

# Day of Pentecost

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### ORGAN PRELUDE

Come Down, O Love Divine (#804) arr. J. Kloppers

### GATHERING

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Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you proclaim them unforgiven, unforgiven they remain.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING HYMN Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

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### GREETING

### KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE *This is the Feast*

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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P We pray. God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON      A Reading from the Book of Acts

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, 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 Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.”

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” But 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

*(Acts 2:1-21)*

**A**    The word of the Lord.

**C**    **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**     *Sung*             **Psalm 104:24-34,35b**

How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,

living things both | small and great.

There go the ships | to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

All of them | look to you

to give them their food | in due season.

You give it to them; they | gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

When you hide your face, | they are terrified;

when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;

and so you renew the face | of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;

O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.

You look at the earth | and it trembles;

you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;

I will praise my God while I | have my being.

May these words of | mine please God.

I will rejoice | in the LORD.

Bless the LORD, O my soul. | Hallelujah!

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,

and to the | Holy Spirit;

as it was in the begin-| ning,

is now and will be forever. | Amen.

**SECOND LESSON**             A Reading from the Romans

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with

Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. *(Romans 8:14-17)*

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia...

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*Please stand as you are able.*

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

P The Holy Gospel...

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This 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.

*(John 14:8-17, 25-27)*

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove

**No. 578**

*New members gather at the font*

## PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for this person, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as a new member into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Emily Farrer

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**Emily: I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**Emily: I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Emily: I renounce them.**

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** (*Baptismal formula*)

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P In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

P Our Sister in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

**Emily: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P Stir up in all your people the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
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, both now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## WELCOME

P Let us welcome our sister in Christ to this community of faith.

**C We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God and**

**proclaim the good news to all the world.**

**P** We rejoice to receive you, a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, into our fellowship in the Gospel.  
Peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C Peace be with you.**

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please stand as you are able.*

The response to “*Lord in your mercy,*” is “*hear our prayer.*”

**A** By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to God our Father in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, making intercession for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Come Holy Spirit! Set our hearts on fire with love for God and for his people. Let your wind propel us out of our comfort zones and into the war zones of anguish, injustice, despair, and unbelief. There, let your tongues of fire kindle our tongues to speak words of truth and power, life and love, challenge and forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** Gracious Spirit, purify the Church with your holy and cleansing fire. Burn away its sins and schisms. Warm it with deep love for Jesus and for the world he came to save. Teach it to remember, cherish, ponder, teach and live everything spoken by Christ, especially his command to love one another as he has loved us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** O Breath of God, enliven and sustain everyone who is persecuted on account of Jesus. Give wisdom and gentleness to their words, and courage and prudence to their actions. By their faithful witness, convict and convert the enemies of the Gospel to lives of repentance and faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** Heavenly Dove, descend upon the hearts and minds of everyone in this congregation. Teach us to pray, worship, forgive, witness, serve and love in ways that shine the light of Christ on the lives of those who need him most; and conform

us ever more perfectly to his blessed likeness. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Holy Spirit, Power Divine, direct, strengthen, and cheer the hearts of all who risk their lives on behalf of others. Prosper all they do that conforms to your good and perfect will. Grant healing to the wounded, honour to those who sacrificed their lives, patience and hope to their families. When they return home, grant them ways to use their skills and wisdom to build a better world for all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. Bless, renew, provide for, and transfigure this broken world, until it conforms to the will and fulfills the desire of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Bring just peace to Ukraine and to all that are torn apart by warfare and violence. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Life-giving Spirit, breathe health, wholeness and hope into the hearts of all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Bless and guide everyone who cares for them in ways great or small. We pray for: Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystina Cuch, Colleen Dehmke, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Genevieve Janssen, Julie Janssen Downe, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Amy Lynch, Barry Michael, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Jerry Rasmuson and family, Jim and Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Ron Sauer, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, John Watt, those we name aloud...

and those we carry in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for your holy catholic Church:

