

# Christ Lutheran Church

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*A Congregation of the American Association of Lutheran Churches*



## Our Mission Statement

*We strive to be worthy witnesses to the world.*

At Christ Lutheran, we strive to lead lives worthy of our calling as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ in God's world.  
(Ephesians 4:1)

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# The Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

*During the music before the service let us join in a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

*Please stand as you are able where marked\*\*\**

## *Greetings and Announcements*

### *Prelude*

### *\*\*\*The Confession and Absolution*

**Presenter:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**Presenter:** If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(A time of silent reflection and self-examination.)*

**Presenter:** Most merciful God.

**People:** We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen

**Presenter:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:** Amen. Thanks be to God.

### *\*\*\*Opening Hymn:*

### *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

*Hymn #167*

Holy God, we praise thy Name; Lord of all, we bow before thee!  
All on earth thy sceptre claim, All in heaven above adore thee;  
Infinite thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising,  
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising;  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

Lo! the Apostolic train Join the sacred Name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the loud refrain, And the white-robed martyrs follow;  
And from morn to set of sun, Through the Church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;  
While in essence only One, Undivided Go we claim thee;  
And adoring bend the knee, While we own the mystery.

\*\*\**Psalm: Psalm 139: 1-16 (read responsively)*

**Liturgist:** O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

**People:** You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

**Liturgist:** You search out my path and my lying down

**People:** and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Liturgist:** Even before a word is on my tongue,

**People:** behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.

**Liturgist:** You hem me in, behind and before,

**People:** and lay your hand upon me.

**Liturgist:** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

**People:** it is high; I cannot attain it.

**Liturgist:** Where shall I go from your Spirit?

**People:** Or where shall I flee from your presence?

**Liturgist:** If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

**People:** If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

**Liturgist:** If I take the wings of the morning

**People:** and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

**Liturgist:** even there your hand shall lead me,

**People:** and your right hand shall hold me.

**Liturgist:** If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,

**People:** and the light about me be night,"

**Liturgist:** even the darkness is not dark to you;

**People:** the night is bright as day, for darkness is as light with you.

**Liturgist:** For you formed my inward parts;

**People:** you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

**Liturgist:** I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

**People:** Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

**Liturgist:** My frame was not hidden from you

**People:** when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**Liturgist:** Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them,

**People:** the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.

\*\*\**The Gloria Patri: (sung)* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

\*\*\**The Kyrie: (responses are sung)*

**Liturgist:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Liturgist:** Christ, have mercy upon us.

**People:** Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Liturgist:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Liturgist:** Glory be to God on high!

\*\*\**Gloria in Excelsis: (sung)* And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

\*\*\**Collect:*

**Liturgist:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

**Liturgist:** Let us pray.

**People:** O God, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*The Scripture Lessons:*

**First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He had me pass among them all around, and behold, *there were* very many on the surface of the valley; and behold, *they were* very dry. <sup>3</sup>Then He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “Lord GOD, You Yourself know.” <sup>4</sup>Again He said to me, “Prophesy over these bones and say to them, ‘You dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.’” <sup>5</sup>This is what the Lord GOD says to these bones: ‘Behold, I am going to make breath enter you so that you may come to life. <sup>6</sup>And I will attach tendons to you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin, and put breath in you so that you may come to life; and you will know that I am the LORD.’”

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a *loud* noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, tendons were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘The Lord GOD says this: “Come from the four winds, breath, and breathe on these slain, so that they come to life.”’” <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath entered them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the entire house of Israel; behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off.’” <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘This is what the Lord GOD says: “Behold, I am going to open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it,” declares the LORD.’”

**Liturgist:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly a noise like a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And tongues *that looked* like fire appeared to them, distributing themselves, and *a tongue* rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with different tongues, as the Spirit was giving them *the ability* to speak out.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were Jews residing in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together and they were bewildered, because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> They were amazed and astonished, saying, “Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> And how *is it that* we each hear *them* in our own language to which we were born? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our *own* tongues of the mighty deeds of God.” <sup>12</sup> And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others were jeering and saying, “They are full of sweet wine!”

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, taking his stand with the *other* eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: “Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, know this, and pay attention to my words. <sup>15</sup> For these people are not drunk, as you assume, since it is *only* the third hour of the day; <sup>16</sup> but this is what has been spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ‘AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,’ God says,  
‘THAT I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND;  
AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS WILL PROPHECY,  
AND YOUR YOUNG MEN WILL SEE VISIONS,  
AND YOUR OLD MEN WILL HAVE DREAMS;  
<sup>18</sup> AND EVEN ON MY MALE AND FEMALE SERVANTS  
I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT IN THOSE DAYS,  
And they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> AND I WILL DISPLAY WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE  
AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW,  
BLOOD, FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE.

