



Risen Christ Lutheran Church  
Pentecost Sunday Worship  
May 28, 2023 9:30am

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**ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION** – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe: that Christ’s body and blood are truly present for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above, are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the “individual” and “common” cups of wine. (Note: White Non-Alcoholic Wine is in the center of the tray.)

**OFFERING** – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting [www.RisenChrist.info](http://www.RisenChrist.info)

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## **As We Gather**

Pentecost proves for God’s people that Jesus remains at work in our midst. As we read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2, we see that the ascension departure of Jesus some ten days beforehand is not the end of His work in this world. Far from it! Jesus continues His saving work through the Spirit, whom He poured out upon the lives of His earliest followers. This same Spirit of Jesus enables us to carry His message into all the world. We are the messengers who spread the Good News of Him who was crucified for us, who rose again, who reigns on high, and who will one day return to this world in His full, heavenly glory. We listen to His message today as the Spirit brings it into our midst and are assured that as we are brought to faith in Christ, we receive the fullness of who we’ve been called to be.

**Preservice Music** *by Jennifer Kirk*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## Call to Worship – “Come Alive” (Dry Bones)

Through the eyes of man it seems  
There's so much we have lost  
As we look down the road  
Where all the prodigals have walked  
And one by one the enemy  
Has whispered lies and led them off as slaves

But we know that You are God  
Yours is the victory  
We know there is more to come  
That we may not yet see  
So with the faith You've given us  
We step into the valley unafraid

***CHORUS: We call out to dry bones  
come alive come alive  
We call out to dead hearts  
come alive come alive  
Up out of the ashes let us see an army rise  
We call out to dry bones come alive***

God of endless mercy God of unrelenting love  
Rescue ev'ry daughter  
Bring us back the wayward sons  
And by Your spirit breathe upon them  
Show the world that You alone can save  
You alone can save ***CHORUS***

***BRIDGE:*** (So) breathe oh breath of God  
Now breathe oh breath of God  
Breathe oh breath of God now breathe (yeah oh)  
***CHORUS***

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### Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

### Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**1.** Praise to the Lord the Almighty  
The King of creation  
O my soul praise Him  
For He is your health and salvation  
Let all who hear now to His temple draw near  
Joining in glad adoration

**2.** Praise to the Lord Who o'er all things  
Is wondrously reigning  
And as on wings of an eagle  
Uplifting sustaining  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining

**3.** Praise to the Lord Who has fearfully  
Wondrously made you  
Health has bestowed and when  
Heedlessly falling has stayed you  
What need or grief ever has failed of relief  
Wings of His mercy did shade you

**4.** Praise to the Lord Who will prosper  
Your work and defend you  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
Shall daily attend you  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriends you

**5.** Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that has life and breath  
Come now with praises before Him  
Let the Amen sound from His people again  
Gladly forever adore Him

## Confession and Absolution

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, C **and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

*In silent prayer, we ask the Holy Spirit to create clean hearts within us.*

P O Spirit of God,

C **we confess that we have dishonored Your Holy Word through our lives of disobedience. By what we do and what we fail to do, we have not allowed Your message of truth to rule in us. Forgive us, faithful God. By Your grace, draw us to the cross of Jesus. Through faith in His promises, enable us to receive the restoring mercy that You alone can give. Amen.**

P In Christ Jesus, you and I receive the fullness of who we are called to be through the Spirit who has been given to us. United with Christ through our Baptism, the Spirit who claims us as the Father's own now delivers to us the message of His mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, commissioned by His Spirit, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

## Introit

*Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C **and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

P O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all;

C **the earth is full of Your creatures.**

P These all look to You, C **to give them their food in due season.**

P When You give it to them, they gather it up;

C **when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.**

P When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,

C **and You renew the face of the ground.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C **and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit.

C **Grant to us the same Spirit so that we may joyfully receive the message of Christ, who has come for us all;**

P through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

Numbers 11:24–30

<sup>24</sup>Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

<sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” <sup>30</sup>And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

L This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 25:1–2, 4–10; antiphon: v. 4

L Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; C **teach me Your paths.**

L O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; C **let not my enemies exult over me.**

L To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C **Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.**

L Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation;

C **for You I wait all the day long.**

L Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,

C **for they have been from of old.**

L Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C **according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

L Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; C **teach me Your paths.**

L Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

C **He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.**

L All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

C **for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.**

L Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; C **teach me Your paths.**

## Second Reading

Acts 2:1–21

**LECTOR** – <sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying,

**MEN** – “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”

**WOMEN** – <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?

**ALL** – <sup>9</sup>Parthians and 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 belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

**LECTOR** – <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

**WOMEN** – “What does this mean?”

**LECTOR** – <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said,

**MEN** – “They are filled with new wine.”

**LECTOR** – <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them,

**VOICE OF PETER** – “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>““And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on 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 on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.      C **Thanks be to God.**

## Blessed Assurance

1. Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

2. Perfect submission perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy whispers of love **CHORUS**

**CHORUS:** *This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long*

3. Perfect submission all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest  
Watching and waiting looking above  
Filled with His goodness lost in His love **CHORUS**

## Verse

*Liturgical Text*

P Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
C **and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

John 7:37–39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup>Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" <sup>39</sup>Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Sermon for Pentecost

