


St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado

**EVEN ON MY
SERVANTS,
BOTH MEN AND
WOMEN,
I WILL POUR
OUT MY
SPIRIT
IN THOSE DAYS.**



ACTS 2:18

**Festival of Pentecost
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Notes on Today's Order of Worship

In a recent elders' meeting a decision was made to begin using an alternate Order of Worship on the first Sunday of the month, on a trial basis for six months. We are using the alternate order for the first time today. It is the Order of Holy Communion from *The Lutheran Hymnal*, with updated language. The decision to use an alternate service order was made with the thought that it could serve for the spiritual benefit of our worshipers by fostering thoughtful and meditative worship, as David prayed in Psalm 19: "*May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer*" (Psalm 19:14). As we proceed through the six-month trial period feel free to share comments on the alternate Order of Worship with the elders or pastor. Thank you!

Liturgical Notes for the Festival of Pentecost

Pentecost, fifty days after the celebration of Jesus' resurrection, was originally a Jewish feast, known also as the Feast of Weeks. It was a celebration of the grain harvest. Bread made from the new grain was offered in the temple. As the day Christ's promise concerning the coming of the Spirit was fulfilled, it has become in a sense the birthday celebration of the New Testament Church. Early Christians connected the old celebration of the fruits of the earth's harvest with the fruits of the Holy Spirit's blessing (His harvesting souls for heaven through the preaching of the Gospel). The paraments up front have been changed to *red*, reminiscent of the tongues of fire by which the Spirit revealed His presence to Jesus' disciples on the Day of Pentecost.

Pre-Service Meditation and Prayer

Psalm 19 (pew bible, page 489)

*Open now Thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!*

Order of Worship for Pentecost Sunday


+++ We Prepare to Meet Our Lord +++

Opening Hymn

497 – *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord*

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.


C 
A - men.

Our Confession of Sins

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C 
Who made heav'n and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C 
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P/C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You would of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C 
A - men.

+++ We Praise Our Lord +++

Psalm 51

Psalm of the Day

P O Lord, open my lips,
C **And my mouth will declare your praise.**
P You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
C **You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.**
P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
C **A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**
P Create in me a pure heart, O God:
C **And renew a steadfast spirit within me.**
P Do not cast me from your presence:
C **Or take your Holy Spirit from me.**
P Restore to me the joy of your salvation
C **And grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**
P Then I will teach transgressors your ways:
C **And sinners will turn back to you.**

P Glory be to God!

C

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Luther's Sanctus Hymn

LSB #960

*Isaiah, mighty seer, in days of old,
The Lord of all in spirit did behold
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,
With robes that filled the temple courts with light.
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;*

*Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.
 With two they veiled their faces as was right,
 With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,
 And with the other two aloft they soared;
 One to the other called and praised the Lord:
 “Holy is God, the Lord of heav’nly hosts!
 Holy is God, the Lord of heav’nly hosts!
 Holy is God, the Lord of heav’nly hosts!
 His glory fills the heavens and earth!”
 The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,
 And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.*

*This hymn is a versification of Isaiah’s vision of heaven (Isa.6:1-4).
 Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for “heavenly hosts.”*

P Let us pray:



+++ Our Lord Speaks to Us in His Word +++

First Lesson – Acts 2:1-21

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. *2* Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. *3* They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. *4* All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. *5* Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. *6* When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. *7* Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? *8* Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? *9* Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, *10* Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome *11* (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” *12* Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” *13* Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” *14* Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. *15* These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! *16* No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: *17* ““In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. *18* Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. *19* I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. *20* The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. *21* And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.””



Second Lesson – John 15:26-27



26 “When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. 27 And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.”



Our Confession of Faith

Martin Luther's Explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed

I believe that I cannot by my own reasoning or effort believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, nor come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

Hymn

500 – Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

Sermon

Text – Joel 2:28-29

28 And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. 29 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

God Still Gives the Gifts of the Holy Spirit!

1. He opens our eyes to see as prophets.
2. He opens our mouths to speak as prophets.

+++ We Offers Ourselves to Our Lord +++

Offertory



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

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Altar Prayer

Hymn

496 – *Holy Spirit, Light Divine*

+++ Our Lord Gives Himself to Us +++

Communion Liturgy

P The Lord be with you.

