

# DAY OF PENTECOST

John 7:37b



“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me  
and drink.”

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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May 28, 2023

Service of the Word 11:00 am

Prelude

\*The Processional Hymn *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (ELW) No. 396

\*The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94

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

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

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.**

\*The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138

P: ....., let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Hymn of Praise *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* (ELW) page 398

\* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: O God, You taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending to them the light of Your 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 Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Numbers 11:24-30

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 25:1-14

<sup>1</sup>To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in You; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**<sup>2</sup>Let none who look to You be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

<sup>3</sup>Show me Your ways, O LORD, and teach me Your paths.

**<sup>4</sup>Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; in You have I trusted all the day long.**

<sup>5</sup>Remember, O LORD, Your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

**<sup>6</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to Your love and for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright is the LORD; therefore He teaches sinners in His way.

**<sup>8</sup>He guides the humble in doing right and teaches His way to the lowly.**

<sup>9</sup>All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness to those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

**<sup>10</sup>For Your name's sake, O LORD, forgive my sin, for it is great.**

<sup>11</sup>Who are they who fear the LORD? He will teach them the way that they should choose.

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**<sup>12</sup>They shall dwell in prosperity, and their offspring shall inherit the land.**

**<sup>13</sup>The LORD is a friend to those who fear Him and will show them His covenant.**

**<sup>14</sup>My eyes are ever looking to the LORD, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.**

Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

**C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\* The Gospel

John 7:37-39

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** (*sung after announcement of the Gospel*)

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.** (*sung after conclusion of the Gospel*)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

read by Dennis Schmidt

\*The Hymn of the Day

*By Gracious Powers*

(ELW) No. 626

\*The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

\*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

\*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

\*The Offertory

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

(ELW) No. 188

\*The 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.**

Prayer/Blessing

Announcements

\*The Benediction (*sung response*)

**C: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

\*The Recessional Hymn

*This Is My Song*

(ELW) No. 887

\*The Dismissal (*response*)

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

# Spirit of Gentleness

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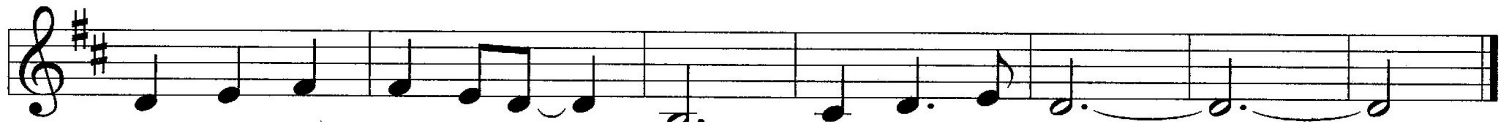
*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



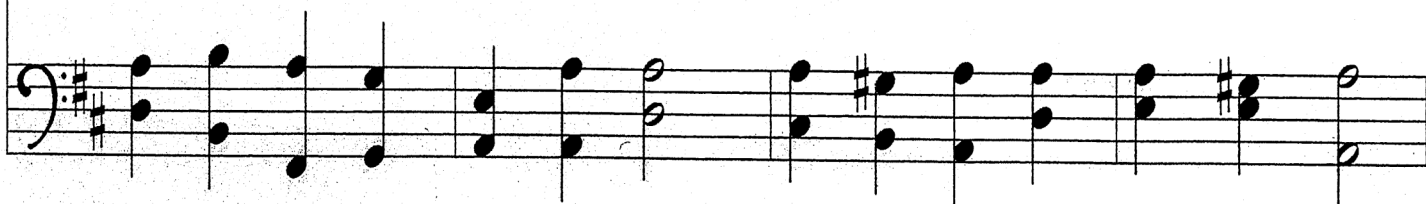
*Refrain*

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

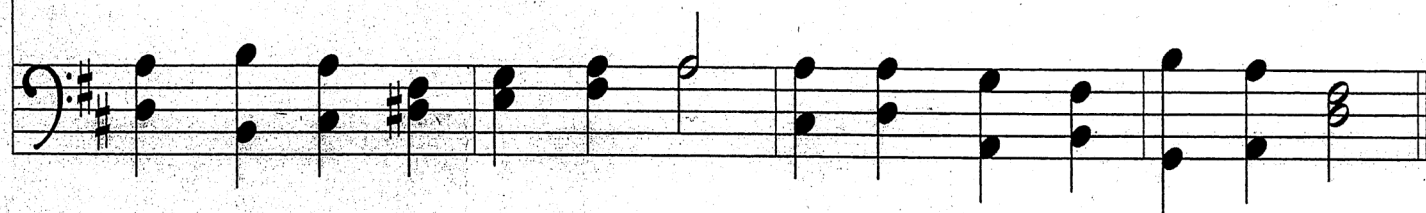
## Holy Spirit, Truth Divine



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;  
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;  
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;  
 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;

