



**THE DAY OF PENTECOST
MAY 23, 2021, 11:00 AM**

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. In May of 2021, we celebrated 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 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.

Welcome and Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Musical Offering, Opening Song: Shine, Jesus, Shine

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining,
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth You now bring us –
shine on me, shine on me:

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory
Blasé, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy
Set forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence
from the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness

Search me, try me, consume all my darkness –
shine on me, shine on me: **Refrain**

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory;
mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story –
Shine on me, shine on me: **Refrain x2**

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Invocation of The Holy Trinity

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

P We make our beginning 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!**

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

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.

The Good News of God's Forgiveness

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.

P May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Musical Offering, Song of Praise: As We Pray

1. As we pray,
the darkness turns to light
As we pray,
the will of God and man align
With one voice we lift our hands to say
we only trust in Jesus' name;
Lord of mercy, hear this pray'r we raise:

Refrain

Let heaven's gates be open;
let words of life be spoken!
Not ours, but Your will be done,
Father, as we pray to You

2. As we pray,
the blind are given sight
As we pray,
the heart of God and man unite

With one voice we lift our hands to say
we only trust in Jesus' name;
Lord of mercy, hear this pray'r we raise:
Bring freedom and forgiveness,
bring healing and repentance,
for only You can save us,
Father, as we pray to You

We lift one voice to one God,
for one cause, that all may know You
One voice to one God,
for one cause, that all may know You
One voice to one God,
for one cause, that all may know Your love: Refrain

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New Testament Reading – Ezekiel 37:1-14

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, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, 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 prophesy 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.**

Epistle Reading – Acts 2:1-21

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! 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.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel – John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the fifteenth and sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

"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

Musical Offering, Song of the Day: Hymn of The Holy Spirit

1. Holy Spirit, guide my vision,
help me see the way You see;
always Jesus, ever Jesus -
Christ in all as Christ in me.

2. Holy Spirit, guide my speaking -
words of grace and truth abound;
Let my lips be filled with stories
of the mercy that I've found.

Refrain

You're the light, You're my path,
You're the Shepherd of my soul
All I am, all I have,
Holy Spirit, lead me on

3. Holy Spirit, guide my hearing;
wake my ears to words You speak
In the thunder, in the stillness,
let Your voice be clear to me,
let Your voice be clear to me **Refrain x2**

4. Holy Spirit, lead me onward -
walking thro' the great unknown,
Trusting, leaning, holding, clinging,
'til the day You lead me home.

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Message – "The Holy Spirit at Work in God's 'Before Picture' People" – Pastor Jonathan Blanke
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Creed

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C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of Heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only-Begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by Whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into Heaven
and sits at the Right Hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
Whose Kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the ✕ Life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

after each petition:

P Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The 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

Musical Offering, Closing Song: Ten Thousand Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Refrain

Bless the Lord, o my soul,
o my soul, worship His holy name;
Sing like never before, o my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name

1. The sun comes up - it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes **Refrain**

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 **Refrain**

3. And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore! **Refrain x2**

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+ Go in Peace! Serve the Lord! Thanks Be to God! +

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