

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Day of Pentecost ~ May 19, 2024 ~ 8:30

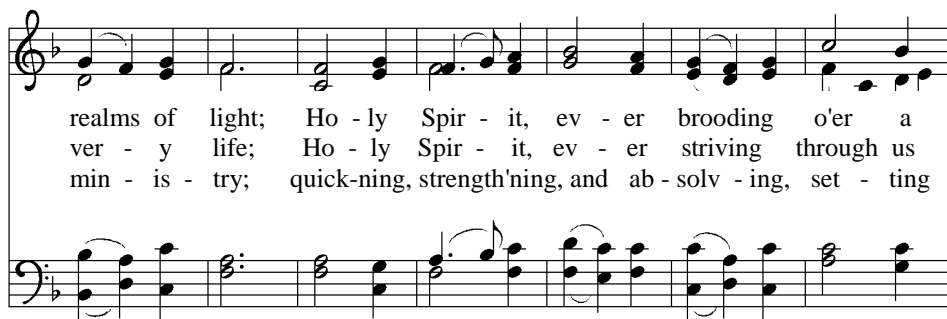
PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HYMN: *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*



Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing as the church's
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the church's



realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brooding o'er a
ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striving through us
min - is - try; quick-ning, strength'ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting



world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er raising
in a cease-less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er forming
cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er binding

those of earth to thrones on high; liv - ing, life - im -
 in the church the mind of Christ: you we praise with
 age to age and soul to soul in com - mu - nion

part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 end - less wor - ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.
 nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

ANTHEM: *I Feel The Spirit!*

~ Choir

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

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

A: The First Lesson is from the 2nd chapter of Acts.

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"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. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 8th chapter of Romans.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and 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. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise 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. ²⁷And 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.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/THE RESPONSE:



GOSPEL LESSON:*Bible p. 877***John 14:15-20, 23, 25-26, 15:26, 16:7-8, 12-13**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you....²³Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them....²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you."

^{15:26}"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."

^{16:7}"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. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment.... ¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON:***Pastor Amy***HYMN: *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*****# 401**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM – RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Presentation

Debbie Brubaker, our Council president, presents the candidate:

Aiden Jacob Keller has been instructed in the Christian faith and desires to make public affirmation of his Baptism.

P: We rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our church and its mission in the world.

Profession of Faith

P: Brother in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of his Church, where you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises? **Confirmand only: I do.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

Confirmand only:

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

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

Confirmand only:

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Confirmand only:

**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**

Prayers

P: Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere.

The Pastor will offer prayers for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

Declaration of Intent

P: You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear his Word and share in his supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ
through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

The confirmand answers:

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

PARENTS JOIN THEIR SON AT THE ALTAR

Prayer

Aiden kneels. A brief silence is kept so that prayer may be made for him.

P: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made this young man your own. You forgave him all his sins and brought him to newness of life. Continue to strengthen him with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in him your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen

The ministers, council president and parents lay hands on Aiden's head:

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in *Aiden Jacob* the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life.

