

Christ the King Lutheran Church

“One Family Under One King”

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

Celebration of Pentecost



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Opening Hymn: CW 181 (vv. 1-3)

Come, Oh, Come Life-Giving Spirit

- 1 Come, oh, come, life-giving Spirit, God from all eternity!
May your power never fail us; Dwell within us constantly.
Then shall truth and life and light Banish all the gloom of night.
- 2 Show us, Lord, the path of blessing; When we trespass on our way,
Cast, O Lord, our sins behind you And be with us day by day.
Should we stray, O Lord, recall; Work repentance when we fall.
- 3 With our spirit, Lord, bear witness That we are the saints of God
Who rely upon him solely When we're chastened by the rod;
For we know, as children should, That the cross is for our good.

Greeting and Invocation

P: We begin our service in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: In faith, God gives us the Holy Spirit who works in us both the desire to throw off the slavery of sin and the power to live a new life. We gather here to confess our unworthiness before our perfectly worthy God, to remember, be it ever so temporarily, the ways we have disobeyed him, and to receive the knowledge of our sure salvation through the light of God's holy Word and the work of Jesus Christ in life, death, and resurrection as our Savior. May the Lord renew us in body, mind, and spirit so that we may be enabled to serve him now and always.

C: Be with us Lord, we pray. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us join now in confessing our sins to God and asking for his forgiveness.

C: **Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. I have not always loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For sins of worrying and sins of selfishness, I confess. For letting anxiety get the best of me and allowing it to lead me to doubt your power and your reign over all, I sincerely repent. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.**

(If you are able and willing, confess to those around you some “outward sins” you have committed in front of them this past week. Share your “inward sins” with your God in personal confession. Spouses- this gives you an opportunity to model humble repentance to your spouse. Parents- this gives you a great opportunity to model and encourage humble repentance to your children. Then take some time for silent meditation.)

(At Pastor’s prompt we join:) I am truly sorry for my sins. I have been led by your Spirit to repent of them. I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

P: Forgive us, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

C: **Cleanse me from my sins.
Release me from my guilt.**

Grant me your Holy Spirit to change my sinful life.

P: As priest in your house, I invite all the heads of household online right now to mute the corporate absolution portion of our service and take on the role of proclaiming an absolution as a minister of the Keys (John 20:21-23, 1 Peter 2:9) in your household by reading the section below in italics. For the rest of those gathering online, I will continue as your called pastor to proclaim the corporate absolution in a moment. *The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (make the sign of the cross) and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Lesson: Joel 2:28,29

²⁸ After this, I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your old men will dream dreams.

Your young men will see visions.

²⁹ Even on the servants, both male and female,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe 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, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the

Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living 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.

Gospel Lesson: John 16:5-11

⁵ "But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me,

'Where are you going?' ⁶ Yet because I have told you these things, sorrow has

filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth: It is good for you that

I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go,

I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will convict the world about sin,

about righteousness, and about judgment: ⁹ about sin, because they do not

believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you

will no longer see me; ¹¹ about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been

condemned.

Children's Message

Hymn: CW 183

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

- 1 Holy Spirit, Light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the gloom of night away; Turn the darkness into day.
- 2 Holy Spirit, Love divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In your mercy pity me; From sin's bondage set me free.
- 3 Holy Spirit, Joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Fill me with your heav'nly peace; Let it grow and still increase.
- 4 Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne; Reign supreme and reign alone.
- 5 See, to you I give my heart; Cleanse my life in ev'ry part;
Your own temple I would be Now and for eternity.

Text: Andrew Reed, 1787–1862, abr., alt.

Sermon Text: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴ They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵ Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ They were completely baffled and said to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own

languages the wonderful works of God.” ¹² They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. ¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ This is what God says will happen in the last days:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions.

Your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the sky above,

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Prayer on Pentecost Day

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

C: Hear our prayers for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

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 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 Blessing- Spoken by Pastor

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CW 181 (vv. 4-5)

Come, Oh, Come Life-Giving Spirit

4 Prompt us, Lord, to come before him With a childlike heart to pray;
Sigh for us, O Holy Spirit, When we know not what to say.
Then our prayer is not in vain, And our faith new strength shall gain.

5 Grant our hearts in fullest measure Wisdom, counsel, purity,
That we always strive to please you, Working for you willingly.
Let the gospel spread and grow, Bringing Satan's overthrow.

Text: Heinrich Held, 1620–59, abr.; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96,

alt.