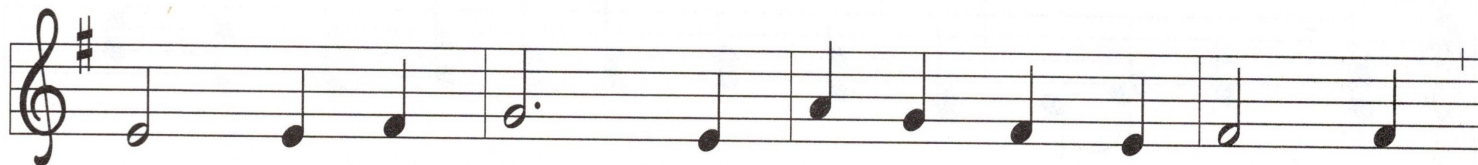


breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.  
 kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.  
 by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.  
 speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.  
 be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

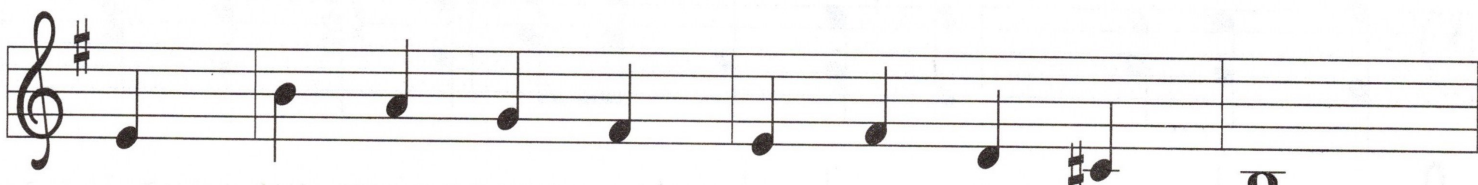


# By Gracious Powers

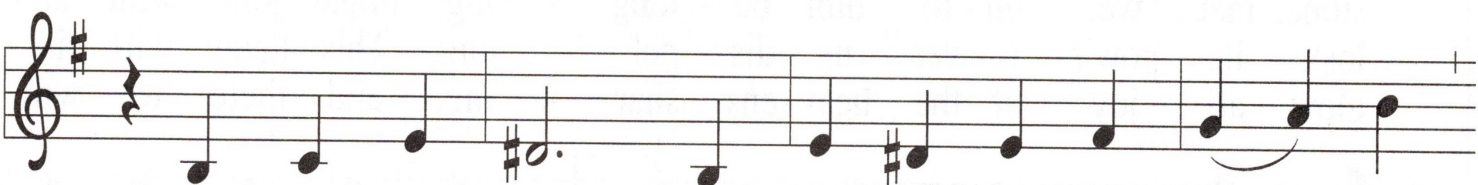
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1 By gra - cious pow'rs so won - der - ful - ly shel - tered,  
2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment - ed,  
3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim - ming  
4 Yet when a - gain in this same world you give us  
5 By gra - cious pow'rs so faith - ful - ly pro - tect - ed,



and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing come what may,  
still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear;  
with bit - ter suf - f'ring, hard to un - der - stand,  
the joy we had, the bright - ness of your sun,  
so qui - et - ly, so won - der - ful - ly near,



we know that God is with us night and morn - ing,  
oh, give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion,  
we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out trem - bling  
we shall re - mem - ber all the days we lived through  
we live each day in hope, with you be - side us,



and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.  
for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.  
out of so good and so be - loved a hand.  
and our whole life shall then be yours a - lone.  
and go with you through ev - 'ry com - ing year.



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in a key with three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody in the treble staff consists of quarter and eighth notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system shows the continuation of the piece. The treble staff includes a melodic phrase that ends with a half note, and the bass staff provides a supporting bass line.

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system continues the musical progression. The treble staff features a melodic line with a final cadence, and the bass staff provides a harmonic base.

