

Christ Lutheran Church
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A Congregation of the American Association of Lutheran Churches



Our Mission Statement

We strive to be worthy witnesses to the world.

At Christ Lutheran, we strive to lead lives worthy of our calling as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ in God's world.

(Ephesians 4:1)

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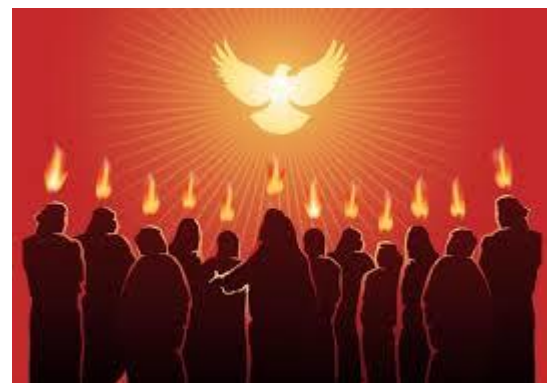
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The Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

During the music before the service let us join in a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare our hearts for worship.

*Please stand as you are able where marked****

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

****The Confession and Absolution*

Liturgist: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Liturgist: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(A time of silent reflection and self-examination.)

Liturgist: Most merciful God.

People: 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 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 on 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

Liturgist: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

****Opening Hymn:*

Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart

Hymn #129

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
And make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King;
All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind?
I see thy Cross; there teach my heart to cling;
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame:
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

*****Psalm: Psalm 25:1-15 (read responsively)**

Liturgist: ¹To you, O Lord

People: I lift up my soul.

Liturgist: ²O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;

People: let not my enemies exult over me.

Liturgist: ³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

People: they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Liturgist: ⁴Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

People: teach me your paths.

Liturgist: ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

People: for you I will wait all the day long.

Liturgist: ⁶Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,

People: for they have been from of old.

Liturgist: ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

People: according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Liturgist: ⁸Good and upright is the Lord;

People: therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Liturgist: ⁹He leads the humble in what is right;

People: and teaches the humble his way.

Liturgist: ¹⁰All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

People: for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Liturgist: ¹¹For your name's sake, O Lord,

People: pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Liturgist: ¹²Who is the man who fears the Lord?

People: Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

Liturgist: ¹³His soul shall abide in well-being,

People: and his offspring shall inherit the land.

Liturgist: ¹⁴The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him,

People: and he makes known to them his covenant.

Liturgist: ¹⁵My eyes are ever toward the Lord,

People: for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

*****The Gloria Patri: (sung)** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*****The Kyrie: (responses are sung)**

Liturgist: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist: Glory be to God on high!

*****Gloria in Excelsis: (sung)** And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*****Collect:**

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Liturgist: Let us pray.

People: O God, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Scripture Lessons:

First Lesson: Numbers 11:24-30

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.

²⁶ However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

²⁸ Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!”

²⁹ But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD’s people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” ³⁰ Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia 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!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

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

¹⁴ Then 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.”

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Alleluia: (*sung*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Presenter: Lift up your hearts and hear the Holy Gospel as it is recorded in the seventh chapter of Saint John, beginning with the thirty-seventh verse.

*****People (sung)** Glory be to thee, O Lord

Gospel Lesson: John 7:37-39

³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Presenter: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

*****People: (sung)** Praise be to thee, O Christ

Children’s Sermon:

YEA GOD!

Jeane Flesch



Holy Spirit, truth divine, Dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God, and inward light, Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

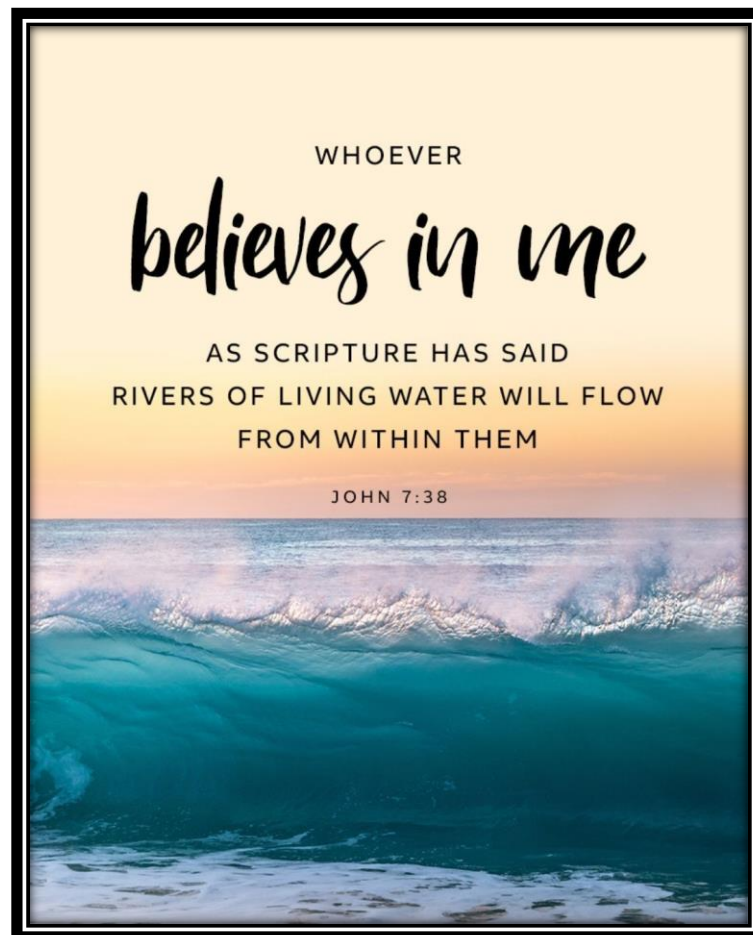
Holy Spirit, love divine, Glow within this heart of mine;
Kindle every high desire; Perish self in thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, power divine, Fill and nerve this will of mine;
By thee may I strongly live, Bravely bear, and nobly strive.

