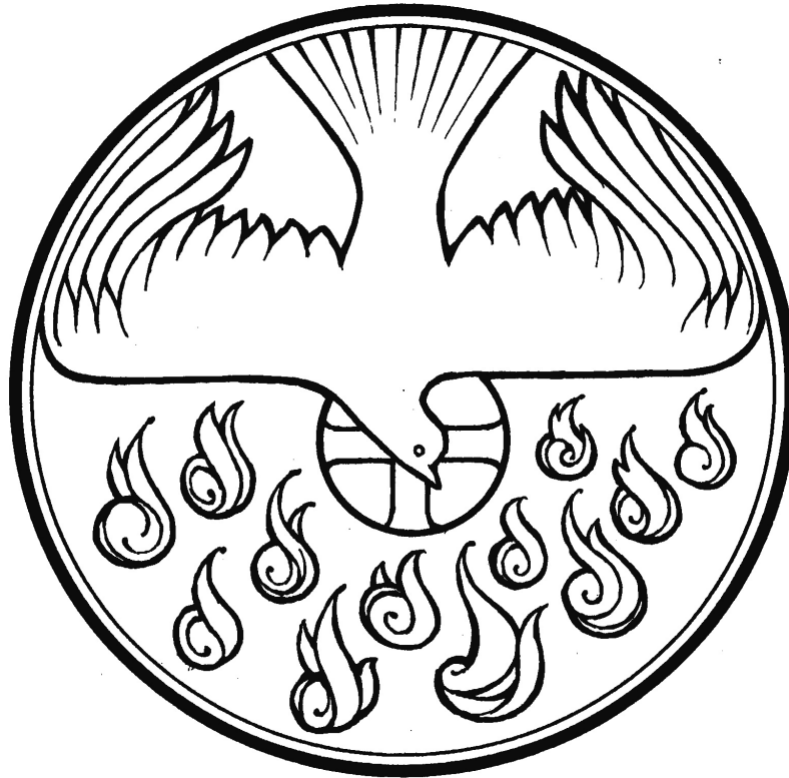


# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



## *The Feast of Pentecost* *May 23, 2021*

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**The Order of Worship**  
**Divine Service Setting One (LSB 151)**

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an \*)*

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**Opening Hymn: O Holy Spirit, Enter In** **LSB 913**

**Confession and Absolution\*** **LSB 151**

**Introit** (Ps. 68:1, 4a, c, 11a, 33b, 35a; antiphon: Liturgical Text, Ps. 68:3)

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alleluia.

The righteous shall be glad.

**They shall exult before God;**

**they shall be jubilant with joy! Alleluia.**

God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;

and those who hate him shall flee before him!

**Sing to God, sing praises to his name;**

**exult before him!**

The Lord gives the word;

behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

**Awesome is God from his sanctuary;**

**the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.**

**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.**

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**Kyrie\*** **LSB 152**

**This Is the Feast\*** **LSB 155**

**Collect\*:** 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. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading: Genesis 11:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” <sup>5</sup> And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” <sup>8</sup> So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual:** Alleluia. When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

**Second Reading: Acts 2:1-24**

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered,

because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.<sup>7</sup> And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”<sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?<sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and 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,<sup>11</sup> both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”<sup>12</sup> And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”<sup>13</sup> But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”<sup>14</sup> 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.<sup>15</sup> For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.<sup>16</sup> But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:<sup>17</sup> “‘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;<sup>18</sup> even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.<sup>19</sup> And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;<sup>20</sup> the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.<sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’<sup>22</sup> “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.<sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia\***

**LSB 156**

**Holy Gospel\*: John 14:23-31**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.<sup>24</sup> Whoever

does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. <sup>25</sup>“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. <sup>30</sup>I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, <sup>31</sup>but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

<b>Nicene Creed*</b>	<b>LSB 158</b>
<b>Hymn of the Day: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord</b>	<b>LSB 497</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	
<b>Prayer of the Church*</b>	
<b>Offertory*</b>	<b>LSB 781 (Stz. 1 &amp; 2)</b>
<b>Service of the Sacrament*</b>	<b>LSB 160</b>
<b>Distribution Hymns: 496, 650, 620, 524</b>	
<b>Thank the Lord*</b>	<b>LSB 164</b>
<b>Benediction*</b>	
<b>Closing Hymn: Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid</b>	<b>LSB 500</b>

### **Announcements**

**The Table of Duties:** Many of us are familiar with the six chief parts of the Small Catechism: Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession, and the Lord's Supper. In addition to this, Luther included a section toward the end of the catechism called "The Table of Duties." The Table of Duties is a set of Scripture passages that describe various vocations established by God, such as father, mother, husband, wife, children, worker, employer, etc. These passages both admonish us to love our neighbor and reveal where we have sinned in failing to do so. However, more than that, these passages also show what God is doing in us for the benefit of others. Having

been given a new heart through the blood of Christ, God's love and grace are active in and through us by faith, in very concrete and earthly ways, for the benefit of our neighbor. Through our various vocations, we are called by the Gospel to reflect Christ and His love to our neighbor. So it is that throughout the summer, the Congregation at Prayer will highlight these vocations established by God. The vocation's scripture passages will serve as that week's catechism focus and memory verse.

**What does this mean?** Pentecost comes from the Greek word Pentêkostê, meaning “the fiftieth day.” It is celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday and is 10 days after Christ's Ascension. Pentecost is also called “Whitsunday” or “White Sunday.”

**Catechism Learn-by-Heart:** As the school year with all its homework is quickly coming to an end, this summer is a great time for students of all ages to work on learning-by-heart the Small Catechism. Handouts for the Catechism Learn-by-Heart Program are available in the narthex. While memorization is not a part of our modern culture and is deemed unimportant, learning the Small Catechism by heart is important. We know of no Jesus except that Jesus who is revealed to us in sacred Scripture. The Small Catechism gives us the most important texts and primary vocabulary of Holy Scripture so that we may boldly confess the faith in our vocation.

**VBS Registration:** VBS registration forms are available in your mailbox. For those interested in volunteering, please fill out a form and write ‘volunteer’ at the top. Completed forms can be placed in Dena Brammeier's church mailbox.

**Mowing Calendar:** The trustees have put up a calendar in the coat room for anyone willing to help mow the school yard this year. Your help is very much appreciated!! Thank you.

**Thank You:** I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and visits while I was in the hospital for my recent surgery and at home. Also, Pastor for his visit. Dennis Kleiboeker

**Attention All Ladies of Bethlehem Congregation:** The Ladies Aid/LWML is planning a get together on June 18, 2021 at Twelve Oaks Winery at 5:00pm. We will have pizza

around 6:00pm. For fun, we will be wearing hats, which is optional. Please let Sharon Schneider know if you would like to attend by June 11, 2021 at 226-3353. Come join us for some fun and fellowship.

**Books Wanted:** Agape Youth Group will be hosting a used book sale in the fall. But FIRST we are requesting donations of the following: gently used or new fiction or non-fiction books for all ages, gently used or new DVD's or Blu-Rays. Please no magazines, VHS, encyclopedias or textbooks. Donations may be given to any youth member or Sara. Contact Sara for more information.

**Church Organist:** Trinity Lutheran Church of Centralia is looking for a church organist for Saturday night and Sunday morning services, to begin in August at the latest. This is a compensated service. If interested, please contact Wilfred Pennington (chairman of the Board of Elders) at [wpennington@corlhs.org](mailto:wpennington@corlhs.org).