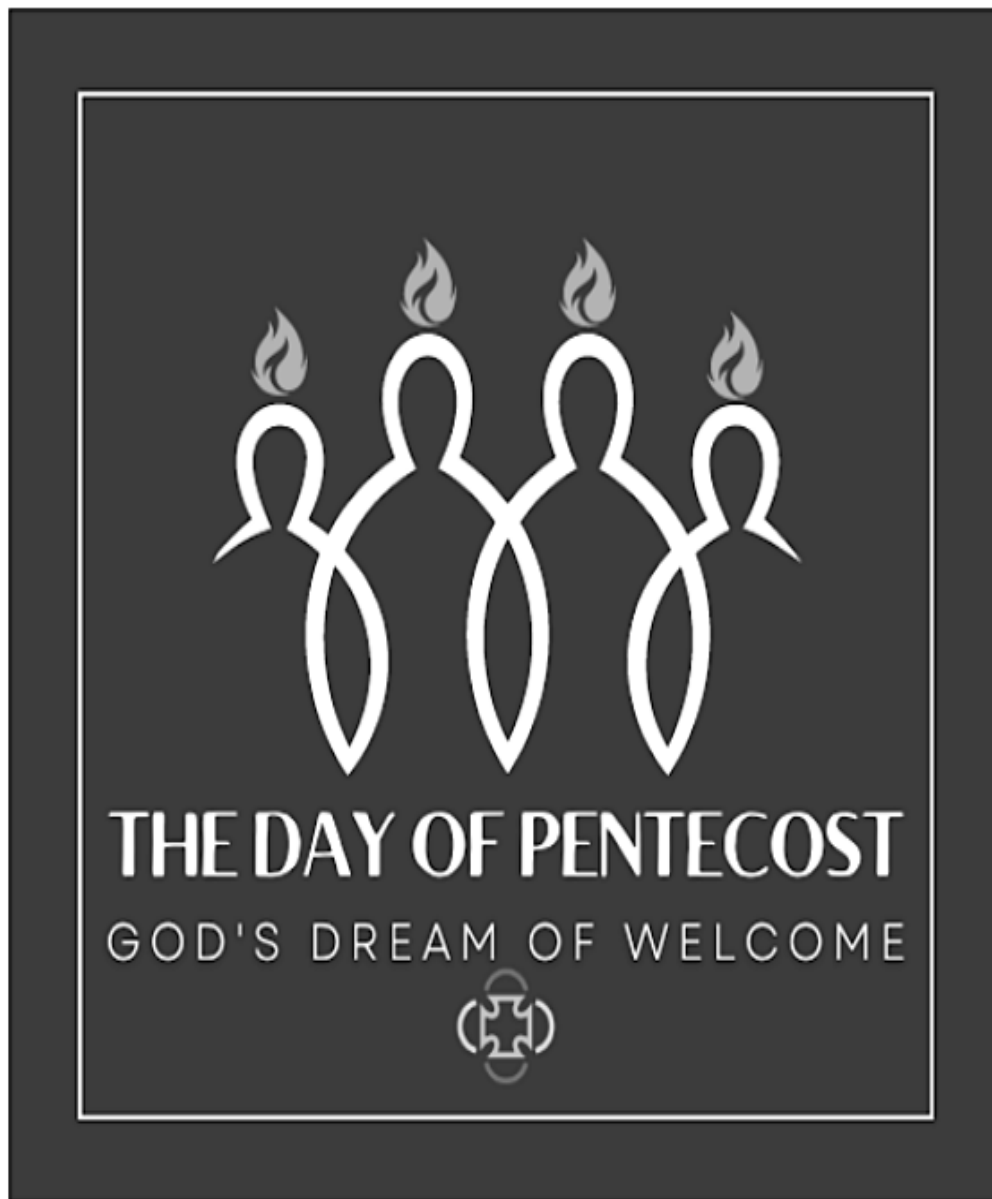


PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 28th 2023



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

140 Russell Avenue
St. Catharines, Ontario L2R 1W1

Church: 905-685-8294

www.christlutheransc.ca

Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday—9 a.m. – 12 noon

Bulletin Announcements: Please send to secretary@christlutheransc.ca.

