



PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 31, 2020

Service of the Word

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**

MISSION STATEMENT

Continually refreshed by the fountain of God's love in Christ Jesus, we of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church are sent by the Holy Spirit to direct that flow into the lives of our neighbors, so that they, too, might be refreshed and renewed.

GATHERING

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Shine Jesus Shine*

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -
dark-ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain
Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

GREETING

P The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray... O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Jill Her (American Sign Language – salutation)

Eric Crump (German vs. 1, 2)

Vince Evener (Latin vs. 3, 4)

Heather King (English vs. 5, 6)

Darla Conover (French vs. 7, 8)

June Nyblade (Swahili vs. 9, 11)

Everyone vs. 12

Kathy Gelner (Mandarin vs. 13)

Marty Schroeder (Spanish vs. 14, 15)

Mark Oldenburg (Hebrew vs. 16, 17)

Kathy Gelner (Bulgarian vs. 18)

Mark Oldenburg (Esperanto vs. 19, 20, 21)

For first century Jews, Pentecost (Shavuot) was, like Passover, one of the three annual festivals for which everyone who could went to Jerusalem. Given the rhythms of agricultural life, it was the one most possible for most people. Just as Passover commemorated the escape from Egypt, Shavuot commemorated the giving of the law on Sinai (50 days later). Wind and flame accompanied the presence of God on that mountain.

¹When 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:

¹⁷In 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.' ”

L The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: John 7:37-39

Tabernacles (Sukkoth) was the third annual festival celebrated, when possible, in Jerusalem. Here at a pilgrim festival in the middle of Jesus' earthly ministry, John describes what Luke tells at Pentecost at its end: the place of believers as proclaimers of the Word and pipelines of the Spirit. This reading lies behind Christ Church's mission statement.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 7th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁷On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple], he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.' " ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SERMON

Pastor Jay Eckman

HYMN OF THE DAY *Spirit of Gentleness*

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness

call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,

stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
 then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940
 Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley
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APOSTLES CREED

**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 Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended into hell.
 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.

OFFERING

Offertory Message

Offering Anthem

Come, Holy Ghost

Thomas Attwood

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray.... Merciful God, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition of the prayers: P Lord, in your mercy, C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

LORDS PRAYER

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

SENDING

SENDING HYMN *O Day Full of Grace*



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.
Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842
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BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“O Day Full of Grace”

Association of Church Musicians

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Next Sunday's readings: First reading: Genesis 1:1--2:4a

Second reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel reading: Matthew 28:16-20

About today's hymns:

Both the text and tune of "Shine, Jesus, Shine," were written in 1987 by Graham Kendrick and sung for the first time that year at his church, The Ichthus Christian Fellowship in London. In 2005 it was voted the tenth most popular hymn in England.

Most of the stanzas of "Spirit of Gentleness" were written by James Manley when he was a seminary student in California. It is remarkable for its presentation of the Spirit as both comforting and compelling, restful and active. Stanza 4 was written a year later in Hawaii, and opens with a succinct affirmation of the Spirit as pulling us into God's future.

"O Day Full of Grace" is a Scandinavian hymn dating back at least to the 15th century, with a tune which was written for it in the early 19th century. The great bishop and hymn-writer, Nikolai Grundtvig, re-wrote the text in 1826 for the 1000th anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in Denmark. This version (alternate stanzas 2-4 in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*) was arranged for a choir anthem by F. Melius Christianson, and is a mainstay of college choirs of the St. Olaf tradition.

About today's hymns and scripture reading introductions are written by the Reverend Dr. Mark Oldenburg.

PRAYER LIST

The following persons have an immediate need for prayers for healing: **Stephen Herr, David Clark, Orville Nyblade, Joyce Naugle, Marty Henderson, Easter Dorsey, Dave Lopes, Irene Linzmayer** (cousin of Marie Chantelau), **Jake Parsons** (cousin of Renee Winters-Dunn) **Joseph McLaughlin** (father of Sally Jones), **Alan Lewis** (son of Joanne Zinn Lewis) **Ron Roth** (friend of George Gallagher), **Lee Flinner, Matthew Leonard**

We pray for those serving in our nations armed forces: **Jacob Romero** (grandson of Pat and Harold Kint) and **Mark Dende, Elizabeth Gelner and Gregory Sprowl** (Mike and Kathy Gelner's daughter and son-in-law)

We pray for those currently living in Personal Care Facilities: **Helen Bream, Phyllis Hale, Anna Jane Moyer, Gladys Zech, Pearl Hoffman, Kay Gray, Walter Nyblade**

We pray for those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries this week: **Adam Buck, Cindy Palesky, Norma Kumerow, Roland Hansen, Lori Smyth**

In this time of the COVID-19 Pandemic we pray for all those providing healthcare to our community and the world.

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