



Inviting All to Live the Gospel through Faith, Love, and Compassion

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**May 28th, 2023
PENTECOST
9:30 AM Worship**



PRELUDE

Mary Wescott

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Gather Us In”

ELW #532

PENTECOST LITANY

SONG OF PRAISE

“We Are a Family”

We are a family, a grace-filled family of God

You are invited, all are invited to come

Welcome

Oh----we are

Living out the gospel

Living out the gospel- oh

Through faith, (xx) through love (xx) and compassion (xxx)

Through faith, (xx) through love (xx) and compassion (xxx) (repeat from beginning)

Bridge: *Everyone belongs*

All have gifts to offer, Oh

The table and the font

Bring us all together (We are living out the gospel...)

Ending: *We are a family, a grace-filled family of God. Welcome.*

by Amy Vigesaa 2023 For Family of Christ Lutheran Church. Lakeville, MN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of holy fire, **When the time was right, you sent your Holy Spirit to empower your disciples. Inspire us yet today with your fire, that with burning hearts we might eagerly continue the work which they started, to bring your Grace and the change that comes with it to the world, for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

READING

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷In 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. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

Pastor Brent Erler

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Spirit of Gentleness"

ELW #396

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/NOISY OFFERING

Saint Paul Area Synod Planting Hope

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"The Spirit Intercedes for Us"

ELW #180

Romans 8:26

THE SPIRIT INTERCEDES FOR US

Larry Olson



The Spir- it in-ter-cedes for us with sighs too deep for words to ex-press oh, oh, oh.

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L: Lord, in Your Mercy

C: Hear our prayer

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS of INSTITUTION

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 forever and ever.
Amen.

BLESSING

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“I Love to Tell The Story”

ELW #661

POSTLUDE

Mission Trip Update

Our youth and chaperones are getting ready for their mission trip to Indianapolis on June 11th. Please keep them in your prayers as they get ready to share God's love and see God's kingdom. We are still looking to raise \$1600 to support some of the cost of the chaperones and other expenses.

If you wish to donate contact Dana or the click on the QR code.



High School Graduation Recognition Sunday, June 4

If you have a graduate to celebrate please contact Pastor Brent or Dana.

Summer Community Nights

We invite the whole community to join us this summer for our three Community Nights. We will start with a meal, play some games, and grow in our faith together. Join us Wednesday, **June 21** from 6:00 to 6:30 PM for a pot-luck meal and 6:30 to 7:30 PM for activities and fun for all ages.

Be on the lookout for sign-ups to help with food. Mark your calendars for **July 12th** and **August 2nd** as well!



Welcome to Family of Christ

You are welcome to participate in worship this morning the way you feel comfortable. This includes the invitation to join us for Holy Communion.

All Are Welcome, No Exceptions!

Everybody Is Somebody Here

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT FAMILY OF CHRIST?

Information is available from the ushers and in the literature stand outside the church office at the West entrance. If you are looking for a faith community, please fill out the insert or visit our website at www.familyofchrist.com.

KID ACTIVITY BAGS filled with coloring materials and other resources are available in the back of the worship space for those that would like them.

WELCOME FAMILIES!

We are glad that you are worshipping with your children and want you to feel welcome. There is a **"Pray Ground"** for quiet play in the front right of the sanctuary. We ask that families stay with their little ones and try to keep noise to a minimum.

If you or your little one needs "a break" or "louder play", there is a **"Listening Room"** on the West side of the sanctuary. You can see and hear the service from this room.

Alive in
the Spirit

EMBRACING GOD
IN OUR LIVES AND
COMMUNITY

This summer we will look at how God blesses us on our journey as individuals and community through the Holy Spirit.

As we enter this season traditionally known as Pentecost, we will ask ourselves: how can we participate with the Spirit in this ongoing spiritual movement?



"We Make the Road by Walking" Weekly Reading

May 28: Chapter 40
The Spirit is Moving!

June 4: Chapter 41
Moving With the Spirit

June 11: Chapter 42
Spirit of Love: Loving God

June 18: Chapter 43
Spirit of Love: Loving Neighbor



"Everybody is Someone Here"

Worship 9:30am Sundays

Youth Summer Program

7:00pm Wednesday Nights

*Worship Online at www.familyofchrist.com