

Day of Pentecost



Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday, May 28, 2023

8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

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.

St. James Lutheran Church

109 York Street, Gettysburg, PA
www.StJamesGettysburg.org

Welcome to St. James. Here are some tips for worshipping with us.

Large print bulletins and hearing-assist devices can be found on the welcome table in the main hall. Hymns are found in the back half of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* located in the chair rack in front of you and are referenced in this bulletin as ELW#. Please stand as you are able for parts of the service noted with an asterisk (*). Thank you for silencing your electronic devices. Masking is optional. Masking is recommended while singing.

P Presider **C** Congregation **A** Assisting Minister **L** Lay Reader

The 8:15 worship service will be livestreamed to our YouTube Channel and made available for public viewing. Please note that you may be recorded during worship. You can visit our YouTube Channel at [StJamesGettysburg.org/YouTube](https://www.StJamesGettysburg.org/YouTube). If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with a member of the staff.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Jesus Loves Me*

William B. Bradbury

*PENTECOST LITANY

P Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P With power from above to make our weakness strong,

C Come, Holy Spirit.

*GATHERING HYMN: *O Living Breath of God*

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*PASTORAL GREETING

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

L *Let us pray:* 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.

C Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:45): *Hallelujah, Wind from Heaven*

Robert A. Hobby

Hallelujah, wind from heaven coming with a mighty rush; hallelujah, fire appearing, each believer felt the touch; wind and fire, the Holy Spirit, on the day of Pentecost. Then the sound of holy babble and a crowd of people stirred; past the borders kept by language came the witness and the word. Hallelujah for the gospel; everyone who listened, heard. Hallelujah, men and women will speak out and prophesy. Hallelujah, dreams and visions for the young and old alike. May a world in need of mending dream of making all things right. Sweep aside the dreams that hurt us with your wind, O Holy One; give to us the dreams and healing, visions of your kingdom come. Every tongue will join the chorus; hallelujah will be sung! (Richard Leach)

READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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

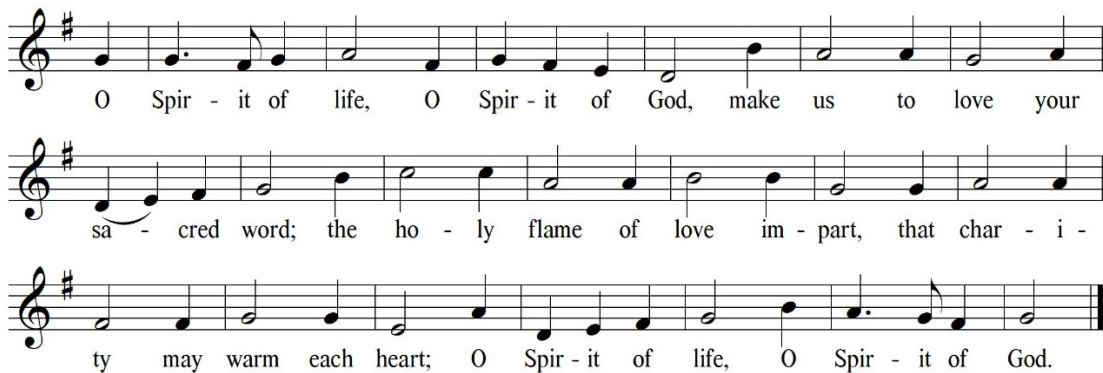
⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, make us to love your
sa - cred word; the ho - ly flame of love im - part, that char - i -
ty may warm each heart; O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.

*HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

P The Holy Gospel according to John. **C** 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."

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

SERMON, FOLLOWED BY TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

*HYMN OF THE DAY



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -



breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,
gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the voice with - in the
as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .



storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing pow'r to the world,
true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

*APOSTLES' CREED

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 to the dead. 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 INTERCESSION

Petitions conclude: "Hear us, O God." Our response: "Your mercy is great."

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

TITHES AND OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING: *All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir*

Bill Staines

*OFFERTORY

Refrain

We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are
giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er
joined, the great-est and the least, we all are
one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.

*OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C **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.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*PREFACE DIALOG

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

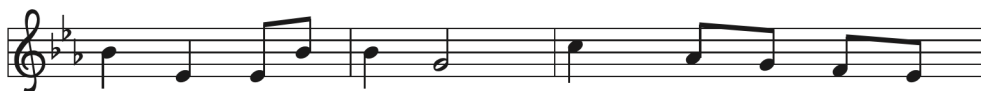
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*INVITATION

P Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

COMMUNION HYMN: *Spirit of Gentleness*

ELW 396

*TABLE BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A *Let us pray:* 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.

C **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us in mission to the world

*BLESSING

P 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.

C **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN: *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

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*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*POSTLUDE: *Love from the Heart Medley*

Lift Up in Prayer

Janet Bretzman	Tom Kinahan	Lisa Sites	Jane
Monica Doerfler	Laura Khan	Elaine Swanson	Jim
Casey Evanhoff	Hilda Koontz	Ken Unger	Luke
Dr. Douglas Eyer	Paige Kriel	Sean Vora	Mark
Tim Fleming	Stephanie Lowe	Barbara Williams	Mary B.
Nita Gross	Joshua Mauston	Patti Wolfe	Matthew
Marc Hirsh	Jen Mickelson	Aubrey	Taylor
Lois Hoke	Janice Rebert	Beverly	Wayne
Craig Hutchison	Peggy Reecher	Carol	
Billy Jones	Kate Sachse	Chris	
William Kessler	Lou Shuba	Herb	

We pray for the family and friends of Cecil Sandoe, Beth Gardner, Delores Cunningham and Pearl Hoffman, who recently died. May they find comfort and peace in the promise of your eternal kingdom.

We lift up in prayer the Rev. Robert N. Maddox Jr. who celebrates his 50th anniversary of ordination on May 27 (1973).

Flowers are Given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Arlene & Harry Swartz by their son & daughter-in-law, Rod & Margaret Swartz.

Serving in Worship

Presider

The Rev. Cathy Geib

Preacher

Vicar Libby Baker-Mikesell

Minister of Music

Jonathan Noel

Soloist

Tom Jolin, *hammered dulcimer, bajo, and vocals*

8:15 a.m. Worship Service

Assisting Minister

Jim Dunlop

Acolyte

Bell Ringer

Burke Waybright

Prayer of the Day

Findley Waybright

Lay Reader

Judy Seilhamer

Communion Assistants

Jane Blocher

Julie Aha

Michael Guise

Kim Guise

Ushers

Glenn Blocher

Alan Haynes

Cathy Haynes

Dee Wells

Bread Baker

Shirley Sanders

Sacristy

Judy Seilhamer

Brie Smith

AV Operator

Katy Clowney

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Assisting Minister

Debra Baker

Acolyte

Bell Ringer

Prayer of the Day

Henry Finkenbinder

Lay Reader

Andy Crouse

Communion Assistants

Carol Widerman

Adam Michael

Gloria Unger

Ushers

Jan Keefer

John Fisher

Bob Cook

Gabbi Scavitto

Bread Baker

Julie Dunlop

Sacristy

Ann Ketterman

Kathy Platzer

Flower Deliverer

Pete Bender

St. James Choir

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