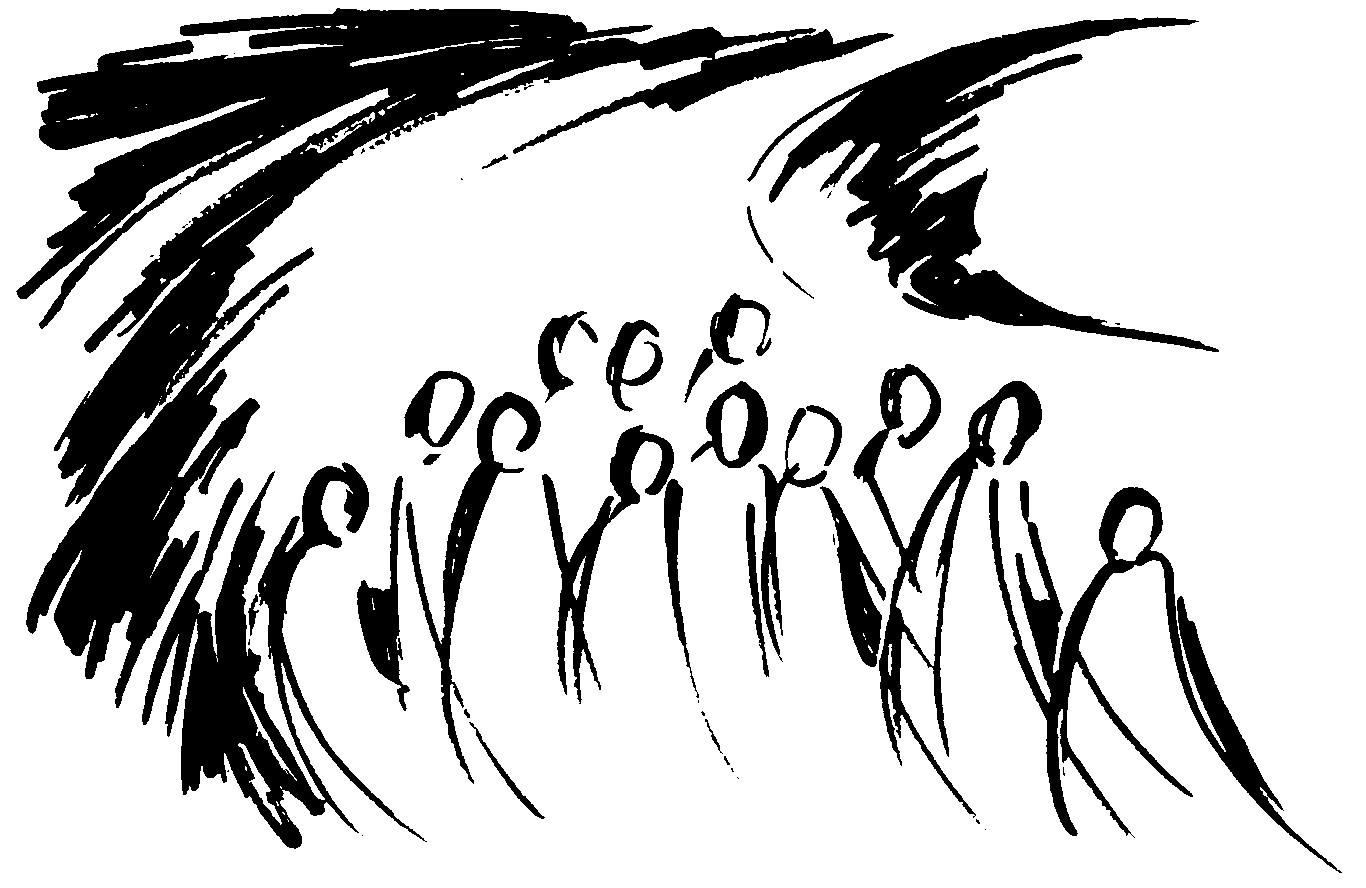
**Pentecost**

**May 28, 2023**

**9:30am**



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**Welcome to worship! We’re glad you’re here!**

To assist in your worship:

**bold** print means we respond together

**\*** meansstand as you are able,

+ you may make the sign of the cross should you so desire.

**TODAY’S worship THEME**

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God’s presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God’s presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God’s redeeming love to all the world.



