

“A LANGUAGE BEYOND LIMITS”



CELEBRATING PENTECOST AND THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PRESERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

LSB 837 vs. 1, 4-5

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We are children of God, born again of water and the Spirit. This morning we celebrate Jesus’ gift of the Spirit, poured out on his disciples at Pentecost!

C: “In the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh!”

P: On this day, God performed signs and wonders that caused people to ask “what does this mean,” and made them a captive crowd to hear God’s Word.

C: “In the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh!”

P: On this day, Jesus’ disciples boldly proclaimed his death and resurrection, they preached a call to repentance, and they offered hope in the forgiveness of sins in Jesus’ name.

- C:** “In the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh!”
P: On this day, the Holy Spirit guided Jesus’ disciples into all truth and glorified our Savior, and still does the same for us and through us. (John 16:13-14)
C: “In the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh!” (Acts 2:17a)

P: O Father in Heaven, we rejoice and celebrate the outpouring of your Spirit. We marvel at the power of the Spirit and how Peter was moved to proclaim your Word on that special day. With the hearers on that morning, we too mark those words and come to you in humble repentance for our sins, for which Jesus was crucified.

Please take a moment for personal reflection and confession

- P:* Most merciful God,
C: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted You or loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

FORGIVENESS OF SINS

- P:* Almighty God in His mercy has given His son, Jesus, to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses!
C: The promise is for us and for our children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” (Acts 2:39)

Please be seated

SONG OF PRAISE

“Hear the Hallelujahs Roar”

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:1-23, 32-33

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



⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“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; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ²² “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 — ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

E: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

P: *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.*
C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

John 16:4b-15

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.



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

CONFESSION OF FAITH

3rd Third Article with Explanation - Luther's Small Catechism

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING HYMN

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

LSB 913 vs. 1-2

MESSAGE

“A LANGUAGE BEYOND LIMITS”

Pastor Ben Spaulding

SPECIAL MOMENTS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

The Installation of Deaconess April Ramsey

The Consecration of VBS Workers

The Sending of Mr. Lupe Sosa to Seminary

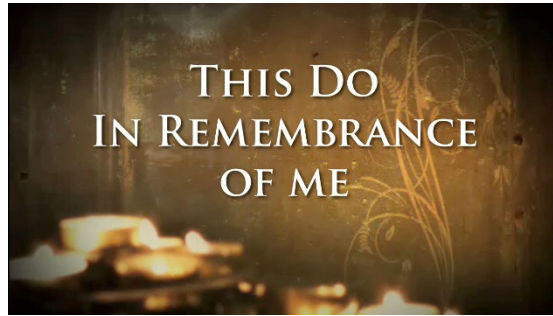
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PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

(Matthew 6:9–13)



CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

RESPONSE

"Create in Me"

LSB 956

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DISTRIBUTION

"O Lord, We Praise Thee"

LSB 617

"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

LSB 496

"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

"Hymn of the Holy Spirit"

Please stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. (Romans 15:13)

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

LSB 650

