

# The Day of Pentecost

Life in Christ Lutheran Church, Grand Marais, MN

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## Confession and Absolution

### 497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

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

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**G** Amen.

### Exhortation

*LSB 151*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**G** **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 on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

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

## Absolution

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**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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful,\*  
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle- | luia.  
O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you | made them all;\*  
the earth is full of your | creatures.  
These all | look to you,\*  
to give them their food in due | season.  
When you give it to them, they gath- | er it up;\*  
when you open your hand, they are filled with | good things.  
When you send forth your Spirit, they are cre- | ated,\*  
and you renew the face | of the ground.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the | faithful,\*  
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle- | luia.

### Salutation and Collect 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. 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.

**C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 11:24–30*

<sup>24</sup>Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

<sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” <sup>30</sup>And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

Acts 2:1–21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and 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, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on 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 on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

John 7:37–39

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

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

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup>Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” <sup>39</sup>Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.

2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,  
Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty,  
Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

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## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I 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. Amen.**

## Sermon

### Prayer of the Church

- P** Almighty God, You have blessed us in love with the Savior to whom the nations cry and in whom is forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Grant to us Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter whom You have promised, that we and all who call upon His name shall be saved. Help us to treasure in our hearts Your mercy and to give ourselves fully to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, You delivered Your Word through Moses and the prophets and fulfilled Your Word in Christ. He was planted in death for our sins and raised for our justification, and in Him shall all the nations of the earth be united. Give us pastors who will preach this Word faithfully and church workers who are devoted to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, You have promised the thirsty will drink and from the empty will flow forth rivers of living water. Help us to show forth in holy lives the fruits of the Spirit and to live with love toward our neighbor. Give us a servant's heart that doesn't seek our own way but walks on the path of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, You have promised to make one people from the many. Take from us all pride, prejudice and hate, that we may not hinder the cause of the Gospel by our shame but give welcome to all people in the name of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, You have ordered all things in heaven and on earth. Bless Donald, our president; \_\_\_\_\_, our governor; the Congress of the United States; and all elected and appointed civil servants, that the rule of law may protect the weak, preserve life from conception to its natural end, and peace may reign for the benefit of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, have mercy and spare us. Put an end to the pandemic, and restore the communities of the world to their common life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, You have given our nation the gift and heritage of freedom. It came at the cost of many lives on battlefields far and near. Receive our thanks for their sacrifice, and give us the courage to preserve liberty in our own time and use it honorably. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, You breath hope into the weary and renew Your Church by Your grace. Bless newly planted congregations that they may endure, guide established congregations that they may not lose heart, and build up our Synod that our zeal for Your Kingdom may not flag but flourish and prosper according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, You carry the burdens of our lives in Your hands. Deliver from illness and suffering all who cry to You for release. Hear us on behalf of the sick, the dying and those who mourn [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Answer Your people, O Lord, and deliver them from their infirmities and their grief by Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, Your Word endures forever. Give us grace so that we may be united in doctrine and in the fellowship of Your table, confessing Christ boldly and living together in faith and love until our Lord returns in His glory to bring all things to their appointed completion when we will dwell in His house forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, hear Your people for the sake of Him who loved us even to death and who lives to call to Himself all who will be saved. You know what we need and those things we should ask in Your name. Grant them to us for the sake of our crucified, risen and ascended Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Benediction

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**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.**

## 503 O Day Full of Grace

- 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.
  
- 2 O day full of grace, O blessèd time,  
    Our Lord on the earth arriving;  
Then came to the world that light sublime,  
    Great joy for us all retrieving;  
For Jesus all mortals did embrace,  
    All darkness and shame removing.
  
- 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own,  
    When He on the cross was hanging;  
And then He arose and moved the stone  
    That we, unto Him belonging,  
Might join with angelic hosts to raise  
    Our voices in endless singing.
  
- 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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