Deadline for submission is Thursday at 9 a.m.

Pastor:	Pastor Todd Hoeffs	(289-362-0113)	pastortoddhoeffs@gmail.com
Parish Assistant:	Louise Gondosch	(905-329-8579)	parish.assistant@christlutheransc.ca
Business Manager:	Karen McCumber		business.manager@christlutheransc.ca
Secretary:	Pat Kimpel		secretary@christlutheransc.ca
Facebook:	Lisa Gall		www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchSC
Bulletin by email:	Judy Mason		chairman.outreach@christlutheransc.ca

A recording of Sunday's service will be uploaded to YouTube at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpING_TKT19c_OIBbMqGwLw

Prayer: O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Acts 10: 42-48	Wednesday: Acts 3: 1-10	Friday: Eph. 2: 17-22
Tuesday: Acts 2: 42-47	Thursday: Acts 4: 6-21	Saturday: Acts 8: 14-25

Musicians: 10 a.m. – Mayumi Munoz
Reader: 10 a.m. – Howard Bogusat
Greeters: 10 a.m. – Ralph & Mary Muller

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today: 9:00 a.m. – NO Sunday School
9:10 a.m. - Confirmation Class
10:00 a.m. – Worship Service with Communion/choir

Monday: 7:30 p.m. - Choir

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. – Precious Moments

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – SOUL

Saturday, June 3 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – **YARD SALE** at Christ Lutheran
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - **Family Day Bowling** at Pla-Mor Bowling Alley

Sunday, June 4th – 11:00 a.m. -- Thank You Lunch for Pastor Makey

PRECIOUS MOMENTS: If you or someone you know would benefit from friendly conversation, a time for kids to play & sing; hear a Bible story and make a craft - please join us Tuesdays in the nursery area from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Coffee and tea are always on.

VOTER'S MEETING ON SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023 at 2:00 p.m: There will be an important quarterly Voters Meeting on June 11th. In addition to reports from the Committee Chairs there will be election of Church Council members for the upcoming year starting on September 1st. Due to Covid restrictions and lack of members stepping forward to serve in recent years, all terms of office have been extended. That means that all positions are up for re-election and we already have some existing vacancies and some new vacancies being created due to retirements. Please consider letting your name stand for election if you are eligible. You must have been a Voter for at least one full year. If you have any questions about this process or positions available please contact Chairman – Don Fretz or any other Council member. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve your Lord by becoming a Church Council member.



Saturday, June 3

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

In conjunction with the Fitzgerald Neighbourhood Yard sale

WE NEED HELP FROM AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE!

Here are some of the ways to help:

1. **May 31-June 2** – We need people to help sort through, organize, and price items that have been donated. You may also bring in additional items for sale.
2. **Bake** some treats for the sale (cookies, squares, muffins) –anything wrapped individually or in small portions - bring them the morning of June 3 - already priced please!
3. **Plants** If you have any plants that you could pot and add to our plant sale
4. **Set-Up** - Come early on that Saturday morning *Especiall* men- we would sure appreciate your help carrying the tables and boxes. **We will likely start setting up about 7:45 a.m.**
5. **Man a Table** - We will need 2 or 3 volunteers at each table.
6. **Clean-Up** - Helpers to pack up and clean up afterwards
7. **HELP US ADVERTISE!!** mark your calendars, save the date --- Tell your friends and neighbours, spread the word as much as you can, put a notice in your apartment building, post about it on your Facebook page, any other way you can think of.



Please let Carole (carolepink121@gmail.com) or Lorraine (lk_notl@yahoo.com) or any of our Mary/Martha LWML ladies know if you plan to come and help and what you might be willing to do.



FREE FAMILY DAY BOWLING:

Saturday, June 3, 2 - 4 p.m.

