

# Concordia Lutheran Church

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Day of Pentecost



*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

*Liturgical Text*

## ✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**Welcome to worship** on the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost, which is 50 days after Easter Sunday, is the crowning close of the Easter season. On this day, the Holy Spirit, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Person of the Holy Trinity, was poured out on the apostles for the purpose of creating our Lord's church on earth. This Spirit is the Comforter, the One promised by our Lord, who comforts us by bringing us to faith in Jesus Christ, so that we trust, rejoice, and find comfort in Him alone. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

! Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

### **DIVINE SERVICE**

### **Setting One**

**Hymn of Invocation**

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**Confession & Absolution**

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### **Introit**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
**and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

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 gather it up;

**when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,  
**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 beginning, 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.**

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**“This is the Feast”** p. 155

**Salutation & Collect** p. 156

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.

**Old Testament:** Numbers 11:24-30

So 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. 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.

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. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." 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!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

### **Gradual**

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
**and your sons and your daughters shall  
prophesy.**

With the heart one believes and is justified,  
**and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

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

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

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

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. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

"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; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved".

**"Alleluia"**

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**Holy Gospel:** St. John 7:37-39

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. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"* 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.

**Nicene Creed**

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**Hymn of the Day**

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**Sermon**

Rivers of Living Water

**Offering**

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**In our thoughts and prayers,**



- † Joann Dilger (Carol Hartman’s sister),  
and Carey Fischer;
- † Carolyn Riegel & family, as they mourn  
Ernie’s death;
- † On this Memorial Day weekend, we  
remember those who have paid the  
last full measure of devotion to our  
nation so that we may live in freedom.

**Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance**

Attendance: 67      Offerings: \$1,709.00

*“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together  
in one place.”*

Acts 2:1

Pentecost is the Old Testament harvest festival – it happens around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. Of course, this was a picture and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to bring in through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest. From first to last, in things temporal and things eternal, we stand only by His grace.

## Announcements

**Thank you** to Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Olson for leading worship this morning.

**It has so pleased God** in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears to Himself in heaven the soul of our beloved brother in the faith, Ernie Riegel. Christian Burial will be Tuesday, May 30, 2023, 10:00 AM. *“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die”* (John 11:25-26).

**Watering Flowers:** A sign-up sheet is on the table in the social hall to volunteer to water the flowers. Please note that when you sign up for a date, it is for the entire week following that Sunday. Thank you!



**The June Human Care ingathering** is kids snacks for Women's Action & Resource Center. Donations can be left on the shelves in the entryway.

**The June calendar**, birthday and anniversary sheet and *“My Devotions”* and *“Happy Times”* children's devotional booklets are on the table in the social hall.

**Thank you** to Aloha Simenson and Shirley Stern for providing bars/cookies during May fellowship.

## † This Week at Concordia †

Sunday      8:00 am      *Worship @ Glen Ullin*  
                 10:00 am      Divine Service

Monday      Memorial Day: Church office closed

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*Please use a pew card to record your worship and/or  
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