C 
And with your spir - it.

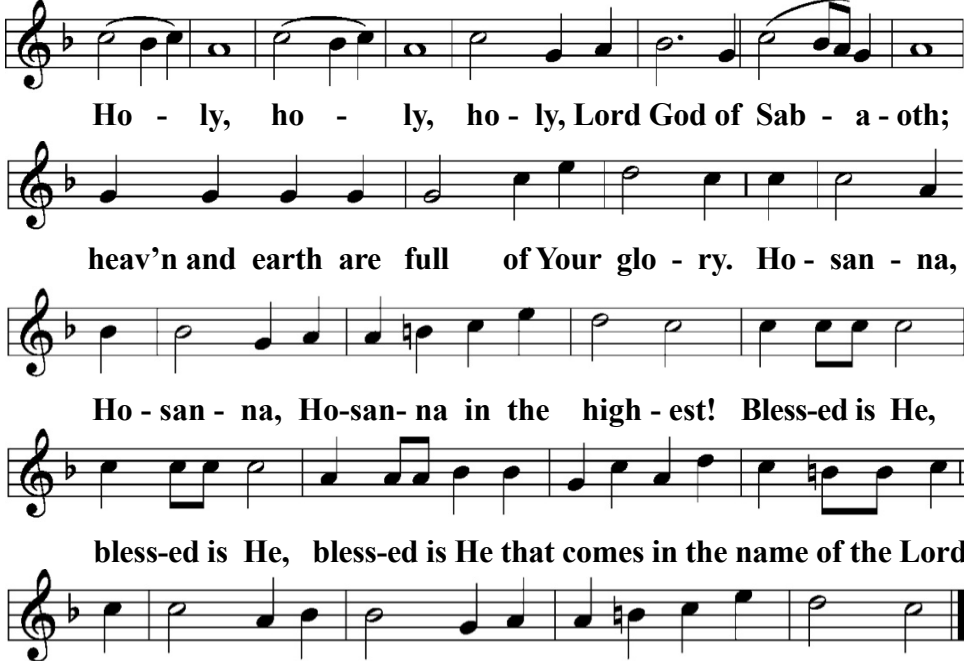
P Lift up your hearts.

C 
We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 
It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly fitting, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, who on this day kept His promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower His Church to proclaim the Gospel in all the world. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising God and saying:

C 
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n 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,
bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, Ho-san - na, Ho-san-na in the high - est!

P *(The Lord's Prayer)*

C 
For Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Words of Institution

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C 
A - men.

O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. A - men.

Distribution of the Sacrament

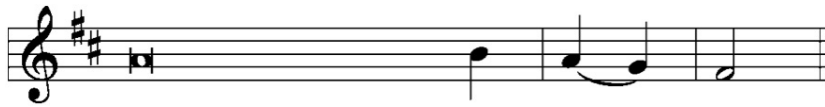
Lord, Now Let Us Depart

Lord, now let Your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have pre-pared be - fore the face of all people. A light to light-en the Gen-tiles, and the glo - ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev-er-more. A - men.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good,

C



and His mercy endures for - ev - er.

+++ Our Lord Blesses Us +++

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C



A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

632 – *O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*



A warm welcome to our Worship Guests. It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States and Canada, with affiliated churches in Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All of our churches confess the Bible to be the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come worship with us again.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (6/5)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Bible Class
Mon	6:30 pm	Elders' Meeting (parsonage)
Sun (6/12)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class

Upcoming Events

CLC Convention, Eau Claire WI: Thu-Sun, June 23-26
Questions & Answers on the Catechism: Sunday, July 10
Summer Clean-Up Day: Saturday, July 16 (8 to noon)
Mary & Martha Ladies' Meeting: Sunday, July 17, 10:45 am
Confirmation Sunday: Sunday, July 24 (*see note below*)
Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, July 31, 10:45 am

