



Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Festival of Pentecost

June 5, 2022

KING OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Golden Valley, Minnesota*

Welcome to God's divine service among his saints in his house this morning. If you experience any kind of barrier to worship, please speak with an usher. There is a hearing assistance system available, there are activity bags for children, and the service is streamed live in the Fireside Room down the hall for small children.

Service of the Word

This Sunday is the Festival of Pentecost, exactly 50 (Latin: pente-) days after Easter, and is the third great festival Sunday of the church year. Today we celebrate the coming of the Spirit and the bold preaching of the Word the Spirit empowers that enables the church to grow across all languages and ethnicities in unity through Christ. That is why Pentecost Day is sometimes called the birthday of the Christian Church.

The altar and pastors wear the color red today as reminiscent of the tongues of fire by which the Spirit showed his presence to the disciples.

HYMN

O Day Full of Grace | #401

INVOCATION

P: God has poured out his love into our hearts

C: by the Holy Spirit whom he has given us.

P: Come, Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life.

C: Fill the hearts of your faithful people

P: and kindle in them the fire of your love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life.

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

C: Amen.

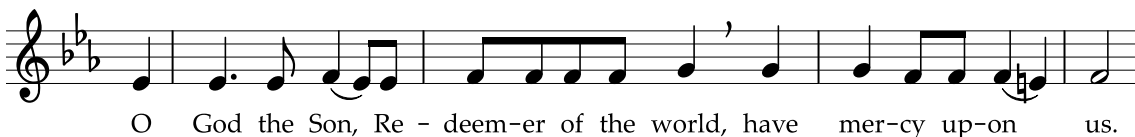
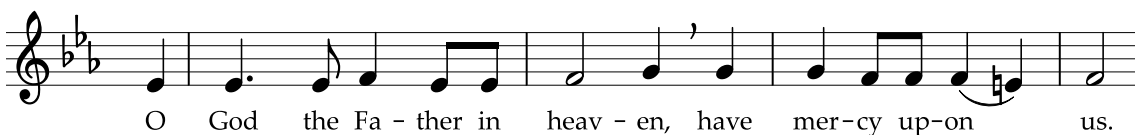
CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

C: **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you both that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and also that we have each sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and actions. Therefore we flee for refuge toward your infinite mercy, pleading for your grace on the basis of the work of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

HYMN

Kyrie



ABSOLUTION

P: Lift up your hearts to God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us. He has given his only-begotten Son to die for us, and on the basis of Jesus' work forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name he gives the power to become the children of God, and has promised them his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.

HYMN

Holy Ghost, with Light Divine | #402: v.1-3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray for the power of the Holy Spirit: Almighty and merciful God, you sent your Holy Spirit at Pentecost, making the disciples bold to preach the good news. Send us out with the power of the same Spirit to spread the fire of your love. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 11:1–9

The people on the plain of Shinar defied the Lord's blessing to spread out over the earth and started building a temple to themselves. In mercy God halted their evil by frustrating their communication. The New Testament is God's solution to this human division, through the unity of Christ.

¹The whole earth had one language and a single vocabulary. ²As people traveled in the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they settled there. ³They said to one another, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used mud brick instead of stone for building material, and they used tar for mortar. ⁴They said, "Come, let's build a city for ourselves and a tower whose top reaches to the sky, and let's make a name for ourselves, so that we will not be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

⁵The LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the people were building. ⁶The LORD said, "If this is the first thing they are doing as one people, who all have one language, then nothing that they intend to do will be too difficult for them. ⁷Come, let's go down there and confuse their language, so that they cannot understand one another's speech."

⁸So the LORD scattered them from there over the face of the whole earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹It was named Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

HYMN

O that I Had a Thousand Voices | #443: v.1

Pentecost Day undoes the dividing of humanity at the Tower of Babylon. The confusion of languages was reversed and God's glorious, fiery temple-presence came to live in his people rather than a building. What began in the streets of Jerusalem is even now being carried to the ends of the earth.

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely baffled and said to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God." ¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocked them and said, "They are full of new wine."

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: "Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. ¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷This is what God says will happen in the last days: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions. Your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹I will show wonders in the sky above, and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke. ²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

P: Let us confess our holy faith using Martin Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, concerning the Holy Spirit:

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead; and he will give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In | #27: v.1

SERMON

John 14:23–27

Jesus told his disciples about how God would deal with them after his ascension. Their connection to him would be in the Word written by the Holy Spirit. Some reject that Word and therefore Jesus does not reveal himself to them. But he makes himself known to anyone who hears and loves his words.