<sup>20</sup> THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS  
AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD,

BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD COMES.

<sup>21</sup> AND IT SHALL BE *THAT* EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.’

**Liturgist:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God

**The Alleluia:** (*sung*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**Presenter:** Lift up your hearts and hear the Holy Gospel as it is recorded in the fifteenth chapter of Saint John, beginning with the twenty-sixth verse.

\*\*\***People** (*sung*) Glory be to thee, O Lord

## Gospel Lesson: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

<sup>26</sup> “When the <sup>[a]</sup>Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *namely*, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, He will testify about Me, <sup>27</sup> and <sup>[b]</sup>you are testifying as well, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

However, I did not say these things to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

<sup>5</sup>“But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, grief has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup>But I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I am leaving; for if I do not leave, the <sup>[b]</sup>Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. <sup>8</sup>And He, when He comes, will convict the world regarding sin, and righteousness, and judgment: <sup>9</sup>regarding sin, because they do not believe in Me; <sup>10</sup>and regarding righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you no longer *are going to see Me*; <sup>11</sup>and regarding judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

<sup>12</sup>“I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* at the present time. <sup>13</sup>But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify Me, for He will take from Mine and will disclose *it* to you. <sup>15</sup>All things that the Father has are Mine; this is why I said that He takes from Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

**Presenter:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**\*\*\*People: (sung)** Praise be to thee, O Christ

*Children’s Sermon:*

## *Happy Birthday Church*

*Jeane Flesch*



*Pulpit Hymn:*

### *Come Gracious Spirit*

*Hymn #127*

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove, With light and comfort from above;  
Be thou our guardian, thou our guide, O’er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display, And make us know and choose thy way;  
Plant holy fear in every heart, That we from God may ne’er depart.

Lead us to Christ, the living way, Nor let us from his pasture stray;  
Lead us to holiness, the road That we must take to dwell with God.

Lead us to heaven, that we may share Fulness of joy for ever there;  
Lead us to God our final rest, To be with him for ever blest.



**The Sermon Response: (sung)** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.

**\*\*\*Passing of the Peace**

**\*\*\*The Apostles' Creed:**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And 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, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick 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.

**\*\*\*The General Prayer: (after each petition)**

**Presenter:** Lord in your mercy.

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**\*\*\*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, For ever and ever. Amen.

**\*\*\*The Prayer Response: (sung)**

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.

\*\*\**The Benediction:*

**Presenter:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**People: (sung)** A-men, A-men, A----men.

\*\*\**Closing Hymn:*

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart*

*Hymn #129*

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
And make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
No angel visitant, no opening skies;  
But take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King;  
All, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength and mind?  
I see thy Cross; there teach my heart to cling;  
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame:  
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,  
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

\*\*\**The Postlude*





***Prayers and Praises:***

For our church leaders:

Presiding Pastor: The Rev Dr. Carey G. Larson  
Assistant Presiding Pastor: The Rev Roger Twito  
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For the President and the leaders of our nation

For those in the armed Services: Grace Gorevin, Zach Gorevin, Christopher Clarke, Travis Hawk, Bethany Hueter, Chaplain John Reutemann, Chaplain Len Brokenshire, Cameron Donk, Ethan Stone, Rebecca Deppe, Wendy Ahern, Kris Johnson

For our Seminary Students: Chris Clarke, Kris Johnson

For a Region congregation: Pastor Joe Christine, Christus Victor Lutheran Church, Fayetteville, NC

For our missionary work: Faith Connections

For those being persecuted for their faith in Christ

For the congregations of our Germantown/Clarksburg/Damascus community: Saint Anne's Episcopal Church

For the congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches

For our college students: Maddie Day, Joseph Flesch, Jude Stapf, Paul Stapf

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Men's Bible Study: Tuesday: 1:30 PM at Church**
- **Women's Bible Study: Wednesday: 10 AM at Connie's**
- **Adult and Children's Sunday School: Will resume September 8<sup>th</sup>.**
- **You may continue to watch the Sunday services (10:30 AM) via Livestream on Facebook – Christ Lutheran Church AALC. The Bulletins for the services are on our website: [christlutheranofgermantown.org](http://christlutheranofgermantown.org). The video of every livestream is on our Facebook page. You can access the livestream by clicking the link at the bottom of the first page of our website or by visiting the Facebook page directly. Be sure to click on the 'videos' tab.**
- **Baby Bottles are due Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day. Bottles are available in the Sanctuary.**

# **SERMON NOTES: Pentecost Sunday:**