- the National Church staff and National Bishop Susan Johnson
- the Southern Area Leadership Team, pastors, people, and Dean, Rev. Dr. Tim Wray
- our pastor, Rev. Michael Wellman
- Grace Lutheran Church in Rancho Cordova, California

- Grace Lutheran, Hinton
- all preparing for the National Convention in Winnipeg
- Pastors and people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- the pastors and people of the Anglican, Mennonite, and Moravian Churches of Canada and Salvation Army of Canada

For all these, Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. We are thankful for Rev. Jim Rasmussen and his 62 years of care. Inspire all pastors to preach your Word diligently that your people may receive it willingly. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P In the power of the Holy Spirit, we entrust our prayers and petitions into your hands, gracious Father, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** Come, Souls, Behold Today by J.S. Bach

*Setting of the altar and reception of the Offerings.*

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (General 1)

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**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (II)

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**THE FRACTION**

P As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on hillsides are now united on the Table as sanctified food, even so, Lord, may your Son's holy Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your Kingdom.

**C Lord, I am not worthy that you should come to me,  
But only say the word, and I shall be healed.**



P The Gifts of God for the People of God. Receive them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**LAMB OF GOD**

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**THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Please be seated. Assistants and those in need commune first.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

**No. 401**

Spirit of Gentleness

**No. 396**

**TABLE BLESSING**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** (General 1)

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*Please be seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY**

**BENEDICTION**

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**SENDING HYMN** God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

**No. 400**

**DISMISSAL**

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P Go in peace...

**C Thanks be to God!**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** God, the Holy Spirit by J.S. Bach

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**WELCOME** to all gathered here today. Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today's servants or speak with the pastor.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to our choir members under the direction of Rick VanderWoude. Today is the last service for the choir as they take a well-deserved break during the summer. We look forward to hearing them again in September.

**WE THANK TODAY'S SERVANTS**

Usher: Shelley Ford, Nale Poromon

Lector: Shelley Ford

Assistant: Cam Schneider

Altar Guild: Clarice Rasmuson, Jennifer Hanson

Refreshments: Lydia McTavish, Nicky Mutschlechner

Zoom Host: Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

## OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Last Week	1 June 2025	Budget 2025
Current	\$ 3,200	\$2,911
Benevolence	\$ 0	
Building Fund	\$ 40	
Other	\$ 1,075	
Attendance	46	

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today	8 June	11:45 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments
		2:00 PM	CFMC
Monday	9 June	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Tuesday	10 June	6:00 PM	Elders
		6:30 PM	S.A.F.E. Place Peer Support
Wednesday	11 June	10:00 AM	12 Step Program
		7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Friday	13 June	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Saturday	14 June	9:00 AM	House of Hope Worship
Sunday	15 June	9:30 AM	Father's Day Breakfast
		10:30 AM	The Holy Trinity

**FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST** – the ladies will prepare a tasty breakfast next Sunday 15 June at 9:30 AM.

**BADLANDS PASSION PLAY** – This is the 30<sup>th</sup> season of the Badlands Passion Play. Held every weekend in July with group discounts available. Purchase tickets online or by calling 403-823-2001. Details at <https://badlandsamp.com/> *The 4 July preview is sold out.*

**HOTSHOTS** – Join us on Tuesday 17 June at 10:00 AM for a movie followed by a Hot Dog lunch. All are welcome, as are friends. Sign up sheet is downstairs.

**HIGHWOOD HIGHLIGHTS** is accepting articles until 24 June 2025 for the joint July/August issue. Email items to [secretaryhlc@outlook.com](mailto:secretaryhlc@outlook.com)

**COME AND GO BOOKSHELF** – is available for your summer reading adventures. Take a book (or several) or leave a book to share. Enjoy!

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** – If you need a ride to church, contact Elizabeth Anderson 587 897 0548 or Bill Strand 403 239 9894

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Romans 5:1-5

Holy Trinity

Psalm 8

John 16:12-15