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**PRELUDE** Roger Halvorson

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **☩** one God, who greets us in this and every season,

whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community.**

**We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us And grant us your mercy**.

***Silence is kept for reflection.***

**Righteous God, we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be**

**honest. We have lacked courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us And grant us your mercy**.

***Silence is kept for reflection.***

**God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God’s mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** *I Was Glad*

(refrain)

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

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Called from every nation, called from every race, gathered here for worship in this holy place;

God is here among us, lift your hearts and sing, make the walls and rafters ring!

(refrain)

Words that must be spoken, grace that must be heard, mercy and forgiveness from God’s holy word.

Here will be repeated, peace to all proclaimed, shouted out in Jesus’ name!

(refrain)

Here the poor are welcome, here the lost are claimed. Broken lives are mended, deepest fears are named.

Here the wise are children and the weak are strong. Here, in Christ we all belong!

(refrain)

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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**pRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together. *A brief silence***. O God, 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, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*After the message children will be invited to Sunday school. They will return during the passing of the peace.*

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *With the Help of the Spirit of the Lord*Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING** [Acts 2:1-21](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources) PewBible New Testament Pg. 123

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b PewBible Old Testament Pg. 614

24O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**25Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.**

26There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.  
**27These all look to you to give them their food in due season;** 28when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.  
**29When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.** 30When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.  
**31May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works —** 32who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.  
 **33I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.** 34May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.  
**35Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

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Description automatically generated with low confidence\***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Sanctuary*

### **\*GOSPEL** John 7:37-39 Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 103

The Holy Gospel according to John the 7th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** Pastor Laurie Arroyo

**\*SERMON SONG** *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine #398*

**PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation…

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**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.**

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God’s faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God** **and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

**Let us pray. We give you thanks for our new members,** whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

…Hear us O God,

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ’s resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

**\*SHARING OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY** *Shout to the Lord* Chancel Choir

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Take My Life, That I May Be* #583

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray together. **God of field and forest, sea and sky, You are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, And multiply your graciousness in us, That the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus.*

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord,**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

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**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord’s passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit…in your church, without end. **Amen.**

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.** **Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

We believe that this is Jesus' table. All are welcome and invited to commune.  We serve communion by “intinction”; receive the bread and dip it in the chalice of red wine. Currently we are offering individual communion cups as an alternative to intinction if you so desire. Both wine and grape juice (white) are offered in the tray. Gluten free bread is available; let your server know. Should you choose not to commune, please come forward to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest.

**lamb of god**



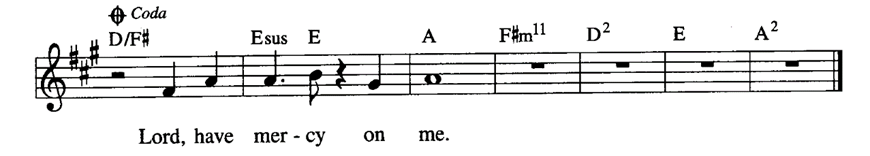
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**COMMUNION SONG**  *Spirit of Gentleness #396*

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together. **We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*BLESSING**

The God who faithfully calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ☩ bless, keep, and sustain you, now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN** *Indescribable*

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea  
Creations revealing Your majesty  
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring  
Every creature unique in the song that it sings  
All exclaiming

Indescribable, uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name  
You are amazing, God

All powerful, untameable  
Awestruck, we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing, God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go?  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light?  
Yet, conceals it to bring us the coolness of night  
None can fathom

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Incomparable, unchangeable  
You see the depths of my heart  
And You love me the same  
You are amazing, God  
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**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Roger Halvorson

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**It is our joy to worship with your whole family this morning!**

**CHILDCARE**

We encourage everyone of all ages and abilities to worship together. If you do need to take a "time out", please do so in the narthex (gathering space at the entry), and return to worship when you are ready. A changing table is located in the restroom off the narthex. Activity bags, filled with crayons, paper and storybooks, are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

*Christ Is Alive!*

**OUR VISION STATEMENT**

*Christ Lutheran Church is a community of believers committed to praising our Savior Jesus Christ. With his love, we reach out to those in need and welcome all with open hearts. Our worship dynamically combines, word, song and prayer to share God’s incredible message. Having faith in this, we go forth knowing that with God and the power of the Holy Spirit, anything is possible.*

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