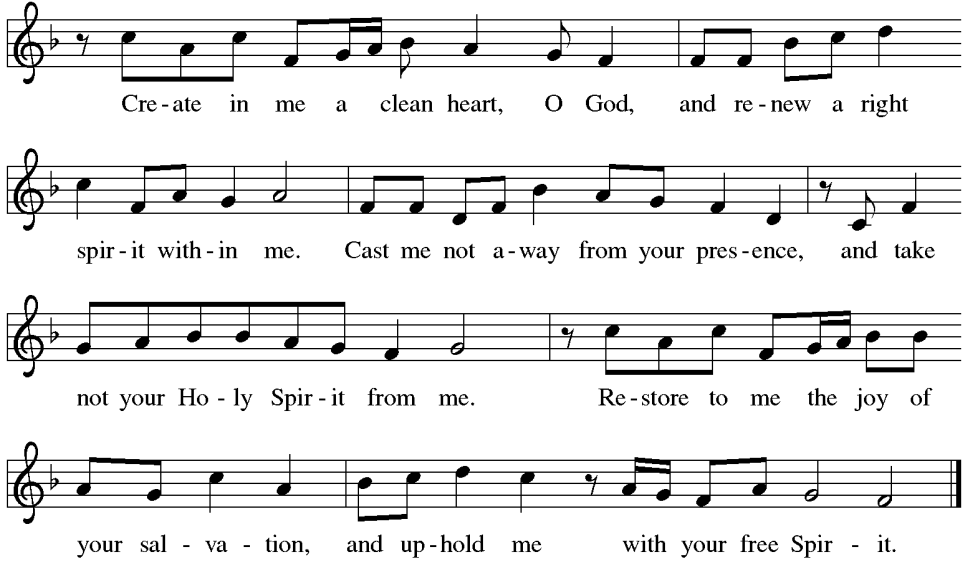
The confirmand answers: Amen

Debbie Brubaker: Through Baptism, God has made this brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus. Through affirmation of Baptism this day, he has received and accepted greater adult responsibility for his participation in the church. Together may we let our lights so shine before others that they see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

C: We rejoice at your confirmation and renew our promise to be with you fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father and workers together in the kingdom of God.

Presentation of gifts

OFFERTORY: *Create in Me*



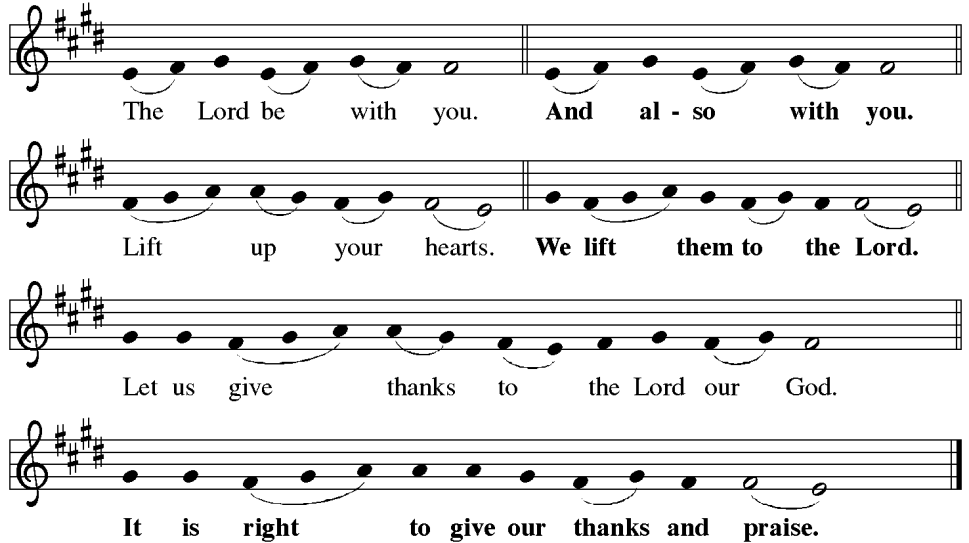
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING:



