

*The Coming of the Holy Spirit –
The Day of Pentecost*



SHINING MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Lutherans believe that the gospel is not only the good news that Jesus has saved sinners, but also a power God uses to create and strengthen faith in Jesus.

OPENING HYMN #183

Holy Spirit, Light Divine



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, Light di - vine, Shine up -
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, Love di - vine, Cleanse this
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, Joy di - vine, Cheer this
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Pow'r di - vine, Dwell with -
5 See, to you I give my heart; Cleanse my

on this heart of mine; Chase the gloom of night
guilt - y heart of mine; In your mer - cy pit -
sad - dened heart of mine; Fill me with your heav'n -
in this heart of mine; Cast down ev - 'ry i -
life in ev - 'ry part; Your own tem - ple I

a - way; Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
y me; From sin's bond - age set me free.
ly peace; Let it grow and still in - crease.
dole throne; Reign su - preme and reign a - lone.
would be Now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PENTECOST RESPONSES

M: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. (*Gen. 1:1-2*)

C: The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life. (*Job 33:4*)

M: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

C: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

(*Ps. 139:7-8*)

M: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

C: Against you, you only, have I have sinned and done what is evil in your sight. (*Ps. 51:3-4*)

M: Surely I was sinful at birth.

C: **Sinful from the time my mother conceived me.** *(Ps. 51:5)*

M: The Lord said, “My Spirit will not contend with man forever.” *(Gen. 6:3)*

C: **O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.** *(Ps. 6:1)*

M: Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in agony.

C: **Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.** *(Ps. 6:2,4)*

M: Jesus said to his disciples, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” *(John 20:22-23)*

C: **No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** *(John 3:5-6)*

M: The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. *(Luke 4:18)*

C: **There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.** *(Rom. 8:1-2)*

M: Now it is God who has made us and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. *(2 Cor. 5:5)*

C: **We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.** *(1 John 4:13)*

M: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. *(2 Cor. 3:17)*

C: **Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Joel 2:28-29

²⁸ “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. ²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.



O Lord, open my lips,*
and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;*
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure heart, O God,*
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence*
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,*
and sinners will turn back to you.

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.

Refrain

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." ¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷" 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'



VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

John 14:23-31

²³ Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. ²⁵ "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. ²⁸ "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. ³⁰ I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, ³¹ but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your gra - ces
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, Guide di - vine, And cause the Word of
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, Com - fort true; Grant us the will your



be out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
 life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
 work to do And in your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright-ness
 And call him Fa - ther with de-light. From ev - 'ry er - ror
 Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -



of your light In ho - ly faith your church u - nite
 keep us free; Let none but Christ our Mas - ter be
 pare each heart, And to our weak-ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue; This to your
 That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In him, our
 That brave-ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

SERMON

Psalm 51:10-17

¹⁰Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. ¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. ¹⁴Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. ¹⁵O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. ¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

OFFERING

Our offerings are an expression of thankfulness for what our Savior has done for us, and a way of supporting the spread of the gospel through the Church's work. You can give electronically by clicking on this QR code that will take you to our secure giving site.



*Or you can send your offerings via mail to:
1710 Vaquero Parkway - Bozeman, MT 59718*

HYMN #599

Our Lord and God, Oh, Bless This Day

1 Our Lord and God, oh, bless this day And
2 Oh, bless your Word to all the young; Let
3 And when they leave their child - hood home, When

hear us, we im - plore you; None of your chil - dren
them, your truth pos - ses - sing, Bear wit - ness true with
Sa - tan comes al - lur - ing, May their bap - tis - mal

turn a - way Who now ap - pear be - fore you. We
heart and tongue, Their faith and ours con - fess - ing. From
grace be - come A ref - uge re - as - sur - ing. God's

come be - fore your face And pray: let your rich grace
moth - er's arms your grace With love did them em - brace.
cov - e - nant is sure; His prom - is - es en - dure.

De - scend from heav'n a - bove In all your won - drous
Bap - tized in - to your name, As yours you did them
They ne'er shall be un - done Who trust in God a -

love, And keep us by your Spir - it.
claim; O Lord, as yours now own - them!
lone— God is their might - y Fa - ther!

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public confession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

M: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

R: I do.

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

R: I do.

M: Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

R: 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.

M: Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

R: I do.

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

R: I do.

M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R: I do, and I ask God to help me.

M: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word; to be faithful in the use of the Word and Sacrament; and in faith and action remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as long as you live?

R: I do, and I ask God to help me.

The minister addresses the congregation:

M: Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for these confirmands, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray.

PRAYER

M: Gracious Father, you have adopted these sisters in Baptism and anointed them with your Holy Spirit. Renew and strengthen them by that same Spirit so that they may continue to grow in faith and boldly confess you before others. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Move them to faithfully hear your Holy Word and joyfully receive your Sacrament that they may again and again be assured of your gracious love and forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Give them the sincere desire to die each day to sin and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Clothe them with the kindness, humility, and patience of Christ and so that they may live at peace with all members of Christ's body. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Protect them from the powers of evil, and give them the weapons to fight against the devil.
Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Keep them faithful and holy so that they may inherit eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray:

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.

M: Sisters in Christ, what we as a Christian congregation have here asked our heavenly Father to confer on all of you, we now ask him to give each of you individually.

The confirmands, in turn, come forward and may kneel. The minister may lay his hand on the head of each one. He will speak a blessing for each one. At the end of it, he will invite them to recite their confirmation verse.

After all the confirmands have received the blessing, the minister dismisses them, saying:

M: Your church now invites you to receive the sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often.

