

Living Savior Lutheran Church

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Pentecost

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We're happy you're here to worship with us! We pray that the Lord bless you through his Word this morning.

Notes about your visit:

- If you have any **questions**, please don't hesitate to ask one of the greeters or anyone else.
- **Restrooms** are out the back doors and down the second hallway on the right.
- Parents, we are so glad that you have brought your little children to church this morning. If needed, there is a **nursery** out the back doors to the right.

Understanding the Church Year

Festival of Pentecost

"I will pour out my Spirit." God's Old Testament people celebrated the gathering of the harvest at the Festival of Weeks, or the Festival of Pentecost. In the New Testament, God sent the promised Counselor on the day we call "Pentecost," Greek for "fifty," because he sent the Holy Spirit fifty days after the Resurrection. Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church and has been commemorated since at least A.D. 217. The Church dresses in red to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit's gift and the blood of the martyrs which was the seed of the Church.

THE HOLY SPIRIT UNITES HIS PEOPLE

OPENING HYMN

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling | 182, St. 1-2

INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord ✝ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We confess our sins together and hear the word of forgiveness announced by the pastor. Jesus himself promises, "If you forgive anyone their sins, they are forgiven" (John 20:23).

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling | 182, St. 3

***Holy Spirit, ever working through the Church's ministry,
Teaching, strength'ning, and absolving, setting captive sinners free,
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending, you we worship and extol.***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

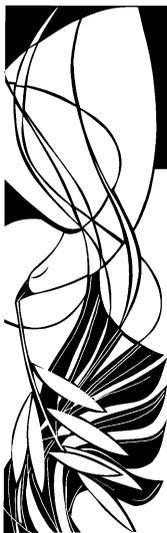
C: Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

Jesus promise is fulfilled! On the day of Pentecost, God poured out his Holy Spirit on the newly-founded Christian Church. The gospel message of forgiveness in Jesus united people from many different languages, nations, and cultures – just as it still does today.



When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully

to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!

¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ " In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'



VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26-27 (ESV)

Just as the promised Holy Spirit came to strengthen the disciples' faith in Jesus, they too would go out to share the life-giving gospel Jesus – to unite many more people with their loving Savior.

²⁶ "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.



HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord | 176

SERMON

Genesis 11:1-9 (EHV)

The Holy Spirit Unites Us – The *Right* Way

The whole earth had one language and a single vocabulary. ²As people traveled in the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they settled there. ³They said to one another, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used mud brick instead of stone for building material, and they used tar for mortar. ⁴They said, "Come, let's build a city for ourselves and a tower whose top reaches to the sky, and let's make a name for ourselves, so that we will not be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."



⁵The LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the people were building. ⁶The LORD said, "If this is the first thing they are doing as one people, who all have one language, then nothing that they intend to do will be too difficult for them. ⁷Come, let's go down there and confuse their language, so that they cannot understand one another's speech."

⁸So the LORD scattered them from there over the face of the whole earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹It was named Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**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.**

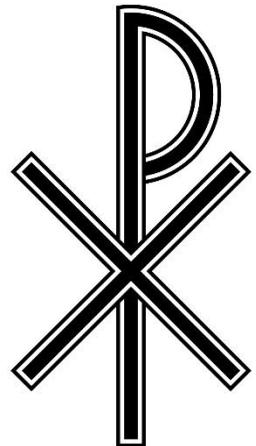
OFFERING

"Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Corinthians 9:7

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**



THE BLESSING

The LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites’ ... So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.” – Numbers 6:22-27

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

The Lord look on you with his favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Holy Spirit, Light Divine | **183**



News and Notes

Summer Bible Camp – July’s coming fast, and with it comes Summer Bible Camp! Dates for the camp are July 8-12. Check out the sign-up sheets on the back table for ways you can help!

Women’s Retreat – Women of Faith will host their annual retreat at Flathead Lake August 9-11. If you haven’t already, sign up on our website (livingsaviormissoula.org). The deadline for registration is July 15.

Looking for a way to help out? We could use a few more people to help run the music on Sunday mornings. Talk to Pastor or Jon if you’d like to get involved.

Special Service June 30 – On Sunday, June 30, we’ll have our Sunday worship service at 4:00 pm. Following the service, we’ll have a BBQ. Come hungry for the Word; stay for dinner!

Serving at Living Savior

Greeters:

Today: Willitz

Next Sunday: Fleigs

Cleaners:

This Week: Berntahl/McGuire

Music:

Today: Jon

Camera:

Today: Terry

Next Sunday: Gil

In our prayers this week:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

-Philippians 4:6

- ❖ Gil Turner: Gil continues to battle cancer.
- ❖ Makiah & Elizabeth Rahmer: The Rahmer girls suffer from epilepsy.
- ❖ *How can we pray for you? Let Pastor know!*