The Funeral Service of Burt Miller will be conducted at the Fort Logan National Cemetery on Wednesday, June 15, at 10:00 am. The address is 4400 W Kenyon Ave, Denver CO 80236 (service to be conducted by Larry Reed). Following the interment there will be a luncheon reception at the home of Larry Reed and Kathy Soucek. Their address is: 4901 Santero Way, Parker, CO 80134. Kathy requests that those who plan to attend the luncheon rsvp to her so that she can make plans for food and beverages (jfkfarms2@msn.com). *“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time” (1 Peter 1:3-5).*

Our Current Bible Class Topic is Lesson 17 *“The Ten Commandments, Guides for Christians”* from the study course *“Learn from Me.”* In this lesson we are considering what Scripture teaches about The Third Use of the Law (how the Ten Commandments serve as a guide to show Christians how we may express our faith in the God who graciously redeemed us). Today’s lesson will center on the Second Commandment: **“You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.”** *“Teach me, O LORD, to follow Your decrees; then I will keep them to the end. Give me understanding, and I will keep Your law and obey it with all my heart” (Psalm 119:33-34).*

Two Special Services Upcoming in July

On Sunday, July 24, Joseph Cornish and Emily Ruegge will be confirmed in the faith in the 9:30 am worship service. They will soon complete a course of instruction on the six chief parts of Christian doctrine (The Ten Commandments, The Apostles’ Creed, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession, The Sacrament of the Altar, and The Lord’s Prayer), as summarized in Martin Luther’s *Small Catechism*. During the service on Sunday, July 10, there will be a question & answer session on selected portions of the Catechism during which Joe and Emily will share some things they have learned during their days of Confirmation instruction. All are encouraged to circle the dates for these services on their calendar, and to invite a friend.

June Birthday (Anniversary) Blessings To . . .

Naomi Peters, Jun 2 Diana Vigil, Jun 29

Sarah Potter, Jun 18 (Terry & Debbie New, Jun 28)



*Holy Spirit, God of love,
Who our darkness brightens,
Poured on us from heaven above,
And our faith enlightens,
In Your light we gather here;
Show us that Christ's promise clear
Is Amen forever.
Jesus, our ascended Lord,
Oh, fulfill Your gracious Word:
Bless us with Your favor!*

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; June 6-11, '22

Mon Genesis 11:1-9 About 100 years after the flood, people who knew how to built lasting structures, both physically and politically, saw no need for the Lord's care or His desire that they should "fill the earth" (9:1). How easily the Lord thwarts their ambition, as without a fight or even a show of force, He confuses their language and so "disperses them over the face of all the earth" (v9).

Tues Acts 2:1-4 The fiftieth day after Passover was Pentecost, the Jewish harvest festival, and the Lord used it to begin the greatest harvest the world will ever see. The sound of wind caused the people to gather and the fiery tongues focused them on the disciples, but the greatest event was not seen: "they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." This is the Spirit who still comes and speaks to us today in the Holy Scriptures.

Wed Acts 2:5-13 A foreign language can sound like babble, but the wonderful works of God that the Spirit gave the disciples to declare was understood by the various people of many different language backgrounds. It was the Tower of Babel in reverse, as God gathered people who had been dispersed, and gave them understanding about the Christ and His kingdom, which shall last forever and ever.

Thurs Acts 2:14-21 All were wondering, "What is this?" and of course some made fun of it. But filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter stood with the eleven, briefly answered the mockers and quoted an entire chapter (in the Hebrew Bible) from the prophet Joel. What they were witnessing was the fulfillment of that Word: "In the last days ... I will pour out my Spirit ..." (v17).

Fri John 14:23-24 Jesus was asked why the world would not see Him, but that His disciples would see Him. He points to the word. Those who love Him keep His word, and the Father and He will come to them. The unbelieving world neither loves Him, nor treasures His word, nor receives the Spirit of Truth (v17). Those who treasure His saving word today also know both the Son and Father through that word.

Sat John 14:25-27 Before He goes to the cross, Jesus promises that the Spirit will teach His disciples all that they need to know, and remind them of all that He has told them. And the peace that He leaves with us is not the world's kind of shaky cease-fire, but peace within – "Let not your **hearts** be troubled" – no matter what the outward circumstances of our life may be.

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