The almighty and most merciful God – Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit – bless and keep you.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

BLESSING

M: 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 #596

Let Me Be Yours Forever



1 Let me be yours for - ev - er, My faith - ful
2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my
3 O gra - cious Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort -

God and Lord; Let me for - sake you nev - er
life di - vine, My on - ly con - so - la - tion,
er and guide, Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it

Nor wan - der from your Word. Lord, do not
To you I all re - sign, For you have
I al - ways may con - fide, Him to the

let me wa - ver But give me stead -
dear - ly bought me With blood and bit -
end con - fess - ing Whom I have known

fast - ness, And for such grace and fa - vor
ter pain. Let me, since you have sought me,
by faith. Give me your con - stant bless - ing

Your ho - ly name I'll bless.
E - ter - nal life ob - tain.
And grant a Chris - tian death.

Announcements

Serving Us This Week (May 31st — June 6th)

Cleaners: Linn, Joecks, Jesson, Hutchinson

Serving Us Next Week (June 7th – 13th)

Cleaners: Giese, Pruitt, Sonntag

Ashlyn Baker

2 Peter 3:18 -- *"But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."*

I chose this verse out of all the other verses that Pastor gave me, because this verse reminded me of all of the stories and teachings that I have learned throughout Sunday School and Catechism times. During my two years in Catechism, I have grown in the knowledge of God. An example of this new understanding is, baptism. I learned the blessing of baptism which is the forgiveness of sins, the power of baptism, and the remembrance of baptism in our daily lives. Another reason that I chose this verse is that it talks about God's grace. Grace is His undeserved love towards me. I have confidence that my Savior Jesus Christ died to save me and that God will love me no matter what.

I will use this bible passage as a reminder for me to continue to grow in my faith. It helps me to understand that there is always more to learn about my faith. For example, the more often you read and study the bible the more, you will get out of it. Also it helps me to remember that God is always in control of the situation no matter what, like the verse says, "now and forever." He is my redeemer and I will look forward to that day coming soon where he will come and judge the whole world. It could be today or tomorrow, we will never know. We just know that it is soon, so we should always be ready. I will prepare for His return by studying the scriptures and remembering God's undeserved love.

I will continue to grow and strengthen my faith, by believing in what Jesus did for me. This will allow me to go to heaven. When I was baptized as a little baby my sins were forgiven through the washing of rebirth and renewal. This faith is what I have known and this is what I will continue to teach to all I meet. It is also important to me that I will be able to learn about my Savior, who saved me from an eternity of hell. I should also be thankful towards him for blessing me with the gift of baptism and now the gift of communion. This verse will always be in my heart and mind the rest of my life, inspiring me to keep learning more about my Lord and Savior.

I ask God to help me to grow and strengthen all that I have learned during my years in Catechism. Amen!

Madison Campos

Revelation 3:11, *“I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.”*

I choose this passage because I think that it will bring me the most use throughout my life. Revelation 3:11, “I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown,” is short and powerful. It has a message that I will want to remember, something that will keep me going, but it comes in a small package. I will be able to remember the words whenever I need them without leaving parts of it behind.

This verse will be able to help me out whenever I need it too. No matter where I am in life, what I am doing next week or in the next 10 years, this verse will have the same meaning to me. Revelation 3:11 tells me life will get difficult and at some point I’m going to want to give up. It’s going to feel like I can’t hang on anymore and it would be easier to throw everything away when it feels like everything is falling down and the walls are caving in. Then the last part of the verse to me means that I can’t give up and quit whenever it feels easy or whenever my faith is tested because when I survive the storm and beat the wind, rain, and snow, I will be able to wake up to a sunrise and enjoy my crown of eternal life in heaven.

Hannah Giese

Psalm 23:1-4: *The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

I chose this verse because it reminds me of two important messages from God's Word. One is that I have everything I need as long as I have God's Word. The other is that God is always with me and will work everything for my good. I know I can always trust God to do what is best for me eternally.

This verse reminds me to always be content with what I have, because if I have God's Word I have all that I need. It also assures me that God is with me, even in times of trouble, and he works everything for my eternal good. No matter what, I can trust God to take care of everything and do what is best.

Studying God's Word is important to me because I want to strengthen my faith and live a life of service and thanks to God. Studying God's Word will help me understand how best to serve both God and others. I also want to study God's Word so that I can share it with others and bring them to faith in our risen Savior. I always want to be able to give a reason for the hope and faith that I have. Strengthening my faith will help me strive to live according to God's will. I hope that I will be able to continue strengthening my faith and studying God's Word for the rest of my life, and take every opportunity to share that faith with others.

Cora Pruitt

Romans 1:16 -- *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.*

I chose this passage because I agree with it. I am not ashamed of my beliefs, even when this world has a habit of putting them down. I like this verse because it reminds me that anyone who has put their faith in Christ and his death for our sin has *nothing* to be ashamed of, because God's Word is the truth. Sometimes I wish something could happen that would change people's viewpoints on religion, but the only thing *I* can do is hold strong to what I believe.

For now and in my future, this passage will help me to realize God's strength and power. It will show me that His Word should bring no burden to anyone's life, only salvation. Right now, this bible verse shows me that God forgives any and everyone who believes, and it reassures me of His love for all people. I really hope that other people who do not believe can come to this conclusion sometime in their life and share in the joy of Christianity.

Continuing to study and grow in God's Word is important to me because I know the significant role it plays in my life and other lives. I know that what is written in the bible is true and that it should be the foremost thing in everyone's life. One thing that I can do to continue to grow is come to church as often as I can, as I have been doing for 14 years. I would do this to continue to learn, because even after catechism there are still many things that I have not yet gained an understanding of.