

# Celebration Lutheran Church

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Day of Pentecost      Worship: 10:00am      May 24, 2026

## We Gather to Encounter God

*Prelude Music*

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Call to Worship*

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Move to gather the people together.  
Come! Be the wind that blows the announcement of the Good News.  
Come! Be the flame that catches our hearts on fire. Ignite joy and inspiration among the old and the young. Come! Be the dove of peace that makes us one in Christ. Come! Come now and worship the Lord!

### Gathering Hymn:      Come, All You People      # 819



*U - ya - i - mo - se,      ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
1 Come, all you peo - ple,      come and praise the Most High;  
2 Come, all you peo - ple,      come and praise the Sav - ior;  
3 Come, all you peo - ple,      come and praise the Spir - it;



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*u - ya - i - mo - se      Zvi - no.*  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
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### Prayer of Invocation

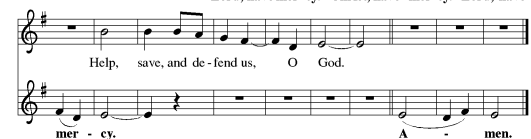
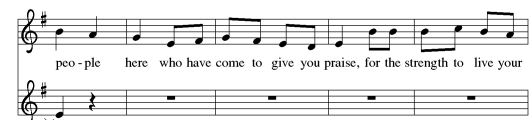
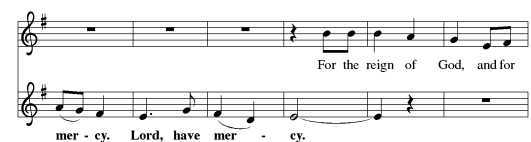
L: Move among us, Spirit, and gather us together with you.

**C: Take our many selves – our lives, our loves, our ideas, our questions, our speech, our silence – and unite us as your people. Give us the gifts of perception and understanding, so that even as we dream your dreams and see your visions, we may be able to witness to your presence in our common life. Amen.**

### We Pray in Song:

### Kyrie

# 157



## Hymn of Praise

# 167

## We Hear God's Word

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

### Prayer of the Day

L: O God,

**C: ... on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, you Son and our Lord, who lives and creates with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

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

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> '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.

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

- <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

*Psalms 104:24-34, 35b*

- <sup>24</sup> How manifold are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your  
creatures.
- <sup>25</sup> **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to  
number,  
living things both small and great.**
- <sup>26</sup> There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.
- <sup>27</sup> **All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season. R**
- <sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- <sup>29</sup> **When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their  
dust.**
- <sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- <sup>31</sup> **May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
O Lord, rejoice in all your works. R**
- <sup>32</sup> You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.
- <sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**
- <sup>34</sup> May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- <sup>35b</sup> **Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
Hallelujah! R**

*Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13*

- <sup>3b</sup> No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.
- <sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.
- <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
- <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.
- <sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.
- <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

**Gospel Acclamation (Liturgy to be placed in)**

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-23

L: The holy gospel according to St. John in the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

L: The gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon

### We Respond to God's Word

Hymn of the Day:

Gracious Spirit

# 401



*Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.*  
1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.  
3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



*Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.*  
It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
nor rootless liberty;  
turn disquiet to contentment,  
doubt into certainty. *Refrain*

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
unswayed by earth's allure.  
Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
which you alone assure. *Refrain*

### Prayers of the People

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name (*especially*).

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith (*especially scientists Nicolaus Copernicus and Leonard Euler*) whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

L: Merciful God,

**C: ... receive our prayer.**

*Greeting of Peace*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*We Offer Our Gifts*

**Presentation Hymn: As the Grains of Wheat # 465**

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

**C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**We Share Christ's Meal**

*The Great Thanksgiving*

L: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you**

L: Lift up your hearts

**C: We lift them to the Lord**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Communion Prayers and the Story of Our Lord's Supper*

*The Lord's Prayer*

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

*Distribution of Our Lord's Supper*

**Communion Hymn: Lamb of God (liturgy)**

*Congregation:* Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
*Congregation or Assistant:* you break the chains of ha - tred and  
 you are the way of jus - tice and  
 you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*  
 world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
 fear:  
 peace:  
 love.

**Final Stanza**  
*Congregation or Assistant:*  
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:*  
 take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Spirit of Gentleness**

# 396

*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.


*Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing*

**Sending Hymn:**


**Shine, Jesus, Shine**

**# 671**


*Refrain*



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.




Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



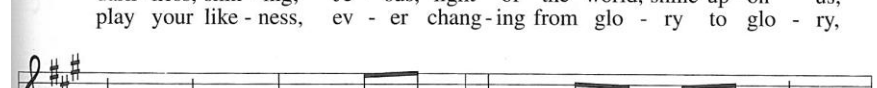
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



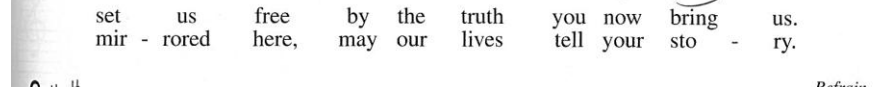
1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine on me, shine on me:

**Dismissal**

**L:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord

**C:** Thanks be God!

**We go to love as Jesus loves us!**

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