Holy Spirit, peace divine, Still this restless heart of mine;
Speak to calm this tossing sea, Stayed in thy tranquility.

Holy Spirit, right divine, King within my conscience reign;
Be my law, and I shall be Firmly bound, for ever free.

A Promise Fulfilled



The Sermon Response: (sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.

*****Passing of the Peace**

*****The Apostles' Creed:**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*****The General Prayer: (after each petition)**

Presenter: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

*****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; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

*****The Prayer Response: (sung)**

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.

*****The Benediction:**

Presenter: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: (sung) A-men, A-men, A----men.

*****Closing Hymn:**

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Hymn #130

Holy Spirit, truth divine, Dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God, and inward light, Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, love divine, Glow within this heart of mine;
Kindle every high desire; Perish self in thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, power divine, Fill and nerve this will of mine;
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*****The Postlude**

Prayers and Praises:

For our church leaders:

Presiding Pastor: The Rev Dr. Carey G. Larson
Assistant Presiding Pastor: The Rev. Roger Twito
AALC Administrator: The Rev Dean Stoner
Secretary Pastor: The Rev Joe Marsh
Home Mission Developer: The Rev Joe Christina
National Office Manager: Bonnie Ohlrich
Seminary President: The Rev Dr. Jordan Cooper
Seminary Administrator: Duane Kleven

Mark & Terri Ballard	Sheila Perini	Robin Nicholson	Michael D'Amico
Hope Johnston	Sharon Phelps	Ken Ford	Janet and Harry Libby
Lee Ballard	Samantha Shriver	Jimmy Beall	Burk Hill
Dorothy Foster	Elizabeth Ondulich	Ruth Bates	Tammy Stimmell
Rebecca Robinson	Bill Trall	Ted Hawk	Harvey Jester
Debbie Stapf	Jake Greear	Sheri Perini	Irv Stapf
Fred Carlson	Bob Petersen	Wendy Battles	Meryl Benenati
Bruce Gladhill	Brenda Beall	Paul Shriver	Kameron Swanson
Bette Laug			

For the President and the leaders of our nation

For those in the armed Services: Grace Gorevin, Zach Gorevin, Christopher Clarke, Travis Hawk, Bethany Hueter, Chaplain John Reutemann, Chaplain Len Brokenshire, Cameron Donk, Ethan Stone, Rebecca Deppe, Wendy Ahern

For our Seminary Students: Chris Clarke, Cameron Swanson, Kris Johnson

For a Region congregation: Pastor Thomas Jahr, Federal Prison Supervising Chaplain, Atlanta, GA

For our missionary work: Damascus HELP

For those being persecuted for their faith in Christ

For the congregations of our Germantown/Clarksburg/Damascus community: Saint Anne's Episcopal Church

For the congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches

For our college students: Haven Flesch, Shelby Evans, Maddie Day, Joseph Flesch, Jude Stapf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Men's Bible Study: TBA**
- **Women's Bible Study: Wednesday at 10 AM at Carolyn's house.**
- **Adult and Children's Sunday School will resume September 10th.**
- **You may continue to watch the Sunday services (10:30 AM) via Livestream on Facebook – Christ Lutheran Church AALC. The Bulletins for the services are on our website: christlutheranofgermantown.org. The video of every livestream is on our Facebook page. You can access the livestream by clicking the link at the bottom of the first page of our website or by visiting the Facebook page directly. Be sure to click on the 'videos' tab.**
- **We are collecting change for Care Net Pregnancy Center until Sunday, June 18th. Baby bottles are available at church.**
- **We are collecting supplies for the Pregnancy Center as well, until Sunday June 18th. There is a list of items needed in the Narthex at church.**
- **We are also holding a virtual baby shower through June 18th. We are registered at Walmart under Christ Lutheran Church or Sarah Shriver.**