



P E N T E C O S T

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SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME

We are glad that you have chosen to spend time with us in worship. In our worship, we gather, before Jesus, our Good Shepherd, to offer him our love and praise. Our Lord builds us up in faith through his Word and equips us for living now and in eternity. Our prayer is that the good news of Christ's love touches your heart and transforms your life. Whether you're worshipping with us here today or watching online, we are happy you have joined us.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience today easier, the worship folder you're holding has the entire order of service. The pieces marked [P] are spoken by the pastor, and the parts marked [C] are to be spoken or sung by the congregation.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshiping family." Each service includes a children's message which teaches God's truth to your kids. Parents with small children are an essential part of God's kingdom. That's why children are never considered an inconvenience to our worship. We also want your family to be comfortable. There is a cry room outside the main doors to the right if you need a moment.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to Laura Metcalf, Miriam Hokanson, and Lisa Sanders for organizing and bringing together the congregation's families for this exceptional service this morning. Thank you also to the students of the Youth Music Ministry for sharing the gifts God has given you as you help us worship and praise the Lord with your beautiful music. We hope you can join us after Sunday School and Bible Study today for a special picnic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers: Pastor and Dawn Denney gave this morning's flowers to God's glory to celebrate all individuals whose musical gifts and talents enhance our services throughout the year.

May Communion Schedule: This month, our usual communion schedule will change. We will have communion on Sunday, May 26th, instead of Sunday, May 19th. Communion will also be offered for service on Wednesday, May 29th.

SOTH Lawns and Landscaping. Throughout the warmer months, we get together on Thursday mornings, from about 9:00 a.m. to noon, to care for the Church's lawns and garden areas. If you like to plant, weed, trim, mow, etc., please consider joining us! If you have any questions or can't make it on Thursdays and would like to help, please contact David Hedin.

Women's Hikes: Please mark your calendars and join us for some beautiful summer hikes in the Duluth area. The upcoming dates are on the back page. It's a great way to enjoy the outdoors and connect. Please contact Kely Dunsmoor (218-750-0225) with any questions.

Women's Bible Study: Please join us as we continue our study on the book of Ephesians! This month, we will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 28th at 6 p.m. at Lorene Fleming's home: 3004 N 52nd St. East in Duluth.** If you have any questions or would like to arrange a rideshare, please contact Kiersten Nash or Kely Dunsmoor. We hope you can join us!

Summer Child Supervision: As Sunday school draws to a close, we are looking for volunteers to supervise the children during Sunday morning Adult Bible Study. In addition to watching the children, we are asking for volunteers to lead the children in a brief devotion. (A devotional book will be available for use) Our goal is for members and visitors to stay for fellowship and further study of God's Word on Sunday morning. Please help us by scanning the QR code for more information and to sign up! If you have any questions or wish to have someone sign you up, please speak with Kiersten Nash or Pastor Denney.

Women's Painting Event: Save the date for **Friday, June 7th at 6:00 PM.** We will meet in the fellowship hall to paint wood projects with patriotic and summer themes. Dinner will be provided. Please contact Dawn Ray or Kely Dunsmoor with any questions.

VBS Meeting: On **Wednesday, May 29th**, we will have our second VBS Meeting at **5:30 p.m.** If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, please join us to find out more about our program this summer!

SONG

“How Beautiful”
Sunday School Tone Chime Choir

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

CW 248

vs 1-3 Sunday School students, Youth Group, and Adult Choir

Congregation sings verse 4

**All Choirs:*

1. When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!
2. How oft, in making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound
as worship moved us to a more profound:
Alleluia!
3. So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong
borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue;
Alleluia!

Choirs and Congregation (Please stand)

4. **Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu--ia!**

INVOCATION

P: Jesus promises us wherever two or three come together in my name, there I am with them.
With his promise and presence, we begin our worship in the name of the Triune God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

- P: Live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature.
- C: **They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.**
- P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins asking him in the name of Jesus Christ to forgive us and to send the Holy Spirit so that we desire his will.
- C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am truly sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**
- P: You did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave to sin, but you received the Spirit of adoption. By him we cry, "Abba Father"! The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, you are granted full and free forgiveness. As a called servant of Christ, I announce to you: forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

SONG

"Seek Ye First"

1st-6th Grade Sunday School Students

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you allelu, alleluia.

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.**

S READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD S

FIRST READING

Joel 2:28-32

- ²⁸ "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. ²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. ³⁰ I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ³¹ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. ³² And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said."

SONG

“Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

Sung by Adult Choir

Come, gracious Spirit, heav'nly Dove
our light and comfort from above.
Be Thou our guardian Thou our Guide
o'er ev'ry thought and step preside.

Lead us to Christ, the living Way
nor let us from His precepts stray
Lead us to holiness, the road
that we must take to dwell with God.

The light of Truth to us display,
and make us know and choose the Way
Plant holy fear in ev'ry heart,
that we from Thee may ne'er depart.

Lead us to heav'n that we may share
fullness of joy forever there
Lead us to God, our final rest,
to be with Him forever blest.

Come gracious Spirit heav'nly Dove,
our light and comfort from above.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. “May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation always say, ‘Let God be exalted!’” Alleluia. (Psalm 70:4)

C: **These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God and that by believing we may have life in his name.**

GOSPEL READING

John 14:25-27

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

SONG

“Rejoice in the Lord Always”

PreK-2nd Grade Sunday School Students

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.
Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice. Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice.

