All Saints Lutheran Church Albuquerque, NM Pentecost Sunday 2024



Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

Prelude Choral Varié sur 'Veni Creator Spiritus' ~ Maurice Duruflé

Welcome and Announcements

Pentecost Call to Worship

Welcome, people of faith! On this Pentecost Sunday, we are joining Christians all around the world to celebrate the formation of the church when the Holy Spirit called people into community as Christ's body.

If we are willing to be amazed, Pentecost is one of the most awe-inspiring days in our Christian calendar. If we are willing to be transformed, it is an opportunity to be renewed in energy and faithfulness toward the work of God's kindom on earth when all people will experience true liberation and boundless love.

So may we be willing to be amazed. May we be open to being transformed.

As we gather together in this place,

let us strain our ears to hear the rush of wind, the crackle and pop of fire.

We listen for your call, God of spirit and flame.

We take our place in your unfolding creation.

Rejoice, for God's spirit flows among us!

Rejoice, for today the church embraces transformation.

In the midst of rebirth, we join our voices in praise! Let us worship God.

<u>Gathering Hymn</u> Come Down, O Love Divine ~ ELW 804

Greeting

The grace of our Risen Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all And also with you 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.

First Reading 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.

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

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

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Holy word, holy wisdom Thanks be to God Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b



Cantor sings refrain Congregation sings refrain

How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,

living things both small and great.

There go the ships to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you

to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

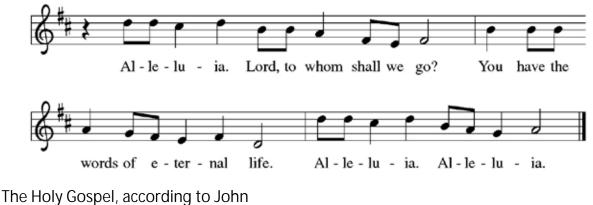
Refrain

When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.
You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.
May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.
Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

Refrain

Gospel Reading

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



Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said,] ²⁶" When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The gospel of the Lord Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon	Pastor Kate Schlechter
Hymn of the Day	O Living Breath of God ~ ELW 407

<u>Prayers</u> Each portion of the prayers concludes, God of grace, and you may respond, Hear our prayer

Presentation of Senior Quilts

Today we give quilts to these high school graduates, sending them on to their next venture with our blessings and love: Natalie Cellan, Aidan Hyde, Noah Liming, and India Owens.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

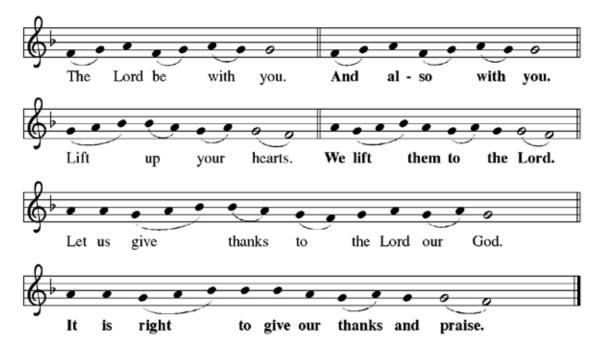
Musical Offering

Offering Hymn We Eat the Bread of Teaching ~ ELW 518 (refrain)

Offering Prayer

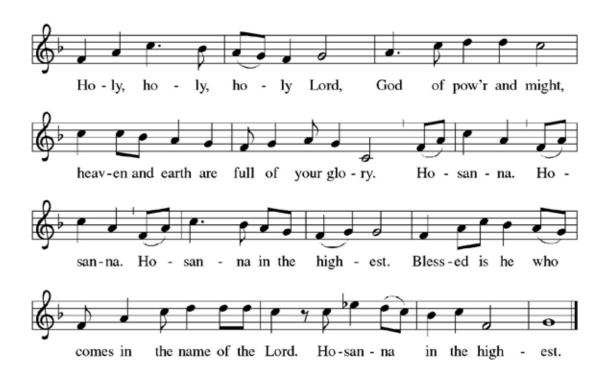
Holy God, we dedicate our time and treasure to you for the good of your whole creation, which even now you are still enacting. We pray that you will multiply these humble gifts toward a future of greater justice, flourishing and joy. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



God, who is the maker of all things, we give you thanks as we celebrate the day when you brought together the multitudes to worship you and to place their hope in Jesus Christ ...

Give us wisdom and energy to follow you as changemakers, the Body of Christ at work in the world.

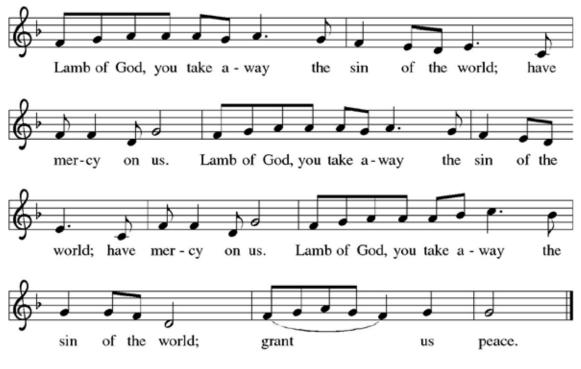
With hope, we join our voices with the voices of countless generations, languages, and communities as we pray the words Jesus taught us, saying

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

You are beloved of God, and this meal is for you. Come forward to the altar rail and stand or kneel to receive communion. The bread is gluten-free and there is wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest.



<u>Communion Hymn</u> Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness ~ ELW 488

Blessing after Communion

Prayer after Communion

Let this meal set our hearts ablaze, O God. As we experience the real nourishment of this bread and wine, we long for them to transform us for the work of your love. Just as you are always creating and re-creating, make us new. And as we become more like the people you call us to be, help us shape your church for the greater work still to come. Restore us with the hope that the Holy Spirit is, even now, igniting new possibilities for our shared life, faith and thriving. **Amen.**

Blessing

May the Holy Spirit of God open our minds to amazement and wonder,

Open our mouths to share the good news,

And open our hearts to embrace the work of love that God entrusts to us as the body of Christ And may the God of love bless us and keep us in all joy and peace, now and always. Sending Hymn

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind ~ ELW 400

Dismissal Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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