



**Lord of Life**  
Lutheran Church



*Loved by God,  
Sent to Serve.*

**Day of Pentecost  
May 27 & 28, 2023**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
WOV Setting Five: Bread of Life

**GATHERING**

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

**Prelude: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit***

**Michael Hassell**

**Gathering Litany for Day of Pentecost**

**The Holy Spirit in Creation**

**First Reader** (pouring water):

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. (Gen. 1: 1-2)

**The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, upon many waters.** (Psalm 29: 3)

**Second Reader** (with wind chimes):

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.

So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. (John 3: 8)

**The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!"** (Psalm 29:9)

**Third Reader** (carrying/ pouring soil):

When you send forth your Spirit all living things are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (Psalm 104:30)

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it.** (Psalm 24:1)

**Fourth Reader** (with candle):

I baptize with you water; but one more powerful than I is coming who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. (Luke 3:16)

**The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.** (Psalm 29: 7-8)

## Leader:

May the Lord give strength to the people!

**May the Lord bless the people with peace!** (Psalm 29:11)

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## Gathering Hymn: *Remember and Rejoice*

**ELW 454**

- 1 Remember and rejoice,  
renewed by floods of grace.  
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ,  
that time cannot erase.
- 2 In life, in death, we trust  
in God's most holy name,  
forever traced by water sign,  
and sealed by Spirit flame.
- 3 We pledge ourselves anew  
to flee the lures of hell,  
to cling to Christ's community,  
in justice, peace to dwell.
- 4 God, bless us by your grace;  
remind us of your care.  
Renewing Spirit, fill us now,  
inspire our work, our prayer.
- 5 Remember and rejoice,  
renewed by floods of grace.  
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ,  
that time cannot erase.

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## Greeting

**WOV p. 28**

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.**

## Kyrie

**WOV p. 28**

Kyrie eleison:

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christe eleison:

**Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison:

**Lord, have mercy.**

## Hymn of Praise

WOV p. 29

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

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

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

## First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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.’”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b** (*sung responsively*)

### **Refrain**



Send forth your Spir-it and re - new the face of the earth.

## Tone



<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,  
living things both | small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships | to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them | look to you  
to give them their food | in due season. R**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they | gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

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

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;  
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. R**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth | and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;  
I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of | mine please God.  
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

<sup>35<sup>b</sup></sup>**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.  
Hal- | lelujah! R**



## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.*

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**WOV p. 31**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

## **Gospel: John 20:19-23**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Paul Amlin**

**Hymn of the Day: *O Living Breath of God***

**ELW 407**

1 O living Breath of God,  
wind at the beginning upon the waters;  
O living Breath of God,  
bearing the creation to wondrous birth:

**Refrain**

Come now, and fill our spirits;  
pour out your gifts abundant.  
O living Breath of God,  
Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.

2 O living Breath of God,  
by whose pow'r the Son came to birth among us;  
O living Breath of God,  
who to the creation gives life anew: **Refrain**

3 O living Breath of God,  
bearing us to life through baptismal waters;  
O living Breath of God,  
sighing with creation for freedom's birth: **Refrain**



## Presentation

ELW p. 234

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

## Profession of Faith

ELW p. 235

Three Renunciation Questions

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Affirmation of Baptism**

ELW p. 236

You have made public profession of your faith...and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God,...in your life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.... both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

...through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offertory Music: *Thee We Adore, O Savior***

**Nancy M. Raabe**

**Offering: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful***

WOV p. 34

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence, Lord,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.



Scan code to give now.

## **Offering Prayer in Unison**

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

**WOV p. 36**

## **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**

**WOV p. 36**

## **Holy, Holy, Holy**

**WOV p. 36**

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.

## **Great Thanksgiving**

**WOV p. 37**

## **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.

## Invitation to Communion

### Lamb of God

WOV p. 39

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

### Communion Distribution Hymn: *One Bread, One Body*

ELW 496

#### Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. Refrain
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. Refrain
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all. Refrain

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### Post-Communion Canticle

WOV p. 40

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

#### Amen

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.  
Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**Announcements**

**Blessing**

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song: *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind***

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| <p>1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind,<br/>as on Pentecost descend!<br/>Drive us out from sheltered comfort;<br/>past these walls your people send!<br/>Sweep us into costly service,<br/>there with Christ to bear the cross,<br/>there with Christ to bear the cross!</p> <p>2 God of blazing, God of burning,<br/>all that blocks your purpose, purge!<br/>Through your church, Christ's living Body,<br/>let your flaming Spirit surge!<br/>Where deceit conceals injustice,<br/>kindle us to speak your truth,<br/>kindle us to speak your truth!</p> | <p>3 God of earthquake, God of thunder,<br/>shake us loose from lethargy!<br/>Break the chains of sin asunder,<br/>for earth's healing set us free!<br/>Crumble walls that still divide us;<br/>make us one in Christ our Lord,<br/>make us one in Christ our Lord!</p> <p>4 God of passion, God unsleeping,<br/>stir in us love's restlessness!<br/>Where the people cry in anguish,<br/>may we share your heart's distress.<br/>Rouse us from content with evil;<br/>claim us for your kingdom's work,<br/>claim us for your kingdom's work!</p> |
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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit***

**arr. Anne Krentz Organ**

## Announcements

### **Worship Online**

#### **Zoom:**

<https://bit.ly/2PvSCQJ>  
Meeting ID: 563 582 7371  
Passcode: Luther

#### **Phone in at:**

(312) 626-6799  
Meeting ID: 563 582 7371  
Passcode: 456037

**Altar Flowers** today are provided by Sandy Arp.

### **This Week at Lord of Life**

Saturday, May 27	4:00 PM	Worship in-person or online
Sunday, May 28	9:00 AM	Worship in-person or online
Monday, May 29		OFFICE CLOSED for Memorial Day

### **Open Closet Donations**

Due to limited space, only spring and summer items will be accepted at the Open Closet. Please be sure that all donations are CLEAN AND IN GOOD REPAIR!

### **Prayer List**

Jim & Bernita Gilbertson  
Jessie & Amanda Gillen and family  
Tara & Kevin Grace  
Phil & Peggy Granovsky  
Grayden Grimm  
Rose Guler-Ludowitz  
Jim & Molly Hall and family



## **Worship Servants:**

### **Saturday/Sunday, May 27/28**

	<b>Tech</b>	<b>Assisting Min.</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b>			Steve Geisert	Don & Kayleen Backhaus
<b>9:00 AM</b>		Al Simms	Susan Hansen	Kevin & Jenn Cartee

### **Saturday/Sunday, June 3/4**

<b>4:00 PM</b>				Steve & Sandy Heer
<b>9:00 AM</b>		Tara Grace	Tara Grace	Sandy Arp Susan Hansen

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