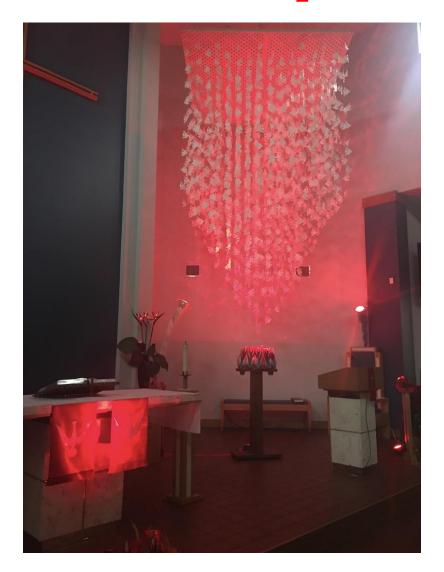
# The Day of Pentecost June 5, 2022

# e-Worship



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# **GATHERING**

PRELUDE Amazing Grace LCOS Choir

#### **GATHERING SONG # 400**

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

- 1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend!
  Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send!
  Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
- 2 God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose, purge! Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge! Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth, kindle us to speak your truth!
- 3 God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy!

Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!

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- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray. God our creator,
- C 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 Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

  Amen.

# WORD

#### FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>Andsuddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>'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. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17**

<sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>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!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>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.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL READING: John 14:8-17**

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>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'? <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>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.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Magnify Him

by K. Tally

LCOS Choir

#### **SERMON**

Dear disciples of Jesus: Grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus. Amen.

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the feast that marks the beginning of the universal ministry of the church, that is, the birthday of the universal church.

Pentecost is something that happened to mark the irruption of the Holy Spirit as the divine presence that would be leading Christ's followers when the Lord ascended to heaven. Pentecost is the season of the Spirit; it is the fulfillment of the promise that Jesus made to the disciples.

The Spirit comes to give us the opportunity to see what is invisible. The Spirit leads us to grow in our faith and to walk watching by faith the presence and glory of God revealed in the Scriptures.

This is the amazing miracle that we are invited to experience in our daily journey with Christ, the adventure to be guided by the Holy Spirit to understand more the mystery of God and the love and will of Christ.

During our pilgrimage in this world, the Spirit comes to us to help us to understand the presence of God. The Spirit teaches us and reveals us the Father as the source of faith and love. It is the Spirit of truth because the whole truth of God comes from the Spirit's presence in our life. The people that are guided by the Spirit can live in truth and love authentically.

The era of the church is this age of discipleship. This is this time of grace where the church is present. The spiritual presence of the amazing love of God needs to be revealed and manifested to the world as an invitation to come and be part of the kingdom of God and taking us from here into the brilliant future that God is declaring will be fully manifested at the end of times.

Many times, you have asked me how it is that a church grows. According to the Bible, it is because of the testimony of the disciples that the church grows. This is the secret of Christianity. Christianity grows when disciples are guided by the Spirit to have the courage to expand their vision, overcome their fears, and invite others to also become disciples of Jesus.

Discipleship needs to be viral, needs to be contagious, faith needs to be viral and contagious, life eternal needs to be passed to other people. Contrary to COVID-19 that was contagious and killed people, the faith in Jesus Christ when contagious saves people, gives to the unbeliever eternal life, forgiveness of sins, salvation, and the privilege to be called Child of God.

It is the Holy Spirit who inspires us to be a missional church. It is the Holy Spirit the one who moves us to serve our community and share with them the word of God in words and deeds. It is the Holy Spirit who created the Food Bank, it is the Holy Spirit who moves the volunteers, it is the Holy Spirit who is moving you to give your tithes and your money to support the ministry of the church. It is the Holy Spirit who calls you to serve and volunteer. The expansion of the kingdom and the grow of the church is the result of our obedience to the directions and instructions of the Spirit.

We need to remember that our good works are only the fruits that the Spirit produces in us when we are ready to allow the Spirit to instruct us and lead us according to the call that we received from Jesus. The call to be in this world and make disciples. We are here to expand the kingdom of God, to proclaim the risen Christ, to invite more people to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior, and to pray that people discover the blessings that serving God and our neighbors bring to our own life.

