



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Day of Pentecost/Prelude to Pride May 28, 2023

Worship 11:00 A.M.

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Reader: Pat Rogers

Worship is live streamed on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/princerupertlutheran/>.

Welcome to Worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. 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.

Weekly Prayer Petitions

Local: Salvation Army Citadel, Captain Dawn and Geoff Butt

Synod: Peace Lutheran, Abbotsford; Emmaus Lutheran, Burnaby

Anglican: Bishop, Suffragan Bishops, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Toronto

Lutheran: The Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute in Outlook Saskatchewan

Discipleship Opportunities

1. The Pastor will be public this Wednesday from 9:30-11:30 at Javadotcup.
2. There will be a potluck meal in the community hall following worship today. Please join us as we celebrate our community and the beauty of all God's beloveds in preparation for the month of June which is pride month, honoring the LGBTQ2SIA+ Community.

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Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Holy Parent, and of the + Child, and of the Holy Spirit, ever-present in our lives.

Amen.

Your people, Lord, long to feel seen, named, and cared for. We, the church, have excluded and pushed away people, calling them "other" and "different." We fail your people by waiting in expectation for those whom we have harmed to lead the work of reconciliation. Today we worship, with open hearts and minds, readying ourselves for the holy ministry of justice and equity work. As your people, we know God is with us and that your Holy Spirit makes reconciliation possible.

As we learn how to make the church a safer space we trust in the Spirit's guidance. As we seek to be an advocate for these here and those in the community who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, 2 Spirit, Intersex, Asexual, and all who are told they are "other" we trust in the Spirit's guidance. As we seek to learn more about the intersectionality of ministry we trust in the Spirit's guidance.

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the grace of Jesus Christ we confess and ask forgiveness. We proclaim with joy and love that people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions matter; that Indigenous, Black, and People of Color matter; that neuro-diversity and differing abilities of bodies are sacred; and that we as a church stand firmly against racism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism and any other sin that makes people feel less than because of who God lovingly made them to be. We commit our words and actions to be ones of advocacy for all of the people in your Kin-Dom. Holy Creator, we celebrate your boundless diversity, and see the ways we are made in Your image.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Come to the Water of Life

No. 955

1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for
 2 All who are thirst - y for heal - ing, all who are thirst - y for
 3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for
 4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for

love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
 touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,
 truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
 peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,

come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
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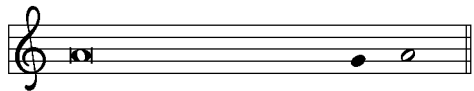
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L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



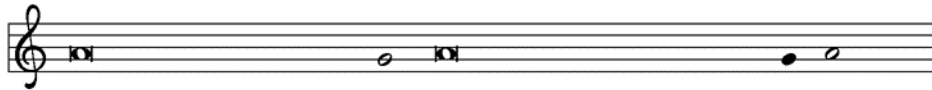
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



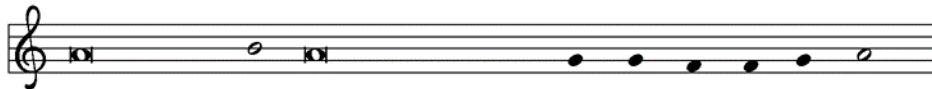
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Hymn of Praise

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Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Let us pray together our Prayer of the Day

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 loving spirit 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.

Our first reading is from Numbers, beginning at the 11th chapter

11:24-30

Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in

the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

L: The word of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God

We read Psalm 104:24-34, 35b responsively: (*leader reads the light print, congregation reads the bold*)

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 many 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 endure 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!

Our second reading comes from 1st Corinthians , beginning at the 12th Chapter

12:3b-13

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to 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. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For 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. For 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.

L: The word of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to John, beginning at the 17th chapter

17:1-11

Glory to you, O Lord

On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple], he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

L: The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Reverend Diana Edis

Hymn of the Day

Gracious Spirit

No. 401

Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
 nor rootless liberty;
 turn disquiet to contentment,
 doubt into certainty.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
 unswayed by earth's allure.
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,
 which you alone assure.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

We confess:

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession: (petition end: Hear us, O God)
(petition response: **Your mercy is great.**)

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

Offerings may be mailed to the church, placed in our mailbox, sent by e-transfer to offering2stpauls@citywest.ca, or given through CanadaHelps to St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert.

