

# Saint James Lutheran Church

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## Day of Pentecost



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# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## PRELUDE

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the believers] 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. <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, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>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, “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:

<sup>17</sup>‘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, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

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

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

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

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We rise in our heart and on our feet.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

They gathered in quiet...

**And then the wind picked up,**

And their hair got ruffled,

**And the Spirit, like little flames, danced above their heads,**

And they all started talking in all sorts of languages.

**It was loud and strange,**

It was not quiet or peaceful, but –

**In the midst of confusion, they knew that God was behind it all.**

God is here, too; may we worship God!

GATHERING HYMN      *Come Down, O Love Divine*      ELW 804

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes we are like those disciples so long ago:

**Huddled in fear of what others will think,**

**Of what others will do,**

**Of what God will do.**

Sometimes we are like passive bystanders:

**Making fun of what we do not understand;**

**Tearing down what is sacred to another;**

**Waiting until we are sure it's okay.**

Always God is with us:

**Nudging us like a gentle breeze,**

**Stirring us with flames of hope**

**Speaking to us with words engraved in our hearts.**

In our prayers, may we offer God our confession and our hope.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace, forgiveness and service.

In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News:

**We are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

Some births begin with a sharp pain,

**This one began with a relentless, dull fear.**

Some births begin with the breaking of water,

**This one began with the dancing of flame.**

Some births are met with tears and joy,

**This one was met with wonder and a command:**

Go out. Be God's people. Live the Good News.

**May we Share. Pray. Help. Sing. Dance.**

In the name of The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit: *Be born anew.*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*O Spirit All Embracing* ACS 944



1 O Spir - it all-em-brac-ing and coun-sel - or all - wise,  
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz-ing in flow - er, field, and face,  
3 Come, pas - sion's pow-er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac-ing a shore - less sea of skies:  
you show your-self a - maz-ing in un - ex - spect - ed place.  
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der-stand-ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea-sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;  
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;  
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea-sure, the rich-es you af - ford.  
you fan the glow-ing em - ber and kin-dle hope with - in.  
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end-less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;  
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;  
for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis-dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring-time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.  
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.  
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.

*We sit.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### SECOND READING Romans 8:22-27

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand for the reading of the Gospel*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* ELW 401 (refrain, verse 1, refrain)

*Refrain*



Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.



It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.

**GOSPEL:** The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. <sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

**SERMON**

Pastor John

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Send Down The Fire* (M. Haugen, arr. Mark Hayes)

*You may read along as the choir sings*

Send down the fire of your justice,  
Send down the rains of your love;  
Come, send down the Spirit,  
breathe life in your people, and we shall be people of God.

1. Call us to be your compassion, Teach us the song of your love; Give us hearts that sing, Give us deeds that ring, Make us ring with the song of your love.	3. Call us to answer oppression, Teach us the fire of your truth; Give us righteous souls, 'Til your justice rolls, Make us burn with the fire of your love.
2. Call us to learn of your mercy, Teach us the way of your peace; Give us hearts that feel, Give us hands that heal, Make us walk in the way of your peace.	4. Call us to witness your Kingdom, Give us the presence of Christ; May your holy light Keep us shining bright, Ever shine with the presence of Christ.

*We stand.*

**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 INTERCESSION** (*Names are listed at the end of the bulletin*)

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

God of grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## PEACE

The peace of God be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*We share this peace as a sign of our baptismal unity as children of God. The "exchange of peace" (also commonly called "sharing the peace" or "passing the peace") is an act of reconciliation that serves as a transition point between the Word and Meal portions of the liturgy.*

*We sit.*

## OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*



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## OFFERTORY

*We stand.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Holy One,  
you have given yourself to us in Creator, in Christ, in the Spirit. We now give back to you:

**This money that seems so little.**

**This worship that seems so small.**

**These words that never quite get it right.**

Receive what we offer and transform it by the power of your Spirit into:

**Enough money,**

**Sufficient praise,**

**Worthy words for proclaiming and enacting your peace, justice, and love in the world.**



## HOLY COMMUNION

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,  
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,  
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW setting 3)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us  
in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

*The assembly may be seated.*

### COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

*All are welcome at Holy Communion. Lutherans believe that Jesus' real presence is in, under, and through the bread and wine. The sacrament is effective in either bread or wine, so if you have an issue with either bread or wine, you may commune with one element. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available for those who prefer. We will distribute bread and wine by individual cup. Children and others not communing may fold arms across their chest, and they will receive a blessing from the communion minister.*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond* **Amen.**

## COMMUNION SONGS

*Lamb of God (Setting 3)*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.


Spirit of Gentleness

ELW 396

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

ACS 942

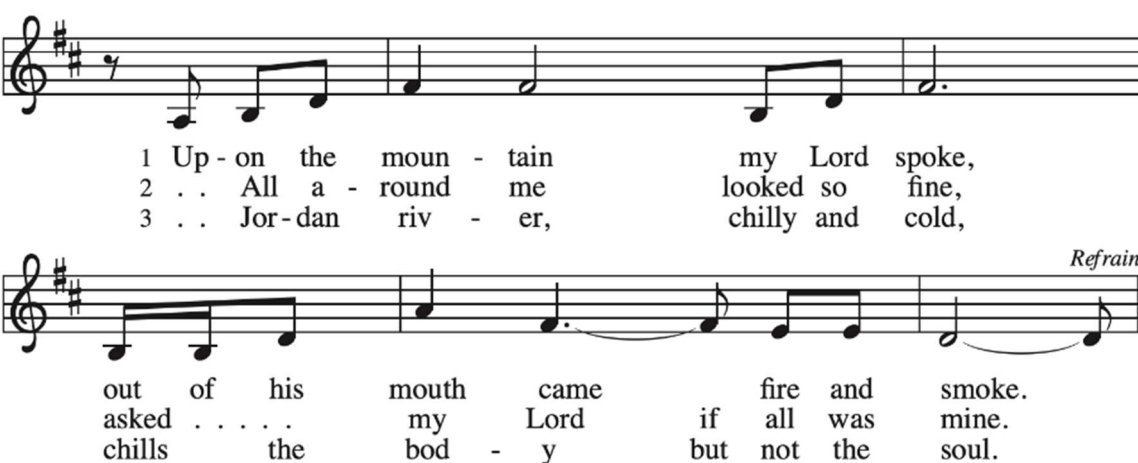
*Refrain*



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing  
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the  
spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,  
2 . . . All a - round me looked so fine,  
3 . . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

*Refrain*



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
asked . . . . my Lord if all was mine.  
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**BLESSING**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

ELW 400

**Dismissal**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**