

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO

*He will baptize
you with the
Holy Spirit
and with
fire.*



Luke 3:16

**FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST
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WELCOME TO ALL in the name of our Savior-God, who without any merit on our part gave His unique Son, Jesus Christ, into death to atone for our sins. As we ponder the marvelous grace of God this day, may His Holy Spirit accompany our worship and fellowship.

A SPECIAL WELCOME IN CHRIST TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

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Liturgical Notes for the Festival of Pentecost

Pentecost, fifty days after the celebration of our Lord's 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 Spirit's blessing. Red, the popular color of fire, is the color of the paraments, reminiscent of the tongues of fire by which the Spirit revealed His presence to the disciples.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Hymn

This Day at Your Creating Word

**This day at Your creating word
First o'er the earth the light was poured:
O Lord, this day upon us shine
And fill our souls with light divine.**

**This day the Lord for sinners slain
In might victorious rose again:
O Jesus, raise Your people, too,
From death of sin to life in You.**

**This day the Holy Spirit came
With fiery tongues of cloven flame:
O Spirit, fill our hearts this day
With grace to hear and grace to pray.**

**This day of light and life and grace
We gather in our worship place:
This holy hour, blest gift of love,
Give we again to God above.**

**All praise to God the Father be,
To Christ, who set His people free,
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore.**

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P Welcome ... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord fills the world.

C O come, let us worship Him. Alleluia!

P Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts.

C Kindle in us the fire of Your love.

P You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified

C In the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

P No one can say that Jesus is Lord

C Except by the Holy Spirit.

P The Spirit also helps us in our weaknesses.

C For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought,

P But the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us

C With groans which cannot be uttered.

P We also rejoice in our sufferings,

C Knowing that suffering produce perseverance;

P And perseverance, character;

C And character, hope.

P And hope does not disappoint us,

C Because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given to us.

P The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking

C But righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

P The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit

C That we are God's children.

P Now if we are children, then we are heirs—

C Heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.

Hymn

Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven

**Redeemed, restored, forgiven Through Jesus' precious blood,
Heirs of His home in heaven Oh, praise our pard'ning God!
Praise Him in tuneful measures Who gave His Son to die;
Praise Him whose sev'nfold treasures Enrich and sanctify.**

**Once on the dreary mountain We wandered far and wide,
Far from the cleansing fountain, Far from the pierced side;
But Jesus sought and found us; Our many sins He bore.
With cords of love He bound us To Him forevermore.**

**Dear Master, Yours the glory Of each recovered soul.
Ah, who can tell the story Of love that made us whole?
Not ours, not ours, the merit; To You alone the praise
Give us a thankful spirit To serve You all our days.**

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Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray: Lord our God, whose Spirit dwells on earth in the hearts of Your believers, as well as in Your Means of Grace in Word and Sacrament, we pray that You would give us an extra measure of Your Spirit as we fight the fight of faith against the prevailing spiritual wickedness of these latter days. Move us to recognize opportunities for the Spirit's work, that we may be ready at all times to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that is in us. Thus, O Lord, we pray, on this anniversary of Your special giving of the Holy Spirit to the disciples long ago. Fill us with Your Spirit that our lives may glorify Your holy name and our lips may speak Your praise. In Jesus' name we pray.

C (says) Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 11:1-11

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the

heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth.” But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. The Lord said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.” So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

All sing:

**Holy Spirit, God of love,
Who our darkness brightens,
Poured on us from heav’n 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!**



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Second Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” 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. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: “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. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

**Holy Spirit, light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.**

**Let me see my Savior's face, Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me Which are only known to Thee.**

**Holy Spirit, pow'r divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.**

**Holy Spirit, joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.**

**Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol-throne, Reign supreme, and reign alone.**

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The Sermon

Text – John 14:15-21

(Jesus said): "If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." [NKJV]

"I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT"

1. What we believe about the person of the Holy Spirit.
2. What we believe about the work of the Holy Spirit.

Following the sermon all stand and sing:

**Creator Spirit, by whose aid
The world's foundations first were laid,
Come, visit ev'ry humble mind;
Come, pour Your joys on humankind;
From sin and sorrow set us free;
May we Your living temples be.**

**O Source of uncreated Light,
The bearer of God's gracious might,
Thrice-holy fount, thrice-holy fire,
Our hearts with heav'nly love inspire;
Your sacred, healing message bring
To sanctify us as we sing.**

Pentecost Offering

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C (sings) Amen, Amen, Amen.

Closing Hymn

**Giver of grace, descend from high;
Your sev'n-fold gifts to us supply;
Help us eternal truths receive
And practice all that we believe;
Give us Yourself that we may see
The glory of the Trinity.**

**Immortal honor, endless fame,
Attend th' almighty Father's name;
The Savior-Son be glorified,
Who for all humankind has died;
To You, O Paraclete, we raise
Unending songs of thanks and praise.
Amen.**

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

JUNE 10-15

(readings from the Epistle of James)

Mon The Epistle of James is meant to help Jewish converts overcome their cultural quirks—such as questioning God’s wisdom (**Ch.1**). Those who puzzle over the reason God puts them through rough times should ask Him to clarify (2-8). Just think it through -- since God’s motives are pure, He is not the one to blame when we are tempted and fall into sin. We shouldn’t bad-mouth God (9-21) but rather look at ourselves in God’s mirror to see how dirty we are -- and then smell our own bad breath, too (21-27).

Tues Ch.2:1-13 Look at yourself: when you fawn over the well-dressed visitor in church—and disdain the shabby, you are not representing God (1-7). How does that jibe with God’s standard: “You should love your neighbor as you love yourself”? Sorry, being healthy on a couple of other commandments will not fix cancer. Love for your neighbor’s eternal welfare is the cure.

Wed Ch.2:14-26 Living the Christian life is more than professing a Christian confession, for Christian faith is like a battery. A battery that’s working is totally superior to a battery that’s not working but is dead. Okay, you say that you have a battery in your flashlight, and so do I. But if your battery isn’t producing light, it’s dead. Only the battery that’s working is a battery worth the name. Further, as a body without spirit is a corpse, so “faith” that isn’t working is dead also. [Solution: get your battery re-charged!]

Thurs Ch. 3 Granted, we all make mistakes—but that doesn’t excuse cursing. Although all mammals can vocalize, humans are the only mammals that bad-mouth their kind by bearing false witness, bickering, magnifying imagined injuries, translating mistakes into injustices, etc., etc. Nowadays the world-wide-web and popular networks reflect this wicked human skill.

Fri Ch. 4 How bad can it get? Verbal skirmishes can escalate into real anger and hatred—even among professing Christians! How frustrating for God (1-6)! So what’s to be done about it? Surrender to God, join forces with Him against Satan, and be uplifted together with Jesus (7-10). Surrender means being submissive, so that God’s choice takes precedence over our choice. That doesn’t mean passive inactivity, but rather Christian discrimination.

Sat Ch. 5 Did we mention your stock-market jitters, your legal maneuvers, your fraudulent bankruptcies, and other vile fiscal protocol (1-6)? Dear friends, be willing to lay it all aside, for nothing worldly will last past Judgment Day. During the interim, God will give you many opportunities for serving one another by word and deed (13-18). P.S. Welcome criticism from your fellow Christians, because that’s how Christian love works. May God bless us in our fellowship! Amen.