Offering Prayer

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine, pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We enter a time of communion. All people are invited to receive God's meal. If you wish to receive, this meal is for you. If you would like to learn more about communion please speak with the pastor after worship. Those worshipping off campus may prepare bread and wine or juice for your worship space. When the bread and beverage are offered by the pastor and you eat and drink you may respond, "Amen." We have both bread and gluten-free wafers, wine and juice; please let your server know which options are needed.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

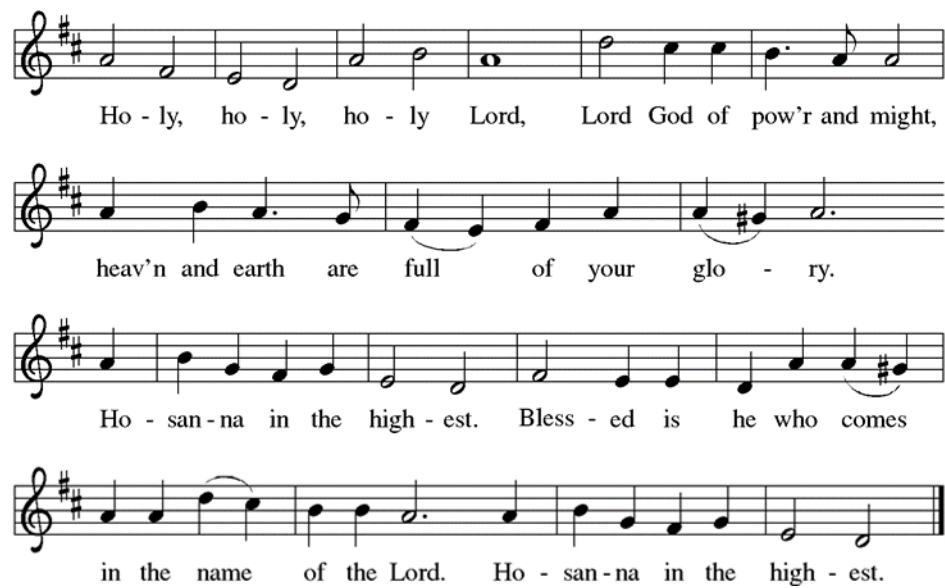
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

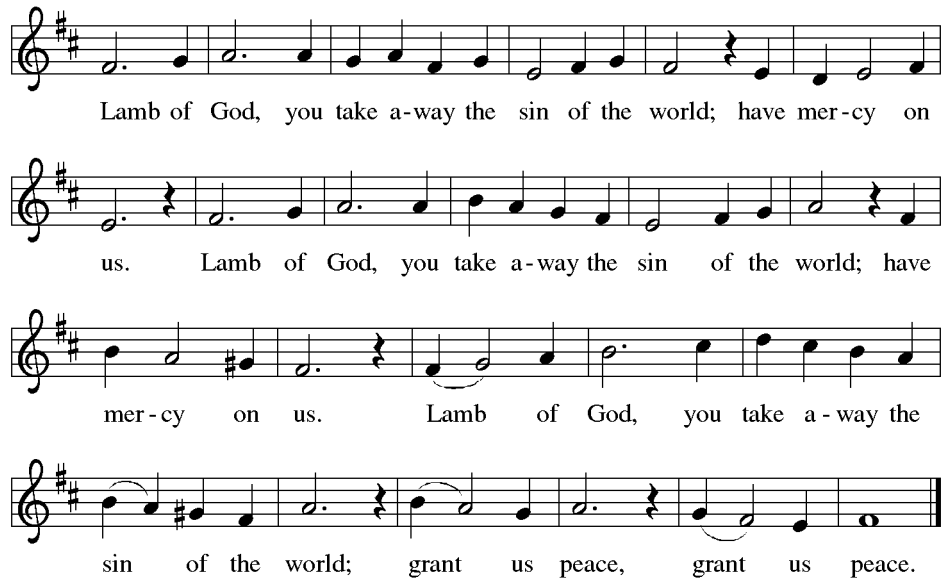


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you... blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
Amen

L: Gathered into one across time and space by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using whatever version of that prayer comforts you. We 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.**



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.

Communion

This is the body of Christ, given for you.

Amen

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen

Hymns during communion:

*Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling
 Spirit of Gentleness*

No. 582

No. 396

The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour strengthen you to eternal life.

Amen

Prayer after communion

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Blessing

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

The Dove Will Fly on Mended Wing

Songs for the Holy Other

1., 5. Re - lig - ion, cul - ture, creed and race each hu - man spir - it and each face
 2. And take a - way a new found song, a new found voice to act on wrongs.
 3. A peo - ple stand, a peo - ple call: come ga - ther here and wel - come all.
 4. And chains will fall, the shack - les break, the earth will rise, and pow - ers quake,

we cel - e - brate, we dance and sing the tal - ents here each one might bring.
 To trust, to heal, to help us cope, to stand as one, re - new - ing hope.
 Di - ver - si - fy and cel - e - brate that hope - less - ness is not our fate.
 just - ice will roll, and free - dom sing, the dove will fly on men - ded wing.

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Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.