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth and final system concludes the piece. The treble staff has a melodic line that ends with a double bar line, and the bass staff provides a final accompaniment.

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun - try's skies, are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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**The Flowers on the Chancel** are given to the glory of God for the ones that served and gave the ultimate sacrifice to their country this memorial weekend. A donation will be made to the maintenance fund.

**The Lay Reader** is Sonie Rea

**Counters/Greeters** today are S. Rea and S. Berry.

**Acolytes** are Nathaniel Black and Wesley Black.

**Welcome to our Visitors!** The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

**Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church?** Please contact Pastor Grewe.

**Nursery:** We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs of infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

**Bell Choir Practice** on Monday at 6 PM..

**The Flower Chart for 2023** is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

**Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2023.** Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

**Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2023.** Please sign up.

**Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia.**  
**Please consider this as a call to help others in need.**

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**Please pray for those in need of healing:**

Janet Burke, Eveline Reihner, Carol, Shari Kienzle, Chiquita, Stacy Carroll, Billie Sue Serbak, Susan Westott, Fred Dupas, baby Isaac Christian, the Pollana family, Amy Verderber, Sylvia Sunstrum, baby Ryan, Dan, Fritz Group, Amy, Lucy & Dave Me-haffey, Jessi, Bill Hisiro, Richard, Klaus Behrens, Joanne Reck, Bill Stewart, Morgan, Sharon Fritz, Tim & Karen Edwards, Tom Liam, Gary, Daniel, Judy Dombrowsky, Emily Buchleitner, Greg Mason, Alexandra Perry, Lu Mayne, Pat, Chaz Sands, Rev. Phil Gagnon, Jacob, Maxine Banko, Brooke, Ellen, Jacob Orr, USN, Roger, John Bartanus, Becky & Chuck, Rosemary Dittman, Marty Hebrank, Noah Walker, Janet Williams, Nathan, Mary, the Lobach Family, Debbie, Sayward, Jim Walter, Larry and Tillie Simpson, Jim H., Eric Group, Larry Zimmerman, Emerson Dietrich, Daniel Sherman, and Paster Rob.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS  
FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

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**Church Offering Change:** In order to keep everyone safe we have changed how we collect the Sunday Offering. We do not have our ushers pass the plates around. Instead, we have one offering plate located by the last pew and one by the choir loft. Please place your offering in one of those plates. Feel free to place your offering in the plates during our Offertory if you did not do so on the way in.

**Listening for the Promise**  
**Weekly Devotional**  
**Pentecost Sunday — May 28, 2023**

“And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.” -Acts 2:2-4-

Pentecost provides an opportunity to consider the relation of the Old and New Testaments. Although some believe that these Testaments are opposed to each other as night and day, their true relation is that of dawn to high noon. After all, they both manifest the same divine light but do so in different degrees. As St. Augustine once said, “The new is in the old concealed; the old is in the new revealed.”

We see this relationship in the way that the fire of Pentecost fulfills many Old Testament images of fire. In the Old Testament, God led his people as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. At Sinai, this pillar fell upon the mountain in the form of a fiery cloud. Years later it fell upon Solomon's temple to mark it as God's special dwelling place. Moreover, the fiery cloud also recalls the prophetic ministry of Elijah, the great prophet of fire. Finally, at Pentecost, this cloud divided into tongues of fire and fell upon the worshippers' heads.

Since these are all instances of the same phenomenon, we can use the Old and New Testament examples to shed light upon one another. Looking back from Pentecost, we see that the pillar of cloud and fire was an Old Testament manifestation of the Holy Spirit. Looking forward from the Old Testament, we see that Pentecost was the new Sinai, that Pentecost was the foundation of a new Temple made with living stones, and that Pentecost marked the inauguration of the church's prophetic ministry.

But this is not just interesting in its own right. It also shows us how the two testaments relate to one another. Consider the example of Pentecost as the new Sinai. On Mt. Sinai God met Moses within a fiery cloud and wrote the Ten Commandments on stone tablets. But since Israel could not keep this covenant, the prophet Jeremiah spoke of a new covenant in which God would one day write His law on the human heart (Jer. 31:33). Then at Pentecost the fiery cloud of Sinai descended upon the worshippers in fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy.

This shows us that the Old and New Testaments are deeply interrelated. Thus, we must not ignore or despise the Old Testament but should revere it as God's word and profit from it.