pres - ence, nev - er make me part
 Then I will teach trans - gress - ors in your Word,

or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from my sight.
 And man - y sin - ners will turn back to you.

Confession of Faith – *Focusing on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit*

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. Amen.

Offering

Prayer for Pentecost and 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.

The Sacrament

Our church practices membership communion. We ask that only members of our church body, the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod, partake of the sacrament.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

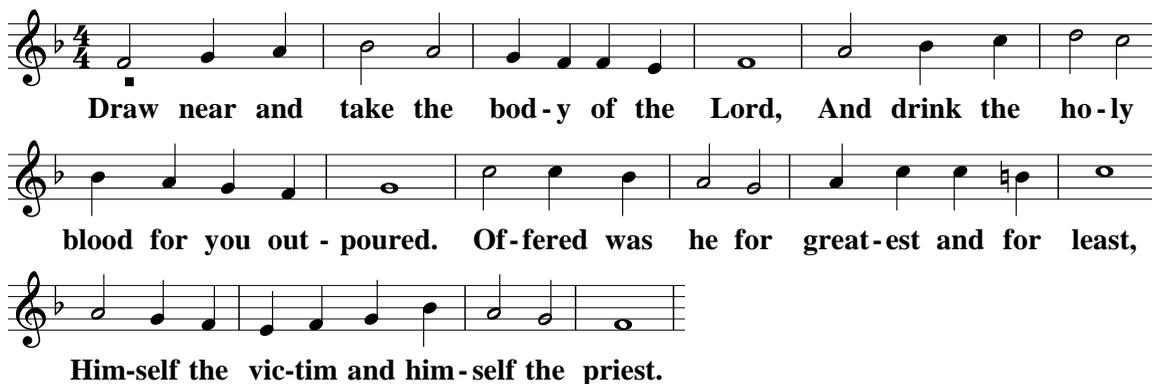
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right to do so.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song.



Draw near and take the bod-y of the Lord, And drink the ho-ly
blood for you out - poured. Of-fered was he for great-est and for least,
Him-self the vic-tim and him-self the priest.

CW 309 Composer Steven Janco

The Words of Institution



Come for-ward, then, with faith-ful hearts sin - cere, And take the pled-ges
of sal-va-tion here. Be-fore your al-tar, Lord, your ser-vants bow;
In this your feast of love be with us now.

Distribution and Meditation

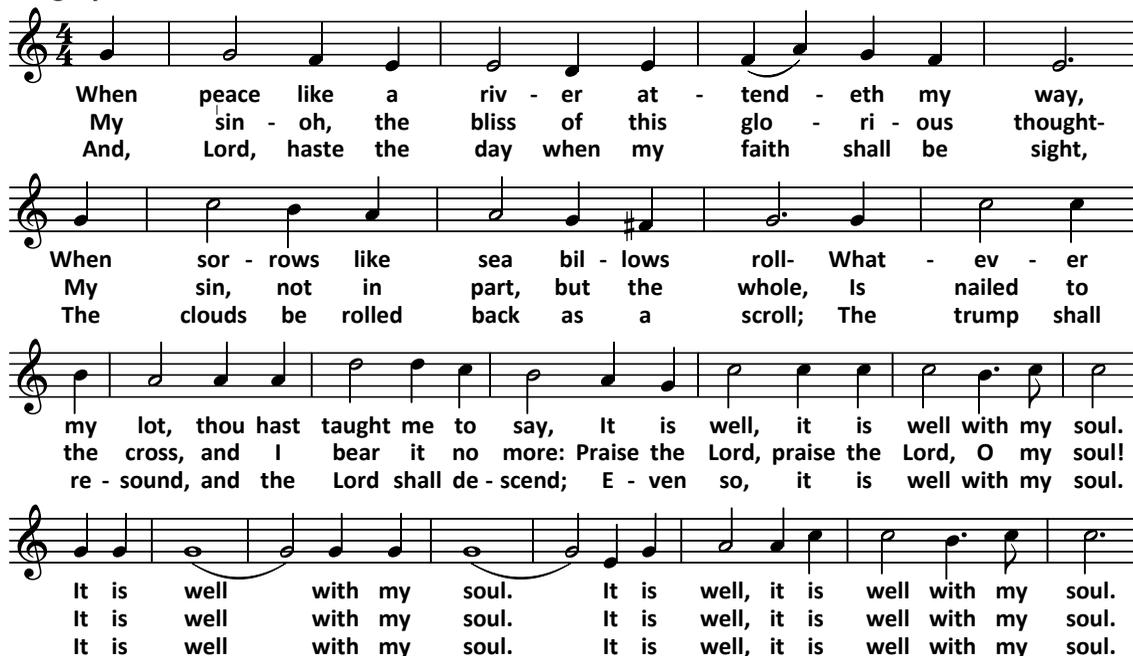
Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: 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 that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may 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.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn – “When Peace Like a River”

CWS 760 Text: Horatio G. Spafford Tune, Setting: Philip Bliss - Public Domain



When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way,
My sin - oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought-
And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be thought-
sight,
When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll- What - ev - er
My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The trump shall
my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
the cross, and I bear it no more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
re - sound, and the Lord shall de - scent; E - ven so, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER WORSHIP – Today was our last 8 and 10:30a Worship until September. Our summer worship schedule starts next week with worship at 9a and fellowship/Bible Study at 10a. Our Thursday night worship is still at 7p with Bible class at 7:45p.

CALENDAR

- Today 8 & 10:30a Worship with Communion
9:15a Bible Class & Sunday School
Noon to 6p – Facility in Use
- Monday Calendar and Newsletter Deadline
- Thursday 8a Breakfast Bible Study
7p Worship
7:45p Bible Study
- Friday 10a Closing Service at Mountain View Park
- Sunday 9a Worship
10a Fellowship