

Day of Pentecost



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308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... The Holy Spirit called the church into being and continues to call us together. Welcome to worship as we celebrate the Day of Pentecost.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind” ELW #400

INTRODUCTION

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God’s mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ’s love with the world.

OPENING PRAYER

C God of wind and fire, embolden us this day to receive your power. Help us to proclaim the wondrous things that you have done and continue to do in our lives. Give us strength and courage to share the Good News of your love and your presence. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Let us call on the name of the One who invites us to speak the truth about ourselves and our relationships and promises to show us mercy.

**C Holy and Merciful God,
we do not know how to pray as we ought, Rom. 8:26
and we know too well our constant failures
to do as you have commanded and to hold fast to your word.
Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, guide us to your way,
keep us in your care, and lead us into faith.
We trust your word that the Spirit of truth
will show us all things and grant us courage and peace. Amen.**

**P People of God, body of Christ, sisters and brothers,
the Spirit of God’s truth has come upon creation and upon you.
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
in the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior,
and by the authority of the church,
I declare to you the complete forgiveness of your sin.
Be at peace with one another because of God’s mercy. Amen.**

PENTECOST LITANY

HYMN “Spirit of Gentleness” (v. R) ELW #396

P From the very instant of creation, your Holy Spirit moved on the waters of creation, bringing to life the creative love that is God.

HYMN “Spirit of Gentleness” (vs. 1, R) ELW #396

L Even when the people were forgetful and stubborn, your Holy Spirit called to them to be unafraid, to follow. It led them through the desert to a land of sweet dwelling.

P During all the times of fear and tumult, you sang the song of hope through the prophets, who called people back to you with tender forgiveness.

HYMN “Spirit of Gentleness” (vs. 2, R) ELW #396

L On a dark winter night you sang your sweetest song and birthed a Savior who came to bring us life and witness to your love and power.

HYMN “Spirit of Gentleness” (vs. 3, R) ELW #396

P At the lakeshore you called to the simple people, the fishermen, to come and follow you. They witnessed your miracles of healing and forgiving love.

L When the night seemed to be the darkest, even though it was mid-day—you gave your Son to be a witness to your love. From His cross He forgave those who crucified Him and reminded a thief that paradise would be his home.

P On the early morning, the women were startled with the news of His resurrection. Could it be that all He had said was true?

L The disciples hid in fear of what others might say, think or do. They were astonished at his presence to them.

P Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, help us to dream dreams and see visions of all that is possible for the healing and hope for this world.

L Help us cross lines which divide and unite to proclaim boldly that you are the Spirit of Absolute Love and Peace. Emblazon our spirits. Make bold our voices. Give joy to our hearts, for we have been called to be witnesses, even to the ends of the world. Amen.

HYMN “Spirit of Gentleness” (vs. 4, R) ELW #396

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

- L ²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- C ²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**
- L ²⁶There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.
- C ²⁷**All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**
- L ²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- C ²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**
- L ³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- C ³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**
- L ³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.
- C ³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**
- L ³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.
- C ^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

LESSON: Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

- P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th and 16th chapters.
- C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “O Day Full of Grace” (vs. 1-4) ELW #627

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C **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 Pilot,
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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P In the hope of new life in Christ, O Lord, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P Feel the Holy Spirit in the healing breath of hope. See the bright embers of faith beckon each of us to unity in God. Greet one another in the assurance that the peace of Christ is ever present.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

C Precious Lord, we hunger for the light and strength that only the Spirit can bring. Feed us and strengthen us, as we learn to feed others. Fill us with the breath of your spirit as you search our hearts. Take our lives as proof of our faithfulness. Take our gifts as proof of our love. Use them to your purpose here on earth. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

**CHARGE

P Jesus did not leave us without hope but sent the Holy Spirit to nurture faith and love in this world. Live this vision in all that you do: respond to hostility with kindness, be patient where there is pain, and let your dreams become reality. Peace be with you.

BENEDICTION

P God, out of God's great love, has created you. Jesus Christ, out of his great love, has redeemed you. The Holy Spirit, out of great love, has lifted and inspired you to go in peace and service throughout God's world, proclaiming the good news of peace, love, hope, and joy to all. Go in peace. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" (vs. 1-2) ELW #582

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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