106 Main Street, Port Dalhousie

There is no cost for the bowling and we look forward to a wonderful afternoon together

Please sign up in the Narthex
(or email: secretary@christlutheransc.ca)
by Sunday, May 28th

(Our next event is ****Family Mini Putt**—Saturday, Sept. 9th)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL General Meeting will be Tuesday, June 7th at the church from 7-8 pm.

CONFIRMANTS & YOUTH are gathering together for **LASER TAG ON** Saturday, June 17, 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 for 3 games. Friends are welcome to join us! **Sign up by June 7th.** For more information speak with Valerie, Elizabeth or Louise. <https://bxzq0rfovsd.typeform.com/to/BEJzDmAG>

FATHER'S DAY COFFEE HOUR: Treat Dad to his favourite pie & coffee on Sunday, **June 18th** following service. *A sign-up sheet is in the narthex if you would like to donate a pie for this event.*
(Free-will donation for the NYG vehicle repair bill.)



Thank You Lunch

In honour of

Pastor John Makey

Sunday, June 4th

after service in the church basement

Cold Cuts and buns provided.

Please sign up in the Narthex if you are able to attend and whether you can bring a salad or dessert.

Sponsored by the Fellowship Committee.

MARY MARTHA: Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. — June 20th – Potluck Supper

Please feel free to attend!



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

PICNIC 2023

Sunday, June 25, 11:00 am
Burgoyne Woods, Section "C"

(11:00 am Service at the Church for those unable to attend the Picnic)

Activities: Games, Fun and Action for all

Food: Hamburgers, hotdogs and pop provided.

Necessities to Bring: Lawn Chairs, salads, dessert, plate & utensils

If you plan to attend, please contact: secretary@christlutheransc.ca
with number attending and preferences for hotdogs/hamburgers



Vacation Bible School

July 17-21

9 a.m. – 12 noon

Registration - email: parish.assistant@christlutheransc.ca

secretary@christlutheransc.ca

Last Sunday Attendance: May 21st, 2023 Attn: 10 a.m. – 123 SOUL: 23

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>+ or – (--)</u>
Current:	297,841.00	5,840.02	1,917.50	91,980.31	(28,301.63)
LCC Missions	17,000.00	333.33	180.00	6,246.50	(618.88)
Property Improvement:			79.00	2,528.50	

EFT Donations: Beginning June 1, Christ Lutheran will assume responsibility for processing monthly Electronic Fund Transfer donations from Lutheran East District. If you are a current EFT donor, you will receive paperwork (please check your CLC mailslot). If you have ever considered making your donations via EFT, forms and instructions are available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Your new contact for EFT service will be Karen McCumber.

FLOWERS have been placed on the altar this morning to the Glory of God by Andy & Bette Vasko and family in loving memory of John Vasko Sr.

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED – The Worship Committee is urgently seeking four (4) volunteers to assist with the preparation of the weekly PowerPoint. Frequency of PowerPoint preparation would be on a rotating basis and dependent upon the number of helpers. PLEASE give prayerful consideration to serving our Lord in this capacity. For more information, please speak to either Kathy Kuhl, Judy Slingerland or Pastor Todd.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is only 2 months away. We are looking for volunteers to help "**shine Jesus light**" to children attending our VBS **July 17 - 21 from 9:00 - 12 noon**. Whether you can help out 2 or 5 days, your support might be just what one of these children needs. Registration forms and Volunteer forms are available in the narthex.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN is important to all of us. We are looking for people to help "team teach" our Sunday school children this year; September - December; January - June. If you are excited to share God's Word to inquisitive minds we invite you to speak with our Parish Education Chairman Brandon Kemp or Louise.

