



**THE ORDER OF THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
**FESTIVAL DAY OF PENTECOST**  
**MAY 23, 2021 – 8:00 AM**

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. In May of 2021, we celebrate forty-three years of ministry. Celebrating our Savior's love continues today in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

**LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY**

The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church. This celebration takes place 50 days after Easter (the word Pentecost means 50th day). On this day, the Holy Spirit breathed upon men and women from around the world and sent them to share the wonderful news of God's love for the world.

The "tongues of fire" that were seen above the heads of the disciples were a sign of God's presence, just as God used fire as a sign of His presence in the Old Testament. He spoke to Moses from a burning bush, then He lighted the way for the Israelites as a pillar of fire at night as they fled Egypt for the Promised Land. This is why we celebrate Pentecost with the color red.

Other customs have been used by the Christian Church to help focus on Pentecost. During the Middle Ages, roses were dropped from the rafters to simulate the tongues of fire. Trumpets were used to simulate the sound of the rushing wind. A live dove was set free inside the church, or a carved one was lowered down from the roof to remind us of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

During the season of Pentecost, we place a special focus on applying Christ's life and teachings to our lives. Today, as we celebrate Pentecost, we recall the gifts God has given to each of us, through the Holy Spirit, so that we can respond to His love for us in Christ by reaching and teaching and caring for others.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

**PRELUDE**

*Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott* – D. Buxtehude

**WELCOME**

❖ **INVOCATION**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the Name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

❖ **DIALOG TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

P Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Your faithful people!  
C **Come, bring Your Life to Your Church once more!**

P Come, Holy Spirit, inspire us with Your Word ever new!  
C **Come, bring Your Love to Your Church once more!**

P Come, Holy Spirit, unite Your faithful people with a song of praise!  
C **Come, bring Your Unity to Your Church once more!**

❖ **OPENING HYMN**

*O Holy Spirit Enter In*

**LSB 913**

1. O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Your work begin,  
Your dwelling place now make us.  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine, Around and in us brightly shine,  
To joy and gladness wake us  
That we may be Truly living, To You giving  
Prayer unceasing And in love be still increasing.
2. Give to Your Word impressive pow'r, That in our hearts from this good hour  
As fire it may be glowing,  
That in true Christian unity We faithful witnesses may be,  
Your glory ever showing.  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teaching; Let our preaching  
And our labor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

3. **O mighty Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,  
 In us be strongly burning  
 That we be faithful unto death And live in love and holy faith,  
 From You true wisdom learning.  
 Your grace and peace On us shower; By Your power  
 Christ confessing, Let us see our Savior's blessing.**

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## ❖ **BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE**

**P** The Spirit of the Lord fills the world!  
**C** **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**P** “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound”  
**C** **Now the Lord is Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.**

**P** Come, Holy Spirit:  
**C** **Let Your Spirit rest upon us, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding; the Spirit of counsel and might; the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of Lord.**

**P** “The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My Name,  
**C** **He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”**

**P** No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,”  
**C** **except by the Holy Spirit.**

**P** May the God of all hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound in hope.

## ❖ **CONFESSION OF SINS AND GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins.  
As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*This is the Feast* – arr. R. Hillert

**LSB 155**

Refrain

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain**

**2. Power, riches, wisdom and strength  
And honor, blessing and glory are His. Refrain**

**3. Sing with all the people of God,  
And join in the hymn of all creation:**

**4. Blessing, honor, glory and might  
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain**

**5. For the Lamb who was slain  
Has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

Refrain

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

❖ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit.

C **Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His Holy Consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY**

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

*(Ezekiel learns by the way of a vision of "dry bones" that the Lord can bring new life.)*

The 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.

He 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.

He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, You alone know."

Then He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the Word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones:

I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.

I 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."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.

I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O Breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'"  
So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet--a vast army.  
Then He said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel.  
'They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.'

Therefore prophecy and say to them:  
'This is what the Sovereign LORD says:  
O My people, I Am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.  
Then you, My people, will know that I Am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.  
I will put My Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land.  
Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'"

A     This is the Word of the Lord.  
C     **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalms 139:1-16*

*(We praise God that we are wonderfully made; and that he knows everything about us and loves us.)*

P     You have searched me, LORD, and You know me.  
C     **You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar.**

P     You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways.  
C     **Before a word is on my tongue You, LORD, know it completely, O Lord.**

P     You hem me in – behind and before; You have laid Your Hand upon me.  
C     **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.**

P     Where can I go from Your Spirit?  
C     **Where can I flee from Your Presence?**

P     If I go up to the heavens, You are there;  
C     **if I make my bed in the depths, You are there.**

P     If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
C     **even there Your Hand will guide me, Your Right Hand will hold me fast.**

P If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"  
C **even the darkness will not be dark to You;**

P the night will shine like the day,  
C **for darkness is as light to You.**

P For You created my inmost being;  
C **You knit me together in my mother's womb.**

P I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
C **Your Works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

P My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place.  
C **When I was woven together in the depths of the earth.**

P Your Eyes saw my unformed body.  
C **All the days ordained for me were written in Your Book before one of them came to be.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Acts 2:1-21*

*(The God who confused the people in their arrogance is the One who has mercy on them;  
and speaks His love into their lives into their own language---no matter what it is.)*

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

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?"



Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine. " Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE

*If Ye Love Me – T. Tallis*

Sanctuary Choir Ensemble

*John 14:15-17*

*If ye love me Keep my commandment And I will pray the father  
And he shall give you another comforter That he May bide with you forever  
E'en the spirit of truth*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*(Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit.)*

*John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

*'In the last days, God says, I will pour out My Spirit on all people.*

*Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.*

*Even on My servants, both men and women, I will pour out My Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.*

*I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.*

*The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious Day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved.'"*

"When the Counselor comes, Whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth Who goes out from the Father, He will testify about Me. And you also must testify, for you have been with Me from the beginning. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you.

"Now I Am going to Him Who sent Me, yet none of you asks Me,

'Where are You going?'

Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief.

But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I Am going away.

Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

When He comes, He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in Me; in regard to righteousness, because I Am going to the Father, where you can see Me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.

But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come.

He will bring glory to Me by taking from what is Mine and making it known to you.

All that belongs to the Father is Mine.

That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is Mine and make it known to you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, Lord Christ.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord*

**LSB 497**

**1. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your graces now outpoured**

**On each believer's mind and heart; Your fervent love to them impart.**

**Lord, by the brightness of Your light In holy faith Your Church unite;**

**From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

2. Come, holy Light, guide divine, Now cause the Word of life to shine.  
 Teach us to know our God aright And call Him Father with delight.  
 From ev'ry error keep us free; Let none but Christ our master be  
 That we in living faith abide, In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!

3. Come, holy Fire, comfort true, Grant us the will Your work to do  
 And in Your service to abide; Let trials turn us not aside.  
 Lord, by Your pow'r prepare each heart, And to our weakness strength impart  
 That bravely here we may contend, Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!

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## SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

"The Holy Spirit at Work in God's 'Before Picture' People"

*John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15*

## ❖ APOSTLES' CREED

*The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed and its meaning from Luther's Small Catechism*

**C** We 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.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength 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 richly forgives all my sins and the sins  
 of 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.

## ❖ GREETING OF PEACE

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3*) Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow) is welcome.

## OFFERING

(The offerings of God’s people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

### MUSICAL OFFERING

Sanctuary Choir Ensemble  
(*LSB 693*)

*O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace* – M. Franck

*1. O Holy Spirit, grant us grace That we our Lord and Savior  
In faith and fervent love embrace And truly serve Him ever.  
The hour of death cannot bring loss When we are sheltered by the cross  
That canceled our transgressions.*

*2. Help us that we Thy saving Word In faithful hearts may treasure;  
Let e’er that Bread of Life afford New grace in richest measure.  
Yea, let us die to ev’ry sin, From Heav’n create us new within,  
That fruits of faith may flourish.*

*3. And when our earthly race is run, Death’s bitter hour impending,  
Then may Thy work in us begun Continue till life’s ending,  
Until we gladly may commend Our souls into our Savior’s hand,  
The crown of life obtaining.*

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## ❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

**C** **God our Father, renew Your Church and our communities, and send us the Spirit of Truth.**

**P** Your Spirit, risen Lord, is Truth. May He make us truly free.

**C** **Your Spirit, risen Lord, is fire. May He burn within us with Your Holy Love.**

P Your Spirit, risen Lord is Life. May He raise us up on the Last Day.  
C **By Your Spirit, O Lord, guide the nations in the ways of justice and peace.**

P Your Spirit, risen Lord, is Kindness. May He soothe our hearts and help us to live in forgiveness.  
C **Your Spirit, risen Lord, renews the face of the earth. May He renew the depths of our hearts; and the bodies, minds, and spirits of all who are in need.**

*After each portion of the prayers:*

P Lord, in Your Mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
C **Amen.**

## ❖ **LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

## ❖ **BENEDICTION**

P The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *(Numbers 6:24-26)*  
C **Amen.**

❖ **CLOSING HYMN**

*O Day Full of Grace*

**LSB 503, vs. 1, 4-5**

**1. O day full of grace that now we see  
Appearing on earth's horizon,  
Bring light from our God that we may be  
Replete in His joy this season.  
God, shine for us now in this dark place;  
Your name on our hearts emblazon.**

**4. God came to us then at Pentecost,  
His Spirit new life revealing,  
That we might no more from Him be lost,  
All darkness for us dispelling.  
His flame will the mark of sin efface  
And bring to us all His healing.**

**5. When we on that final journey go  
That Christ is for us preparing,  
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,  
All joy of the heavens sharing,  
And walk in the light of God's own place,  
With angels His name adoring.**

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**P** Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE**

*“Komm, Gott Schopfer, Heiliger Geist”* - J. S. Bach

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