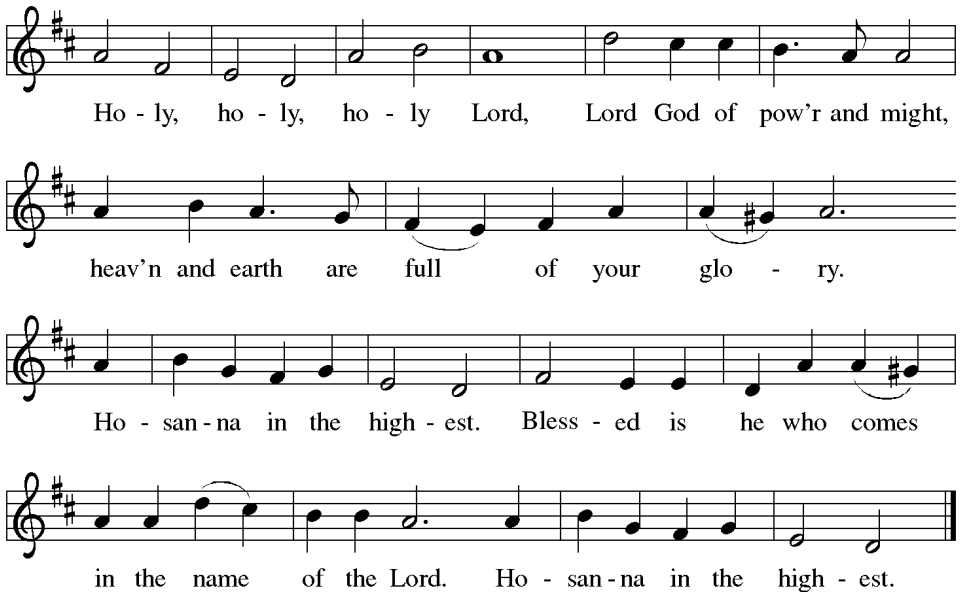
The Lord be with you. And al- so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE:

P: 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:

RESPONSE:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

COMMUNION:

Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

P: The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: "Amen."

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

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

PRAYER:

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING:

♪ P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen

HYMN: *Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today-Confirmation at 8:30 & 9:45 worship services

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

9:45-Sunday School

10:30-Reception for our confirmands, All Are Welcome!

11:00-Traditional Worship

6:30-Mission Trip Prep Event

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study

5:30-Council

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Mon-May 27-Memorial Day – office closed

Tues-May 28-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

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Next Sunday's Gospel: John 3:1-17

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Attendance last week:

Sunday Worship: 8:30-43; 9:45-81; 11:00-43

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in memory of Loved Ones by Marty Clark.

At the 8:30 worship service, we celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism (confirmation) of ***Aiden Jacob Keller***. At the 9:45 worship service, we celebrate the confirmation of ***Logan Paul Kiskaddon, Heath Daniel Long and Nathan James Witherite***.

A reception honoring the confirmands will be held in the fellowship hall at **10:30**. The congregation is invited to attend.

Sunday School for preschool through 5th graders **TODAY** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Mission Trip Participant Preparations! The group will gather **TONIGHT** from 6:30-8 PM to get ready for our mission trip.

Now's the time to sign up for the In-Tents Lutheran Summer Church Camp, *Monday, July 15 – Wednesday, July 17* for current 4th through 6th graders. The camp is at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Hooversville, PA. Registration forms and more information are available now from Pastor Amy or in the Sunday School area. Deadline to register is **TODAY**.

New!! Pentecost Season Devotions: The Christian Life: Sit, Walk, Stand are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

Graduate recognition . . . We will recognize our high school graduates and present them with a gift from the congregation **Sunday June 2**. We would like to know about our grads' future plans, so please email (christlutheran@penn.com) or call the church office with that info ASAP. *College Graduates* – we want to recognize your accomplishment too! Parents/families please contact the church office and let us know about your college graduate (school, degree, employment). Thank you!

Attention Students pursuing post-high school education or training: It is time to apply for consideration for the Sandra Dunlap Scholarship. Applications with detailed requirements are available in the narthex or by calling the church office and are due no later than **Friday May 31, 2024**.

The June Worship Assistant Schedule is available in the narthex.

Mission of the Month: Flood Buckets for NALC Disaster Response. On June 15 our mission trip participants will travel to NALC'S National Disaster Response Warehouse & Retreat Center in Caldwell, Ohio for their summer 2024 Mission Trip. They will take *Flood Buckets* with them, to support disaster relief across the country. We invite your donations toward Flood Buckets for NALC Disaster Response. A list of supplies needed can be found in the narthex. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation to this effort, please use the pew envelopes, and write "*Flood Buckets*" in the "other" line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church.

Food Pantry Items for May are BLACK GROUND PEPPER and/or GARLIC POWDER.