

DAY OF PENTECOST VBS CELEBRATION



Christ Lutheran Church
Drive In Worship ~ June 8, 2025 ~ 9:00am

Worshipping outside as weather permits

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WELCOME

High School Graduate Recognition

GATHERING SONG:

1. We're gonna sit at the welcome table,
We're gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days alleluia,
We're gonna sit at the welcome table,
Gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

2. Jesus calls us to that table,
Jesus calls us to that table one of these days alleluia,
Jesus calls us to that table,
Gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

3. All God's children 'round that table,
All God's children 'round that table one of these days alleluia,
All God's children 'round hat table,
Gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

4. We're gonna sit at the welcome table,
We're gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days alleluia,
We're gonna sit at the welcome table,
Gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

GREETING

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

READING: Acts 2:1-21, 42-47

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘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.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

SONG OF THE DAY: *He Reigns*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for courts and legislatures. Write your commandments on our hearts, and inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and systems of justice in a desire for reconciliation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this congregation. Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

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

Greet those sitting next to you with these or similar words: "Peace be with you."

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing our people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to this meal of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Thanks be to God!

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of our Lord's body and blood.

** In person you may come towards the pastors to receive the bread first, then wine.*

** If you're online you may use any bread or cracker, wine, or juice.*

** If others are with you, you may take turns sharing the bread and wine. Eat or give the bread, saying: "The body of Christ given for you." Drink or give the wine, saying: "The blood of Christ shed for you."*

** You may trace the sign of the cross on the forehead of children who do not yet commune and speak these or similar words to them: "The Lord bless you and keep you today and always."*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord
Thanks be to God.



Offering: Thank you for continuing to give of your finances to support Christ Lutheran Church and our community ministries.

Consider using one of these options for consistent giving:



- 1) **QR Code** (secure.myvanco.com), takes you to the General Fund to donate. This option is helpful to create automatic recurring donations.
- 2) You can put your check in the **US postal service** to the church address.
- 3) Place offering in the **basket** as you enter for worship.

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Serving Today

Greeters: Shelley Campbell, Susan Moore, Fiona Schulz, **Reader:** Angie Covington

Technical Support: Matt Covington, Sean Rider, **Musicians:** Kim Mucha, Warren Burger, Angie Covington, Michael Edwards, Gerry Oefelein, Bill Pearman, Tom Schulz, Sue Huntington, Josh Skole

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He Reigns



1. It's the song of the re-deemed ris-ing from the Af-ri-can plain.

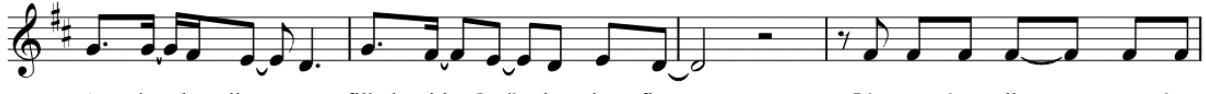
(2. Let it) rise a-bove the four winds, caught up in the heav-en-ly sound.



Let prais-es ech-o from the tow-ers of ca-the-drals to the



drown-ing out the Am-a-zon rain. The song of
faith-ful gath-ered un-der-ground. Of all the songs sung from the



A-sian be-liev-ers filled with God's ho-ly fire. It's ev-'ry tribe, ev-'ry
dawn of cre-a-tion, some were meant to per-sist. Of all the bells rung from a



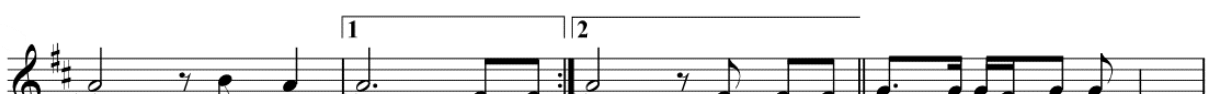
tongue, ev-'ry na-tion; A love song born of a grate-ful choir.
thou-sand stee-ples, none rings tru-er than this:



It's all God's chil-dren sing-ing: "Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! He reigns,



He reigns!" It's all God's chil-dren sing-ing, "Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! He reigns,



He reigns."

2. Let it

And all the pow-ers of dark-ness



trem-ble at what they've just heard,

'cause all the pow-ers of dark-ness



can't drown out a sin-gle word.

It's all God's chil-dren sing-ing: "Glo-ry, glo-ry,



hal-le-lu-jah! He reigns, He reigns!" It's all God's chil-dren sing-ing, "Glo-ry, glo-ry,



hal-le-lu-jah! He reigns._____

CHORUS

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
 2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
 3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

Refrain

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
 asked my Lord if all was mine.
 chills the bod - y but not the soul.