GREETERS: A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board and we would ask that anyone who is interested in assisting for the coming year to please sign up. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know everyone in the congregation.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? We are setting up a schedule to take meals to Eduardo and Daniela to help them out during Daniela's very challenging recovery from surgery. (*along with having a new baby*). If you would be interested in helping with a meal, please speak to, or email Carole (carolepink121@gmail.com) Thanks :)

Please Note—Granny Squares needed: Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The response has been overwhelming and extremely heartwarming that there have been so many Granny squares contributed. We have already completed 3. However, since this is an ongoing project we will gratefully accept more completed 6 inch knitted or crocheted Granny Squares in any pattern or colour. We would also appreciate any yarn that you may have, leftover yarn or full balls of yarn. In the narthex there is a white cube with yarn and hooks that you are welcome to take (or donate). There is another basket for completed squares. Once there are enough, we will make a Caring Squares blanket for whoever may be in need of a hug. On behalf of the Caring Squares, if you have any questions, call Lorraine at 905 964 5837)



Caring Squares Blanket #3 ↗

CREATIVE COMMUNION

PENTECOST DAY COMMUNION

May 28, 2023 + 10 AM Worship

OPENING SONG: *"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"* LSB 496 Song 13 77 77

**Holy Spirit, light divine, shine upon this heart of mine,
Chase the shades of night away, turn my darkness into day.**

**Holy Spirit, joy divine, cheer this saddened heart of mine,
Yield a sacred, settled peace, let it grow and still increase.**

**Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine,
Kindle ev'ry good desire, purge me with Your Holy Fire.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

You are my hiding place O Lord; you will save me from trouble.

I sing aloud of your salvation, because you protect me.

Then I confessed my sins to you; **I did not conceal my wrongdoings.**

Looking for mercy from the Blessed Trinity, let us confess our sins together, as one people.

O Gracious God,

our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and gift us with grace to grow more into the likeness and image of Your dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Life of all the living. Amen.

Receive the forgiveness Christ Jesus Himself has won for you by His Passion, His death and resurrection. In the place of Christ and by His holy command, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HAVE MERCY, O LORD

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Have mer - cy, O Lord, have mer-cy and hear us; Have Mer - cy O Christ, have mer-cy and hear us; Have Mer - cy O Lord, have mer - cy and hear us; Please Give us Your peace; please give us Your peace." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the last staff.

PRAISE SONG

Brazilian Folk tune © CPH 1982



1 Oh, sing to the Lord, Oh, sing God a new song, Oh,
2 For God is the Lord And He has done wonders. For



sing to the Lord, Oh, sing God a new song. Oh,
God is the Lord And He has done won - ders. For



sing to the Lord, Oh, sing God a new song. Oh,
God is the Lord And He has done won - ders.



sing to our God. Oh, sing to our God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray: O Father, You taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Fill us with the same Spirit, so that we may have a right understanding in all things and always rejoice in His holy comfort; we ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD

The First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "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.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Open My Eyes*"

Open my eyes that I may see, glimpses of truth Thou hast for me
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free
Silently now I wait for Thee; Ready my God Thy will to see
Open my eyes illumine me – Spirit divine
Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear
And while the scriptures fall on my ear, everything false will disappear
Silently now I wait for Thee; Ready my God Thy will to see
Open my eyes illumine me – Spirit divine
Open my mouth and let me bear (Open my mouth and let me bear)
Gladly the warm truth everywhere (Gladly the warm truth everywhere)
Open my heart and let me prepare (Open my heart, prepare love)
Love with Thy children thus to share (Love with Thy children thus to share)
Silently now I wait for Thee – Ready my God Thy will to see
Open my eyes illumine me, Spirit divine
Silently I wait for Thee (silently I wait for Thee) – Spirit divine.

The Epistle: *1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13*

[St. Paul writes:] Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and 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. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNG GOSPEL VERSE: "Holy Spirit, The Dove" *hymnary.org* LSB502

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy Spirit, The Dove". It consists of eight staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics underneath. The music is written in a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "I Ho - ly Spir - it, the dove sent from heav - en, Ev - er one with the One who is Three, From the Fa - ther You came, Words of peace to pro - claim, Come and com - fort us, speak ten - der - ly. You, the fra - grance of life we are seek - ing; Fill Your tem - ple, Your al - tar make clean. Joy - ous shel - ter of love, Gra - cious friend from a - bove, In Your care we are rest - ing, se - rene."

