

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



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Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

† GATHERING †

Prelude

(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.





The Day Of Pentecost

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

“Turn to me and be saved,” says the Lord.

“For I am God and there is no other.”

If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Today the Spirit of the Lord is poured out,
to fill the hearts of the faithful.

(Silence for meditation and self-examination.)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have hoarded your gifts selfishly;

we have grown cold in our concern for others;

we have grieved your Holy Spirit.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us and renew us;

kindle within us the flame of your love,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,”

God’s word declares.

Jesus Christ was given to die for us

and for his sake our sins are forgiven.

To those who believe in Jesus Christ,

God gives the power to become children of God

and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit!

Sending Hymn

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

#400



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.
 for - ev - er traced by wa - ter sign, and sealed by Spir - it flame.
 to cling to Christ's com - mu - ni - ty, in jus - tice, peace to dwell.
 Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.
 We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.

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Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
 strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Holy One,

**through this meal you have made your home among us
 and are making all things new.**

**Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
 to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.
 In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

Announcements

Benediction

May you be alive in the Spirit. May you be a dancing flame of joy,
 a warming fire of comfort, and a blazing source of compassion.

And may the winds of Pentecost and the resurrected Christ
 go with you and direct you wherever you may go.

In the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Opening Hymn

Spirit of Gentleness

#396

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness
 call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,
 stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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Opening Litany

The Spirit of the living God allows the meek to speak.
Pour out your Spirit upon us, O Lord.

The Spirit of the living God makes the young see visions of glory.
Pour out your Spirit upon us, O Lord.

The Spirit of the living God transforms doubters into dreamers.
Pour out your Spirit upon us, O Lord.

The Spirit of the living God brings healing to the hurting.
Pour out your Spirit upon us, O Lord.

The Spirit of the living God inspires faith in the faltering.
Pour out your Spirit upon us, O Lord.

The Spirit of the living God comes streaming
through the hearts and minds of all who have been brought to faith.
In each and every life, O Lord, reveal the Spirit's power.

Apostolic Greeting

The blessing of the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
the glorious love bestowed by the Son,
and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

Spirit of the Living God

W&P #129



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me,
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Distribution Hymn

How Small Our Span of Life

#636



1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your in - fin - i - ty;
3 O Christ, you left e - ter - ni - ty to plunge in time's swift stream,
4 We thank you, God, for kind-ling faith that lights our tran - sient years,



a sin - gle beat with - in the heart, the catch - ing of a breath,
our tick of time on earth is caught in your e - ter - ni - ty.
to share the short - ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem.
il - lu - min - ing our pil - grim - age through mists of doubt and fears;



a drop with - in the o - cean's deep, a grain up - on the shore,
While suns and stars spin end - less - ly through depths of cos - mic space,
You filled your cross - closed years with love; you loved us to the end
for hope that sees a life be - yond the swift - ly pass - ing days;



a flash of light be - fore we sleep to see the sun no more.
while ae - ons roll and ag - es pass, you hold us in your grace.
and touch us with your ris - en life that ours may time trans - cend.
for love, both hu - man and di - vine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

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Distribution Hymn

Remember and Rejoice

#454



1 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.
2 In life, in death, we trust in God's most ho - ly name,
3 We pledge our - selves a - new to flee the lures of hell,
4 God, bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.
5 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.

Hymn continues on the next page.

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together as Jesus taught us...

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

Family of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace. Grant us peace.

Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.



Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

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Hymn of Praise

Father, I Adore You

W&P #37

Our God is an awe - some God, he
reigns from heav - en a - bove with wis - dom,
pow'r, and love— our God is an awe - some God!
Our God is an awe - some God! Our God is an awe - some God!

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

O God,
**on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people
by sending into us your Holy Spirit.
Direct us by the light of that Spirit,
that we may have a right judgment in all things
and rejoice at all times in your peace,
through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Memorial Day Litany

Lord of the living and the dead, today we remember
all those who fought and died defending our country.
May our memories of what they did give us courage in our day.

Today we remember all those who died
representing our country in other lands.
**May our memories of them inspire us
to represent our country well.**

Today we remember all those who battled with dignity to the very end.
**May our memories of them move us to have respect
for the principles this nation was founded upon.**

Today we remember all those
who continue to serve in the armed forces.
May their service bring honor to all those who have gone before.

✠ WORD ✠

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

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

A reading from Acts.

Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

God of comfort and strength,
we look to your Holy Spirit to be with us
in sorrow and in contentment, in crisis and in abiding stillness.

Come among us now through the power of your Spirit,
that we may be transformed into your image,
and that these gifts of bread and wine may become for us
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying
*“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.”*

After supper Jesus took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples saying,
*“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

God of dreams and prophecy,
send down upon us your gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and faith;
of healing, discernment, and interpretation,
that your church may be built up in the likeness of your Son.

Let anyone who is hungry find in you the bread of life,
and anyone who is thirsty find in you rivers of living water.

Speak your word to all who are alone and in fear or despair,
and let each one of your children
hear your voice in their own language,
whether that language be art or science, work or play.

Sanctify your groaning creation, that your universe
may breathe your breath and be filled with your life anew,
that we may love what you love, and do what you would do,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **Amen.**

Proper Preface

God of surprises,
your Spirit brooded over the waters at creation
and lived among your chosen people
in wilderness, exile, and promised land.
Your Spirit filled Mary's womb at the moment of Jesus' conception
and came upon him like a dove at baptism.
When Christ died on the cross
your power raised him from the tomb on the third day,
and that same evening he breathed your forgiving grace
on those who had deserted him.
On the day of Pentecost you sent your Spirit upon the fearful disciples,
filling them with fire, with power, with wonder and joy,
and making them your church.
And so we gladly thank you, with angels, and archangels
and all the company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending praise.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Family of God

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, our God of pow'r and might, — Sing
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Heav'n and earth are full of your maj - es -
ty! Ho - san - na in — the high - est! Blest is he who
comes in the Name of the Lord! Sing loud, — Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!

¹When 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.' "

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Let us read Psalm 104 responsively.

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

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

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷**All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand,
and they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

³²You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

A reading from First Corinthians.

^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are

give thanks be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

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✠ MEAL ✠

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.



guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name, especially...
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

✠ OFFERING ✠

Offering Response

Give Thanks

W&P #41



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,

varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse

God's Word is Our Great Heritage

#509



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Holy Gospel

John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

#398



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow’r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
kin - dle ev - ’ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

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Apostles’ Creed

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,
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,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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 of the People

P Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection
to heal and redeem our broken world,
let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one.
Inspire all ministers of the gospel
to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter.
Bless the work of interreligious dialogue.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.
Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food,
and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A You send the Holy Spirit
to break down the barriers of communication among nations.
Bestow peace in war-torn areas,