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.

HYMN

“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”

CW 177

1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make our
2 To you, the Coun - se - lor, we cry, To you, the
3 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed your
4 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And your a -

hearts your place of rest; Come with your grace and
gift of God most high; The fount of life, the
love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our
bid - ing peace be - stow; If you are our pro -

heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which you have made.
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - o - rate.
tect - ing guide, No e - vil can with us a - bide.

5 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And you, from both, as Three in One
That we your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.

6 Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

S THE MESSAGE S

PENTECOST “A Time to Rejoice”

Acts 2:1-17

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 them speaking in his own language. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own 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 men 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.

MESSAGE NOTES

#1 Pentecost is proof that Jesus will _____ his _____ to you.

- ⇒ Acts 2:1-4; John 14:16,26; Acts 1:4,8; Matthew 14:31; John 14:6
- ⇒ Jesus assured his disciples that the Holy Spirit would come and empower them.
- ⇒ In God’s Word, we are given evidence that Jesus will always be faithful to us.

#2 On this day, we _____ because Christ has come to _____ all people.

- ⇒ Acts 2:5-11; Matthew 28:20; Mark 16:15; Joel 2:32; Revelation 7:9
- ⇒ God’s plan was that the gospel and his Church would extend to all nations.
- ⇒ No matter who you are, Jesus came to this world to give you life everlasting.

#3 The Holy Spirit is still _____ through you and me today.

- ⇒ Acts 2:12-17; 1 Corinthians 12:3; John 3:5; Galatians 5:16
- ⇒ On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit worked in a miraculous and amazing way.
- ⇒ The Holy Spirit continues to be among us and equips us to serve our Lord.

1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions
 2 O Source of light, our Coun - sel - or, The Fa - ther's help to
 3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high In an - swer to our
 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame, At - tend th' al - might - y

first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come
 us as - sure. Come down, as prom - ised, with your fire, And
 ear - nest cry. Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And
 Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior - Son be glo - ri - fied, Who

pour your joys on hu - man - kind. From sin and sor - row
 hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire. Your sa - cred, heal - ing
 prac - tice all that we be - lieve. Give us your wis - dom
 for all hu - man - kind has died; And e - qual ad - o -

set us free; May we your liv - ing tem - ples be.
 mes - sage bring To sanc - ti - fy us when we sing.
 that we see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.
 ra - tion rise To you, O Spir - it, in the skies.

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully and freely according to how the Lord has blessed them. If you are a guest today, please know that there are no expectations for you to make a donation. If you wish to support us by making an online offering, visit our website: www.dulutheran.org and click on the "Give" tab.

OFFERTORY

"Bwana Awabariki" (May God grant you a blessing)
Youth Group Tone Chime Choir

S PRAYERS S

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS

- P:** Holy Spirit, we worship and glorify you as the Lord and giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to shed life on all created things and as you gave a new life of understanding to the disciples in your Pentecost baptism of fire,
- C:** **So by the baptism of water with the Word you have made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord.**
- P:** Holy Spirit, by our own thinking or choosing, we cannot believe in Jesus Christ or come to him. But you have called us by the gospel, enlightened us with your gifts, and sanctified and kept us in the true faith.
- C:** **In the same way you call, enlighten, and sanctify the whole Christian Church on earth and keep it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**
- P:** Holy Spirit, by the power of your Word preserve us in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus, where there is forgiveness for all.
- C:** **Thanks be to you for the forgiveness of sins given and imparted to me and all believers.**
- P:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.
- Silent prayer.*
- P:** Holy Spirit, you have worked in us and given us the joy of our salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:
- C:** **The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory. Amen.**

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 forever and ever. Amen.

SONG

“Power to Redeem”
Youth Group Students

1. You take what is and You make it beautiful
When love floods in we're restored for evermore

Refrain:

With breath that brings the dead to life with words that pierce the dark with light only by the blood are we set free. With Mercy strong to carry shame and nail it to a tree, Jesus you hold the power to redeem.

2. No guilt competes with innocence crucified No grave can hold what Your grace has justified.

Refrain

3. So rejoice O child of God! Lift your eyes to see-with ev'ry morning light, again we are redeemed.

Refrain

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: 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 favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

CW 329

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CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

CW 329

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; Fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For the gos - pel's
 3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en Us from earth to

joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; May the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 call a - way, Borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,

Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. Oh, re - fresh us,
 In our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad the sum - mons to o - bey, May we ev - er,

oh, re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful To your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er Reign with Christ in end - less day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Preschool Graduation: Little Lambs Learning Center Graduation will occur on **Thursday, May 30th, at 6:00 p.m.** The preschoolers will sing several songs honoring those graduating to kindergarten. Following the service will be graduation cake, juice, and fellowship.

Women's Hikes: Please mark your calendars and join us for some beautiful summer hikes in the Duluth area. It's a great way to enjoy the outdoors and connect with one another. Please contact Kely Dunsmoor (218-750-0225) with any questions.

Tuesday, June 11th at 6:00 PM: Chester Park

Sunday, June 23rd at 2:00 PM: Jay Cooke

Thursday, July 11th at 6:00 PM: Kingsbury Creek

Sunday, July 21st at 2:00 PM: Ely's Peak

Tuesday, August 6th at 6:00 PM: Congdon Park

Sunday, August 18th at 2:00 PM: Park Point