

# Family of God Lutheran Church



**May 19, 2024**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

**Prelude:**

*Hope*

Thomas Keeseker

**Hymn**

*Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

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**\*Greeting**

**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.**

**\*Kyrie**

**A:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** **Lord have mercy.**

**A:** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** **Lord have mercy.**

**A:** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** **Lord have mercy.**

**A:** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** **Lord have mercy.**

**A:** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

**\* Glory to God**

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*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are  
the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the  
Father. Amen.*

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.*

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Let us pray. Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

### **Recognition of our Sunday School Teachers**

Bill Exley

### **First Reading**

### **Acts 2:1-21**

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

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,<sup>as</sup> <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the

wonders of God in our own tongues!”<sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> “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.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.”<sup>[a]</sup>

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

R: <sup>24</sup> How many are your works, Lord!  
In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**C: <sup>25</sup> There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures**

beyond number—  
**living things both large and small.**

R: <sup>26</sup> There the ships go to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

C: <sup>27</sup> **All creatures look to you  
to give them their food at the proper time.**

R: <sup>28</sup> When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

C: <sup>29</sup> **When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to the  
dust.**

R: <sup>30</sup> When you send your Spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.

C: <sup>31</sup> **May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works—**

R: <sup>32</sup> he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

C: <sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the Lord all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

R: <sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
as I rejoice in the Lord.

C: <sup>35</sup> **But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no  
more.  
Praise the Lord, my soul. Praise the Lord.**

## Second Reading

## Romans 8:22-27

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what

they already have? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

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*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

**\*Gospel**

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the fifteenth chapter.

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

<sup>26</sup> “When the Advocate 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. <sup>27</sup> And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>4</sup> I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, <sup>5</sup> but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup> Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. <sup>7</sup> But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and

judgment: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because people do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the 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. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Chris Ashton Nehemiah

**Hymn**

*Spirit of Gentleness*

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**\* The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge**

**the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\* Prayers of the People**

**Response:**     A: God of grace                     **C: hear our prayer**

**\* Sharing of the Peace**

**\*Offertory**                     *Ring Praise, O My Soul*                     Bell Choir

**\*Offertory**                     *We Give Thee but Thine Own*                     ELW 686

*Verse 1:             We give thee but thine own,  
                           whate'er the gift may be;  
                           all that we have is thine alone,  
                           a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

**\* Offering Prayer**

**A:**     Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**C:**     **Amen.**

**\* The Great Thanksgiving**

**P:**     The Lord be with you.

**C:**     **And also with you.**



P: Lift up your hearts.  
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\* The Preface**

**\* Holy, Holy, Holy**

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Communion Hymn**                      *Come Gracious Spirit*                      ELW 404

**Holy Communion**

**Communion Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C: **Amen.**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to