²³Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will hold on to my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴The one who does not love me does not hold on to my words. The word that you are hearing is not mine, but it is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have told you these things while staying with you. ²⁶But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you.

²⁷"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid.

HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace | #25

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The most important offering we can make is our whole self. "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship" (Romans 12:1).

Service of the Sacrament

King of Grace practices membership communion for those who have publicly declared to this assembly the content of their faith. Ask a pastor for more information about our doctrine and membership or visit kingofgracelutheran.com/about-us.

P: Dear friends in Christ! In order that we may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that we consider what we believe. From the words of Christ: "This is my body; this is my blood," we believe that Jesus Christ is himself present with his body and blood, as the words declare. From Christ's words "For the forgiveness of sins," we believe that Jesus Christ gives us his body and blood to actually deliver to us the forgiveness of all of our sins. And finally, we do as Christ commands when he says, "Take, eat; drink of it, all of you," and "Do this in remembrance of me."

We also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and then love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end, may God the Father grant us his grace; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.**

CONSECRATION, DISTRIBUTION, AND RECEPTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same 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. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest | #10

THANKSGIVING HYMN

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee | #325

PRAYER

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank you, Lord God Almighty, that you have refreshed us with these your life-giving gifts. We ask you—out of your mercy—to strengthen us through them in faith toward you and in eager love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Come, Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful people

C: and kindle in us the fire of your love.

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



C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: O Lord, we give you our heartfelt thanks that you have taught us what you want us to believe and to do. Help us, O God, by your Holy Spirit, on the basis of Jesus' work, to keep your Word in pure hearts, so that by that means we may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

Announcements

Send announcements to bulletin@kog-els.org.

CALL MEETING

Attend the meeting to extend a call to a new pastor for King of Grace after the second service TODAY, 6/5, at 11:00 am.

VBS

Register children PK–6th grade or become a volunteer for summer VBS at www.kingofgracelutheran.com. VBS will be next week, 6/13–6/16, from 9–11:30 am each day. Lunch is served for the entire family on Thursday at 11:30.

KING'S DAUGHTERS NIGHT OUT

Ladies, join the King's Daughters group for an evening out for dinner at Good Day Café in Golden Valley on Tue, 6/14, at 6:30 pm. Please register on the bulletin board in the hallway.

GOLF OUTING

Save the date for Mon, 8/8, at Riverwood Golf Course in Otsego for a fundraiser for our West Lutheran High School's athletic department. \$125 for 18 holes with cart starting at 9:30 am.

THANK YOU

The Robbinsdale City Band thanks King of Grace for the use of the fellowship hall as a practice space this past winter and spring. Deb Anderson plays in the band and several band members expressly stated their appreciation for our church's community support.

Publications

New on the publications shelf this week: the ELS President's June newsletter.

Serving in Worship

Preacher..... Rev. Ben Wiechmann
OrganistKaren Merseth | **Pianist (Monday)**..... Lynn Handberg

Counters today..... Brian & Jennifer Pederson, Claire Joubert
Counters next Sunday Collin & Emily Bredeson, Gina Thomforde
Ushers today (8:15)..... Bill McDowell, Kirk Guillaume
Ushers today (10:00)..... Steve Novak, Paul Thomforde
Ushers next Sunday (8:15)..... Steve Kopacek, Scott Roeber
Ushers next Sunday (10:00)..... Dustin Lange
Video team today Gerry Reason
Video team next Sunday Tim Guillaume
Altar guild Linda Browning, Arlene Fuller

Altar flowers

David and Susan Nelson gave the altar flowers this week to celebrate Jack's 17th birthday.

Attendance last week: 233 worshiped on Sunday and 15 worshiped on Monday.

Offerings last week:

Average Needed Per Sunday: \$17,368
Received Last Week: \$14,934

Average Needed Year to Date: \$816,296
Received Year to Date: \$769,535

Calendar

Today	11:00 am	Voters' meeting
Monday	6:30 pm	Communion service
	8:20 pm	Men's softball @ Centennial Park
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bible study
Saturday	8:30 am	Men's Bible study
	8:30 am	Women's coffee and crafts
Sunday	8:15 & 10:00 am	Worship service



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