1. What does it take to get a church here in the USA on fire?!
2. There's so much self-centered thinking and behaviour... and a lack of desire to dive deep into God's Word and soak in it... BUT, this <IS> where we need to bring our self-centeredness, to repent and leave it at the foot of the cross... We have exactly what this lost and broken world needs!
3. In the midst of their struggles, the early Christians were in regular prayer, study, worship, and waiting on the promised Holy Spirit.
4. God is a God of communication, and He speaks plainly to us... in order for His Word to go out into the world in all languages.
5. On that Pentecost (high Jewish holiday 50 days after the 2nd day of Passover, which was the same day of Jesus' Resurrection) God the Holy Spirit indwelt the Disciples. All the various people speaking different languages gathered to celebrate in Jerusalem were able to clearly understand everything Jesus' followers spoke – in their own native tongues!
6. These tongues on Pentecost were real, spoken languages and NOT a special spirit-filled language. God's communication is clear, direct, not confusing and chaotic! His Word creates faith!
  - Saving 'faith is a free gift that comes from the hearing of God's Word.
  - There are no Believers – no Children of God – apart from the hearers of God's Word.
  - The People of God (His children) is the Church, and the Church does not exist without its marks – God's Word and Sacraments.
  - The Church is founded upon Christ's death and resurrection.
7. Peter preached God's Word, the Law and Gospel... showing them their sin and need for a Saviour...
8. It was God's Word preached clearly and direct that brought about repentant faith... not philosophies... not twisting God's Word and denying what sin is... not calls to be nice and community service... not calls to identify with the world... but calls to repentance, turning away from sin and trusting Christ and Lord and Saviour!

## Sermon Response – I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the sto-ry of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and his love;  
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true,  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.  
I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the o-ld, old story Of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the sto-ry -- More wonderful it seems  
Than all the golden fancies Of all our golden dreams;  
I love to tell the story -- It did so much for me,  
And that is just the reason I tell it now to Thee;.

I love to tell the sto-ry -- 'Tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet;  
I love to tell the story -- For some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.

I love to tell the sto-ry -- For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest;  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

## The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed – Sanctification

**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.**

*P What does this mean?*

**C I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength 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 richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.**

**On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

**This is most certainly true.**



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## Spirit of The Living God

Spirit of the Living God  
Fall fresh on me  
Spirit of the Living God  
Fall fresh on me

Melt me mold me  
Fill me use me  
Spirit of the Living God  
Fall fresh on me

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## Prayer of the Church

- P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
C **and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**  
P Confident in Christ our Savior and in the promised intercession of the Holy Spirit, let us lift up our hearts and voices in prayer to our Father above.

Faithful Lord, Your mercies are new every morning. Even when we stray from Your presence through disobedience to Your commands, You reconcile and restore us through the Spirit of the message, who is Christ Himself, our hope of glory.

- C **Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.**

**MEN** – Redeeming Savior, You prepare a place for us in Your Father’s kingdom and promise to all who trust in You the inheritance of life forever in Your presence. Help us with our hearts to believe and with our mouths to confess Your saving name.

- C **Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.**

**WOMEN** – Sanctifying Spirit, You fill the lives of all who trust in Jesus. Grant restoration and peace to those who are broken in heart and mind, body and soul. Grant that each one of us find refreshment in Your presence. Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors, for in them we see You and, in serving them, we give our service to You.

- C **Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.**

**ALL** – Sovereign King, You are Lord of all things in heaven and on earth. Watch over the community, the state, and the nation in which we live, guiding all public servants to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You as their God. Enable us to dwell in security and peace, giving witness to the message of Christ with both boldness and gentleness so that those who have yet to receive You as their Savior may be brought to saving faith.

- C **Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.**

P Great Physician, You give healing to those who cry to You for mercy. Today we lift up before You (...)... Whatever issues we may be facing, help us to look to You and remember that in Christ alone we receive the fullness of who we are called to be.

C **Give us the fullness of Your Spirit.**

P Receiving the fullness of Your Spirit and offering these prayers to You, O gracious Lord, we trust that You hear and answer us according to Your good and gracious will.

C **In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

## Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son to bear our sin and be our Savior.

C **In humble faith and with hearts of joy, we receive the message of Your salvation, which comes into our midst through Your promised Holy Spirit.**

P Gathered in the fellowship of Your Spirit, we trust in You, O Lord, to forgive us, renew us, and lead us by means of Your Holy Word.

C **As we gather at Your Table, You unite Your body and blood to the bread and wine so that we share together in Christ, in whom we receive the fullness of Your grace.**

P To You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all the glory and honor, now and forever.

C **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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **Amen.**

## Communion

### There Is a Redeemer

1. There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

2. Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Hope for sinners slain. **CHORUS**

**CHORUS: Thank You, O my Father,  
for giving us Your Son;  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til  
the work on earth is done.**

3. When I stand in glory  
I will see His face,  
And there I'll serve my King forever,  
In that holy place. **CHORUS**

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### Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above,  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

I was lost in utter darkness 'til You came and rescued me.  
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free.  
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home,  
Now Your grace is always with me, and I'll never be alone.

**CHORUS: Come Thou Fount, come Thou King,  
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace;  
Hear Your bride, to You we sing;  
Come Thou Fount of our blessing;**

O, to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above. **CHORUS**

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## Closing Prayer

### The Church's One Foundation



1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth has u-nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.  
Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,  
She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more  
And mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;  
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,  
Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,  
O bless-ed heav'n-ly cho-rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.  
And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.  
And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
That we, like saints be-fore us, May see You face to face.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
C **and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

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