"Chrism" refers to the anointing of the baptized with oil to symbolize the Holy Spirit, whose powerful presence in Holy Baptism unites us to Christ's saving work. Setting available in hymn accompaniment edition.

Text: Philip W. Blycker, b. 1939; tr. Stephen P. Starke, b. 1955
Tune: Philip W. Blycker, b. 1939

Text (Spanish) and tune: © 1977 Philip W. Blycker
Text (English): © 2004 Stephen P. Starke; admin. Concordia Publishing House

SANTO ESPÍRITU
10 9 6 6 9 D

Mat. 3:16–17; 2 Cor. 1:21–22; Titus 3:5–7; Rom. 8:26–27

The Holy Gospel: St. John 7: 37-39

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 7th chapter:

Glory to You, O Lord.

‘On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL SONG "Let Us Go Now To The Banquet"

Refrain / Estribillo

Let us go now to the ban-quet to the
Feast of the ran-somed world. The Ta-ble's set and a place is
wait-ing; come, ev-'ry-one, with your gifts to share.

1. I will rise in the ear--ly morn-ing; the com--
2. God in-vites all the poor and hung--ry to the
3. May we build such a place a--mong us where all

mu--ni-ty's wait-ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
Ban-quet of just-ice and good where the har-vest will not be
Peo--ple are eq-u-al in love. God has called us to work to--

Refrain / Estribillo

walk-ing with my friends and my fam--il--y.
hoard-ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth--er and to share ev-'ry-thing we have.

Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955, *Misa popular szahadoreña*; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956
Music: VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE, Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955
Text and music © 1994, 1996 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358.
All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

<https://www.lutheranchurchbrevardnc.com/october-11th-2020-service>

MESSAGE

OFFERING SONG [instrumental]

THE OFFERINGS *are gathered.*

WE PRAY

Gracious Heavenly Father, thank you for pouring your Spirit out so abundantly since Pentecost, and for uniting us with our Lord Jesus Christ and the blessings of his resurrection through your gifts of grace. Continue to send the Holy Spirit into the world through the preaching, teaching and witnessing of the church, and through your holy Sacraments. Bring many people to faith and open up lives to Jesus as Lord.

We speak to You, O Lord; **hear our humble prayer.**

Build up our faith and confidence in our own parish, trusting your mighty power rather than our own efforts. Keep us close to your holy word, and stir us up to work for you in the ways you have gifted us and to the tasks you call us.

We speak to You, O Lord; **hear our humble prayer.**

You inspired the disciples with your Spirit to praise your marvelous deeds in many different languages. Unloose the tongues of all your people, so that we may joyfully confess you as our Lord and boldly proclaim our common faith to all the world. Bless the witness to Christ given by all the churches in this area; give all Christians the unity that is only possible through the Holy Spirit and your word of truth.

We speak to You, O Lord; **hear our humble prayer..**

Your Spirit touched the hearts of those who heard the Gospel message. Ready the consciences of those who hear your word and help them embrace the truth, so that all may turn away from what harms us and receive your merciful forgiveness. Open the minds and hearts of those in our homes, in our neighbourhoods and in our workplaces to hear and believe.

We speak to You, O Lord; **hear our humble prayer.**

Your Spirit brought healing and hope through the good news of Jesus' resurrection. Shine on them with your grace and peace. Give health and strength to all we know to be in need, such as [*names added...*], that if it be Your will, restore fullness of health or uphold them with grace to endure;

We speak to You, O Lord; **hear our humble prayer.**

You united people from many different nations and cultures by your Holy Spirit. Bring together those who have been divided by misunderstanding, hatred, and mistrust, and join us with them and all the angels as we adore you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

THE HOLY MEAL

HOLY HOLY HOLY "Hosanna, Hosanna" Carl Tuttle © 1985 Mercy Pub.

1. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high -
2. Glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of

est; Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high -
kings; Glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of

est. kings. Lord, we lift up Your name,

With hearts full of praise; Be ex - alt - ed, O

Lord my God, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

© 1985 Mercy Publishing
PO. Box 277, Anaheim, CA 92805-0227
All rights reserved. International copyright secured.
Used by permission.

CCLI Song # 21545 – Carl Tuttle © 1985 Shadow Spring Music (Admin. By Music Services, Inc.) the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 775293

THE 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. 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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take, eat; This is My + Body which is given for you, this do, in remembrance of Me. 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, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

LAMB OF GOD

[Tune: I Surrender All]



O Lord Je-sus Christ the True Lamb; this world's sins You take a-way;



O Lord Je-sus Christ the True Lamb; this world's sins You take a-way;



Lord, have mercy now;

Christ, have mercy now.



Lord, have mer -cy; Christ, have mer -cy; Give us now Your peace.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS: *"We Are One In The Spirit"*

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

Chorus:

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love—by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Chorus:

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love—by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit, Who makes us one.

Chorus:

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love—by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

“Come To The Table, Sinner And Saint”

(Have Thine Own Way tune)

Come to the table, sinner and saint,
strong-hearted, mighty, weary and faint,
empty, repentant, seeking a place.
Christ welcomes you with joy and grace.

Come, unafraid, for here you will find
Love shows you mercy; always is kind.
Love treats as one all those who believe.
Come to the table, Christ now receive.

All things are ready, come and draw near.
Share in the supper — given out here:
bread that is broken, drink the red wine,
Love’s holy token—human, divine.

Eat, and remember, as we partake,
Jesus the Christ who died for our sake,
sharing this meal for Christ is the way,
rising to lead us to a new day.

Go from our Lord’s meal, joyful in heart,
filled with thanksgiving as you depart,
graced by the Spirit, blessed by our Friend,
strengthened with Christ to serve to life’s end.

Mary Keithahn, © 2002 https://hymnary.org/text/come_to_the_table_sinner_and_saint#Author

“The Saviour Calls!”

[Tune: O For A Thousand Tongues] [www. Hymnary.org/LBW](http://www.Hymnary.org/LBW)



1 The Sav - ior calls; let ev - 'ry ear At - tend the heav'n - ly sound.
2 For ev - 'ry thirst - y, long - ing heart Here streams of boun - ty flow
3 Here springs of sa - cred plea - sures rise To ease your ev - 'ry pain,



O doubt - ing souls, dis - miss your fear; Hope smiles re - viv - ing round.
And life and health and bliss im - part To ban - ish mor - tal woe.
Im - mor - tal foun - tain, full sup - plies; Nor shall you thirst in vain.

5 Dear Savior, draw reluctant hearts;
To you let sinners fly
And take the bliss your love imparts,
Revive, and never die.

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

www. Hymnary.org ELW 2006



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in

work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -

O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you

in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your

giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

xt: Michael Schirmer, 1606-1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, adapt.
sic: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET
PM

SONG OF SIMEON: "Let Your Servant Depart" [tune: Sweet By & By]

Let your servant depart now in peace, for Your Word from of old is fulfilled,
Your salvation my eyes now have seen, long-prepared as it always has been.
In Your light, you reveal, the world's promise and Israel's great joy!
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always may You be adored.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Let us pray: Pour out upon us Your blessed Holy Spirit, O Lord, that we who have shared in this Holy Communion feast of Your Body and Blood may find strength in the Fellowship and Confession of the One True Faith which sends us forth to proclaim Your redeeming love to the world and prepare us joyfully to see You face to face in glory; Who with the Father and the Spirit You live and reign as one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord upon you with favour, + and give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: "What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine" www.hymnary.org



1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-



last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last-ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing,
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing on Je-sus,
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing,



lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
lean-ing on Je-sus,

Reprinted with permission from: "This Far By Faith: An African American Lutheran Hymnal"

REV. TODD HOEFFS
PENTECOST DAY (series B)
Scripture: Acts 2
“Still Gathering the Scattered”
May 28, 2023

