



**Pentecost**

**May 28, 2023**

**9:00am**

Concordia Lutheran Church, Conover, NC

## **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.

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING SONG                      "Our God Saves"**

In the name of the Father in the name of the Son  
In the name of the Spirit Lord we come  
We're gather'd together to lift up Your name  
To call on our Savior to fall on Your grace  
Hear the joyful sound of our offering  
As Your saints bow down as Your people sing  
We will rise with You lifted on Your wings  
And the world will see that

Chorus                      Our God saves our God saves  
                                 There is hope in Your name  
                                 Mourning turns to songs of praise  
                                 Our God saves our God saves (repeat)

### **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

**People: and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

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

Pastor: O Spirit of God,

**People:** 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.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: 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. Grant to us the same Spirit so that we may joyfully receive the message of Christ, who has come for us all; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*We sit.*

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

### **“There Is a Redeemer”**

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

Refrain: Thank You, O my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done.

- 2 Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.
- 3 When I stand in glory, I will see His face;  
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place.

### **FIRST READING**

**Numbers 11:24–30**

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. 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.

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. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” 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!” And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

**Acts 2:1–21**

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

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own

language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

“‘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;  
even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;  
the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.  
And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the  
Lord shall be saved.’”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY                      “The Spirit Came As Promised”**

The Spirit came as promised  
In God's appointed hour  
And now to each believer  
He comes in love and power  
And by His holy Spirit  
God seals us as His own  
And through the Son and Spirit  
Makes access to His throne

The Spirit makes our bodies  
The temple of the Lord  
He binds us all together  
In faith and true accord  
The Spirit in His greatness  
Brings power from God above  
And with the Son and Father  
Dwells in our hearts in love

He bids us live together  
In unity and peace  
Employ His gifts in blessing  
And let base passions cease  
We should not grieve the Spirit  
By open sin or shame  
Nor let our words and actions  
Deny His holy name

The word the Spirit's weapon  
Will bring all sin to light  
And prayer by His directing  
Will add new joy and might  
Be filled then with His Spirit  
Live out God's will and word  
Rejoice with hymns and singing  
Make music to the Lord

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 7:37–39**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

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. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” 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.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON**      “Something to Cry About”      Pastor Michael Geml

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**DISTRIBUTION**                      **“Holy Spirit”**

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close  
No thing can compare You're our living hope  
Your Presence

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone  
In Your Presence Lord

Chorus              Holy Spirit You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

Let us become more aware of Your Presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

### BENEDICTION

#### CLOSING HYMN “Lord, Reign In Me”

Over all the earth You reign on high  
Every mountain stream every sunset sky  
But my one request Lord my only aim  
Is that You'd reign in me again

Chorus            Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r  
                      Over all my dreams in my darkest hour  
                      You are the Lord of all I am  
                      So won't You reign in me again

Over every thought over every word  
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord  
'Cause You mean more to me  
Than any earthly thing  
So won't You reign in me again

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