When we are thirsty because of the wilderness that we experience in our daily fights with the world and our own weaknesses, the Holy Spirit appears to be the river of fresh waters that Jesus promised to come from the inner of our soul. The Spirit refreshes us and renews us. The Spirit fills us with the grace and love of the Savior to share that grace and love with the world and our neighbors.

Jesus is blessing us with the Holy Spirit because he knows very well that without the inspiration and blessing of the Holy Spirit we cannot be spiritual. An authentic spirituality is possible only thanks to the presence of the Holy Spirit acting in us through the word, the sacraments, and our life of prayer.

It is in the power of the Holy Spirit that we as individuals and as disciples of Jesus are called to experience the spiritual life that God wants that we enjoy today. But it is also in the power of the Spirit that we as a church, as a community of the baptized and as the body of the risen Christ are called to preach in words and deeds the wonders of Jesus Christ.

It is Pentecost and it is important for us to remember that Pentecost is a day to re-engage ourselves as disciples and as a community of faith with the great mission of God that wants to expand his kingdom and receive more people into his glorious new world.

Our role as church is to be missional. It is to allow the Spirit to guide us and lead us according to God´s plans. For this reason, it is important that we pray daily for the direction of the Holy Spirit. We need the wisdom of God that the Spirit is comes to us individually and as a body of Christ, and with the wisdom of God we will be able to assume with courage the challenges that are in front of us.

We need to walk trusting in the promises of God that he has a plan for us as individuals and as a church and that it is through the Holy Spirit that this plan can be realized. It is in the power of the Spirit that we can reach great goals and conquer new spaces, it is in the power of the Spirit that we can make more disciples and experience more blessings, because this is the power of God, the power of the Holy Spirit. It is in the Spirit that we will be always triumphant.

Do not be afraid, trust, pray and ask the wisdom of God to guide you daily to a victory in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY #399**

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

- 1 O Holy Spirit, root of life, creator, cleanser of all things: anoint our wounds, awaken us with lustrous movement of your wings.
- 2 Eternal vigor, Saving One, you free us by your living Word, becoming flesh to wear our pain, and all creation is restored.
- O holy Wisdom, soaring pow'r, encompass us with wings unfurled, and carry us, encircling all above, below, and through the world.

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#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: LUTHER'S SMALL CATHECHISM

- A With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- A Holy Living One, Holy Moving One, burst open our locked doors, and by your Spirit drive us out into the world proclaiming your mighty deeds. Direct our words and actions, trusting the Advocate abiding in and among us.
  - Feed and care for creatures that remain hidden to us yet contribute to the vibrancy of your creation. Train us to interact with creation from a place of wonder, awe, and reverence. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our Prayer

A Send your Spirit to places where language is a barrier to justice and mercy for those who seek it. Bless the work of translators, interpreters, and teachers. Promote understanding for the sake of those longing for true freedom and peace.

Comfort all who live in constant fear and any who are suffering (*especially*). Remind them that your Spirit has made them your children and that they are never far from your glory. God, in your mercy,

#### C hear our Prayer

A Guide all bishops, pastors, missionaries, and other ministers of the gospel (. Foster our relationships with partner synods and local ministry partners (*especially*), that our visions and actions are Spirit-led.

Gather your people across regions, nations, and lands. Root our common life in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and by your Spirit bind us together with all the saints who have gone before us. God, in your mercy,

#### C hear our Prayer

- A In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

#### **PEACE**

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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

# **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

- P God, the Author of life,
  Christ, the living Cornerstone,
  and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
  + bless you now and forever.
- C Amen

#### SENDING SONG #396

Spirit of Gentleness

#### Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing:

  "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*
- 2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, and you goaded your people with a law and a land; and when they were blinded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*
- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still; and down in the city you called once again, when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

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#### **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