My pastoral YouTube channel, Gathering the Scattered, is a little over 3 years old now. At times you wonder if keeping it up to date with videos of services is still relevant. But just this past Christmas I received a “thank you” email From 2 of my former parishioners in Winnipeg, the Wangs. They have many family members still living in China. They send them YouTube links in email to family there. And their computer can translate the English in Mandarin immediately – Allowing them to worship with us in their own language. Truly, the miracle of Pentecost lives on through technology. That miracle being, that everyone can hear the Word of God in their own language. “Pentecost” means “50”. 50 days after Jesus’ Easter resurrection. Promising that He’ll never leave them—With the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The 11 disciples received this already on Easter Eve. Today the entire church on earth receives this power. Not coming as Jesus’ own breath, But the life-giving breath like roar of wind Blowing through the entire room full of followers. This breath connects us to creation, to Adam and Eve. When Adam lay on the ground like inanimate clay sculpture, The Lord God breathed into His mouth and nostrils, Breath called in Hebrew RUACH! Wind, breath, life itself and SPIRIT. THE Spirit. God’s action in life, and His continued action in the world –Which means we all have complete dependence and inseparable connection to God. Pentecost’s wind is Spirit, as a loud wind, giving those people the ability to breathe. This holy breath is life. Not lung life, but faith life. 120 followers with His disciples are gathered. Not many when you think about the number of people who should’ve followed Jesus. Out of the 150,000 devout Jews from all over the world, crowding into the Holy City for the last 50 days, from Passover to Pentecost, only 120 still gathered in the Name of Jesus. Windy breath and then fire appears! Little flames of fire like tongues, dividing off from the main burst of fire, and resting upon the heads of each worshipper. Like the pillar of fire leading the way when the children of Israel journeyed In the wilderness for 40 years. This stirs them to a new consciousness, stirs them to action. Breathing is life comforting. We know we are alive. Think of tje moment when Jesus stopped breathing on the cross – when his breath left his body – When He said IT IS FINISHED...Since we are Jesus’ BODY in the world, the Spirit’s breath connects us one to another. Pentecost is the animation of Jesus’ resurrection in humanity. Each worshipper can see the other sitting nearby in that room as a child of God, breathed into life by the Spirt and forgiven and loved by Jesus. What a celebration! When the Spirit moves and breathes within us, we are able to hear the language of those around us. We know the words of hurt and pain and frustration and joy and peace. The wind and the fire left them shaken, confused. Even Apostle Peter explains to the crowd that these followers are not drunk, as some think. Are we ready for our conduct and our stories to be so counter-cultural that people will wonder what we’ve been drinking? They are drunk on the new wine not found in an un-corked wine bottle but royal wine from the Holy Spirit’s eternal cask flowing from faith and understanding and the Holy Communion they share. The joyful drink that comes from living as a branch of the Vine now set on fire like Moses’ burning bush with breath and life! Peter even quotes the prophet Joel explaining God’s outpouring the Spirit on all flesh: sons and daughters, young and old, slaves and free people all see visions and dream dreams. No longer is it up to the preachers to see God.

Every believer will see the work and Lord of the kingdom.

The awesome universal power of the Holy Spirit's Gospel message which is not tied to any one language. The Holy Spirit actually keeps on fanning the flames of our faith, keeps on sending us ideas and experiences that allow our relationship with God to keep changing and expanding and understanding as we grow in grace.

You all are temples of the Holy Spirit, equally and forever! The only difference is the degree that we know it, draw upon His breath and consciously believe it. All the scriptural images of the Spirit are dynamic—flowing water, descending dove, fire, and wind. His breath gives you energy, excitement, deep love, service, forgiveness, surrender, contentment and mercy.

Even if we feel bogged down, Or our lives are just going through the motions, shirking conviction and helpfulness, The Spirit still keeps us in relationship to Jesus.

We struggle to really know what to do about Pentecost these days.

We may hear wind out there among the trees but not in and among us.

