



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *The Day of Pentecost*

*June 8, 2025*

*10:30 Service of the Word*

Jesus is on his journey to Jerusalem but he keeps expanding his ministry. In today's gospel we'll read about Jesus sending seventy followers out to towns he still plans to visit. These early missionaries returned later with joy about how well they were received. It would be nice if all our efforts at sharing the gospel were so well received, but we fear they will not be. May the joy of our Lord's love inspire us to share the good news in our every word and deed.

### *Welcome to worship today!*

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

Large print bulletins are available on the usher's stand.

The Zoom feed for this service is shown in the nursery.

# † GATHERING †

## Prelude and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, love us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen**

Gathering Hymn Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness  
(for music see Hymn 396 in the Red Hymnal)

*Refrain* **Spirit, spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness  
calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,**

wind, wind on the sea.

1. You moved on the waters,  
you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains  
from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing;  
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” *Refrain*
2. You swept through the desert,  
you stung with the sand  
and you goaded your people  
with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*
3. You sang in the stable,  
you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence  
when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*
4. You call from tomorrow,  
you break ancient schemes,  
From the bondage of sorrow  
all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,  
With bold new decisions, your people arise. *Refrain*

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Greeting (2 Corinthians 13:13)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Gathering Dialog (Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)

A: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

A: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,  
when you lie down and when you rise.**

A: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

*Prayer of the Day*

A: Let us pray...

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of the earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

*First Reading* Acts 2:1-21 (*Please read as indicated*)

**B:** When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

*(a brief pause)*

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

<sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked,

**Men:** “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”

**Women:** <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

**Band:** Parthians,

**Left Side:** Medes,

**Right Side:** Elamites,

**Women:** and residents of Mesopotamia,

**Band:** Judea and Cappadocia,

**B:** Pontus and Asia,

**Women:** Phrygia and Pamphylia,

**B:** Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene,

**Men:** and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

**Left Side:** Cretans and Arabs

**All:** in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

**B:** All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

**All:** "What does this mean?" "What does this mean?" "What does this mean?"

**B:** But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

**Band:** "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

**Right Side and Band:** '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,

**Left Side and Band:** and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

**Men and Band:** <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

**Women and Band:** And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

**Band:** The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

**All:** Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

**B:** Word of God, word of life.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

**C: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading Luke 10:1-24

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' <sup>12</sup>I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town. <sup>13</sup>"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>14</sup>But at the judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. <sup>15</sup>And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

<sup>16</sup>"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."<sup>21</sup> At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden

these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>22</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” <sup>23</sup>Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and hear what you hear, but did not hear it.”

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

### Children's Sermon

#### Sermon

Hymn of the Day      The Church of Christ, in Every Age  
(For music see Hymn 729 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **The church of Christ, in ev'ry age  
beset by change, but Spirit led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.**
2. **Across the world, across the street,  
the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat,  
and never live before they die.**
3. **Then let the servant church arise,  
a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
and clothed in Christ's humanity.**
4. **For he alone, whose blood was shed,  
can cure the fever in our blood,  
and teach us how to share our bread  
and feed the starving multitude.**
5. **We have no mission but to serve  
in full obedience to our Lord;  
to care for all, without reserve,  
and spread his liberating word.**

Response to the Word

P: In Christ you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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.**

A: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.** (Jude 20)

A: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** (Jude 21)

A: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away;  
behold, everything has become new!** (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*



# ✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

## Special Music Gathering of Prayers and Offerings

*You are invited to write a prayer concern on the small blank slip of paper in your worship bulletin. This slip will be collected by the ushers in the offering plates. The concerns raised will be prayed for later in the service.*

## Hymn of Thanksgiving

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil

*For music turn to Hymn 713 in the Blue Hymnal*

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your Word.**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.**

**When my heart is hard,  
break the stone away.**

**When my heart is cold,  
warm it with the day.**

**When my heart is lost,  
lead me on your way.**

**Lord, let my heart,**

**Lord, let my heart,**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

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## Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God,

**C: ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Issues raised by the congregation are prayed for.*

*The prayer concludes:*

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

✠ SENDING ✠

Blessing

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn Shout to the North

(For music turn to Hymn 31 in the Songbook binder)

**1. Men of faith, rise up and sing  
of the great and glorious King.  
You are strong when you are weak,  
in your brokenness complete.**

Refrain

**Shout to the north and the south;  
sing to the east and the west.  
Jesus is Savior of all, Lord of heaven and earth.**

**2. Rise up women of the truth,  
stand and sing to broken hearts  
who can know the healing pow'r  
of our awesome King of love.**

*Refrain*

**3. We've been through fire, we've been through rain;  
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name.  
We've fallen deeper in love with You.  
You've burned the truth on our lips.** *Refrain*

**4. Rise up church with broken wings,  
Fill this place with songs again  
of our God who reigns on high.  
By His grace again we'll fly.** *Refrain*

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**Dismissal**

**P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.**

**C: God's Work. Our Hands.**

### **Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers	Phyllis Henderson
Acolyte	Elijah Young
Counters	Linda Flood and a helper
Coffee Hour	

### **Worship assistants for next Sunday, June 15**

Greeters and Ushers	Linda Flood
Acolyte	Thomas Bullwinkle
Altar Care	Mary Zuege
Communion Assistant	Nancy Pape
Counters	John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour	

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