Come Thou Almighty King

Organ solo/Naoko Okada

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# **HYMNS**

Sunday	Gathering	Hymn of	Communion	Sending
	Song	the Day	Song	
Holy Trinity June 12 <sup>th</sup>	408	412	684	414
Pentecost 2 June 19 <sup>th</sup>	651, 1-5	843	684	886
Pentecost 3 June 26 <sup>th</sup>	798	407	684	401
Pentecost 4 July 3 <sup>d</sup>	576	546	575	888
Pentecost 5 July 10 <sup>th</sup>	715	712	575	722
Pentecost 6 July 17 <sup>th</sup>	520	725	575	669
Pentecost 7 July 24 <sup>th</sup>	754	742	740	732
Pentecost 8 July 31st	777,1-4	705	740	858

# June Birthdays

Tom Carroll – June 4 Diane Tolzman – June 4 Fran Beauregard – June 11 Patricia Sohl - June 11 Della Griscti – June 18



Martin Stewart – June 20 Diana Meehan – June 25 Fraser Muir – June 28 Connie Watson – June 28



#### LCOS HAPPENINGS June 5, 2022



**Serving LCOS** 

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jose Luis La Torre Cuadros

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Pastoral Care: Gail Smeach & Heidi Richter (June 5 - 11, 2022)

# **Kaye Prox Food Bank**

The food bank serves about 90 families weekly. Donations of food are always welcome. Especially needed are the following:

- canned chicken or tuna;
- canned soup (chunky style);
- canned fruit (15 oz. cans);
- pasta, tomato sauce;
- rice, dried beans.

For more info, please check our Facebook page. Thank you for supporting the food bank!



**LCOS Happenings:** Annual Tampa Bay Rays Faith Day Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, at 1:10 p.m. Deadline to sign up and pay is Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. The price of the tickets has increased to \$35 plus \$1 handling fee. Sign up sheet in the narthex. We must have 10 people signed up and tickets paid for to receive the discounted ticket price.





#### **MEMBERS**

Joe & Donna Vetrano, Frank & Julian Julius, Rev. Rochelle Lewis, Carol Cousins, Barbara Weathers, Marjorie Brozenske, Dotty Richardson, Don Richardson, Fraser Muir & family, Pastor Jose Luis, Cherri Krall, Jeff Whitman, Karen Hangartner, Maysie Richters, Parsons family, Connie Watson, Heidi Richters, Elaine Barnes, Buck Orr, Eddie Forte & family, Sal & Linda Pusateri, Janet Thambiraj, Gail Smeach, Barbara Beauregard, Terrence Hood, Rita Blyden, Della Griscti & family, Doug Howze, Charlie & Susan McCoy, Louise Betron, Lynn Richardson, Pat Sohl, Joan Baun, rian & Jan Spaulding, , Tirza Ontiveros, Peggy Davidson, June Wasylyna, Matt Baun, Ernie Largent, Michele Doleski, Rick Padin & family, Yolanda Jacobs & family, Kim Cross & family, the Major family, Alice Rozell, Mid Brenner, the Groh family, Mike Watson, Steve Guenther, Jeannelle Gibson, and Lisa Paffenroth & mother, Kelly Orr.

#### **RELATIVES**

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#### **MILITARY**

Staff Sargent Omar Ottley, Robert Ontiveros, Anthony Richardson, Jon Nygaard, Stephen Burnham, and all men and women that serve.

#### **HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

Gene Camp, Elizabeth Thomas, Gwyn Leimbach, Lorella Swain, Mary Kramer, Norma Parsons, Roy Blyden, Pat Sohl, and Shirley Scheig.

# LCOS by the Numbers

Financial Giving and Gifts

#### This Year at LCOS:

Our Spending Plan for the 2022 calendar year calls for total expenditures of \$348,858 to support the mission and ministries of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour.

#### **This Month at LCOS:**

Our Monthly Need for May is: \$29,071.00 Giving received to support LCOS Ministries through 5/22/22 \$20,706.00

#### **Mortgage Reduction Fund**

The members of LCOS agreed in 2009 that each of us would do what we can, above our regular giving, to stay current with our church mortgage AND reduce the principal when possible. Please consider your ability to put monies aside to help meet our payments. Simply mark "Mortgage" and your name on an envelope, then place your gift in the offering plate. All monies received will be applied to the mortgage. Thank you! *Fund Balance at April 30*, 2022 \$873.75

Please deposit your receipts from the Village Inn in the shoe box in the narthex.