We have the Bible written in hundreds if not thousands of different languages, available on our i-Phones, easily accessible for anyone at any time,

so all people have the opportunity to read and hear of God and believe.

And yet active faith lives are at an all time low all around North America.

In our weak moments, we tend to look for God in the mighty wind, the fire,

the big deals in life. Just in this past few weeks, there's forest fires in Alberta, more school shootings of students in the US, despondency, still war raging on in Ukraine, and so much death.

Where's God in the face of those tragic events!? We want to see the signs and wonders, have the purposes of life all un-raveled and fully explained.

Our sin keeps us wanting things out own way, which is not always God's way. We don't often get to see God in those big, ground shaking kind of things.

Rather, He's with us in the struggles, the trials, the turnaround events life throws our way. Because it's not the fire or the windy breath

that gets through to all those 3,000 other people who crowd outside & around the upper room on Pentecost. It's Peter's sermon that moves the huge crowd. God's Spirit living within Peter

helping him create a fantastic message. Yes, and this coming from the lips of an imperfect, hasty, fisherman turned pastor, the denier of Jesus the night of His suffering –from Peter. Like

the disciples, new breath and new life means going beyond the comfort zones of ong-held "upper rooms beliefs and fears" and going beyond the church walls to, "Judea, Samaria and

the ends of the world" (Matthew 28: 16-20).

The Holy Spirit, like the wind, goes unseen everywhere and does all kinds of remarkable work, regardless of whether we understand it or not. Because God loves the world, we can

trust that the Holy Spirit will change our fumbling words into an intelligible and helpful message to others too. Or maybe the Holy Spirit doesn't change our words at all,

but instead changes the ears of the hearers, moving them to listen and comprehend beyond our own capacity to speak. Or maybe the Holy Spirit doesn't change words or ears,

but somehow opens the hearts of the people who gather around us, so that they are moved to ask questions about God and God's people. It's not our job to comprehend how the Spirit is

poured out on the people. It is both our privilege and our calling to live out and speak of God's deeds of power using whatever gifts we have been given by the Holy Spirit!

The Spirit still breaths life in us when we forgive and love and care and help and worship.

Jesus is still a drink that quenches thirsty souls. Jesus is Bread satisfying hungering hearts.

As we receive Holy Communion at the communion rail this Pentecost Sunday,

- We can make prayer a central place in our lives again for the sake of the world;
- We can emphasize and celebrate growth and discipleship through our worship, our serving and our witness in the world – even --

- bringing our children and youth with ourselves as their models;
- trusting the Spirit as we imagine and pivot toward new ways of outreach and partnership with our neighbors
- to meet the needs of those in our mission field;

The Spirit's breath is our life.

The Spirit's work becomes our work.

We are knitted together with Jesus.

And the Father is well pleased.

We do not live only to ourselves.

We are each made as one in service to all others.

We live in a time where people are more interested in how you cope

And live and help other people—which is Christ-like;

Relationship building will preach a clearer, free GOSPEL message

Than all of the human beliefs we put onto Jesus' Gospel.

As we are so renewed by the Spirit's breath and wind and fire,

May we be open to receive all people of any and every language,

Culture, social setting and from all walks of life

And they too, will walk in the life and breathe of the Spirit,

Still busily gathering all of the scattered.

Amen.

Oh, Sing to the Lord **189**

1 Oh, sing to the Lord, Oh, sing God's greatness, Oh,
 2 For God is the Lord, And His love, wonderful, His
 1 Great and His
 2 His name is great, His

Oh, sing to the Lord, Oh, sing God's greatness, Oh,
 And His love, wonderful, His
 Great and His
 His name is great, His

Oh, sing to the Lord, Oh, sing God's greatness, Oh,
 And His love, wonderful, His
 Great and His
 His name is great, His

Oh, sing to our God, Oh, sing to our God,
 And His love, wonderful, His
 Great and His
 His name is great, His

© 1957, Psalm 148, adapted, C. Koenig, b. 1927
 From: *Worship for Song*