

Central Lutheran Church

Pentecost May 28, 2023

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Central Lutheran Church, ELCA

1000 Easton Rd., Dallas, Texas

God calls us to proclaim the Gospel and demonstrate Christ's love for all. Please turn off your cell phone. This service is being livestreamed to our neighbors near and far on Facebook. Most of the sanctuary- including all leaders and worshippers- is on camera.

BELL PEAL (10:30 am) WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN MEDITATION Meditation on "Now to the Holy Spirit Let us Pray"

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C Amen.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

P Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

P Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **C Amen.**



GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

THIS IS THE FEAST



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

In honor of Pentecost and to signify our diversity, this lesson will be read in foreign languages.

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:

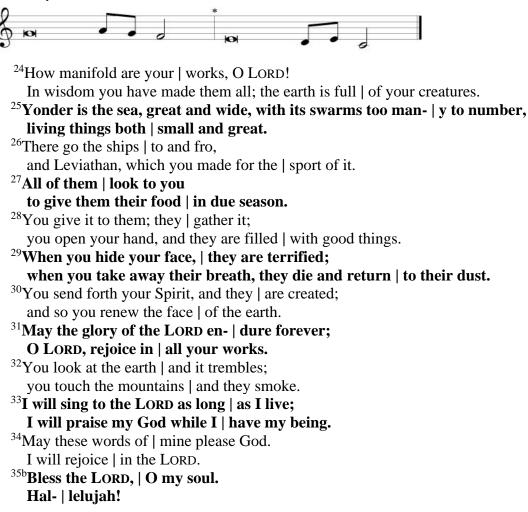
¹⁷ In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; 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.'"

L Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 104: 24-34, 35b

Sung responsively.



SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to

another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

L Word of God, Word of Life

C Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Veronika



P The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord

READING OF THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you O Christ

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Pastor Veronika

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 396

Spirit of Gentleness



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 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.

THE PRAYERS

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

Please sit or kneel for prayer.

The response to each spoken petition is:

P Lord, in your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

People with prayer needs: Lydia Landfair, Jan Hare, Lorraine Coussons, Mary Haynie, Jim and Lawrence, and Dawn Gray.

The prayers conclude:

P ...through your son Jesus Christ, our Lord

C Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace we share is a sign of God's mission of reconciliation among us and the reconciliation we have with one another in Christ Jesus. Please offer a symbol of reconciliation to one another.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

THE OFFERING

We give thanks for what God has first given us. Our ministry to the people of East Dallas is supported by your offering. An offering plate is available in the narthex after worship. You may also use our online giving through **Vanco, PayPal, or Givelify** (available in the App Store) or continue to mail your offerings to our office.

MUSICAL OFFERING:

Refrain Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit, renew the face of the earth Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit, renew the face of the earth

Come to us, Spirit of God. Breathe in us now. We sing together. Spirit of hope and of light, fill our lives. Come to us, Spirit of God. *Refrain*

Fill us with the fire of love. Burn in us now. Bring us together. Come to us; dwell in us. Change our lives, oh Lord. Come to us, Spirit of God. *Refrain*

Send us the wings of new birth. Fill all the earth with the love you have taught us. Let all creation now be shaken with love. Come to us, Spirit of God. *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Generous God,

C in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.C And also with you.P Lift up your heartsC We lift them to the Lord.

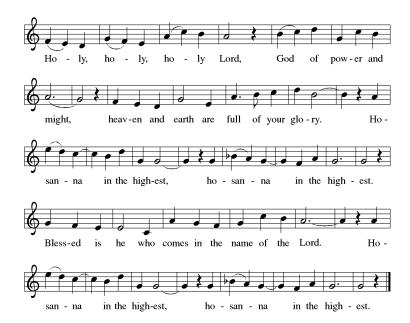
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Blessed are you... With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C 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 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you. **C Thanks be to God**

COMMUNION

As you come forward for the Sacrament, please sanitize your hands with the sanitizer found on the first pew. Communion will be distributed at the altar rail. You may kneel or stand. The host will be dipped in the chalice and placed in your hand. If you prefer to receive only the host, please tell the ministers. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please fold your arms in front of your chest. At this time there is no consecrated grape juice.

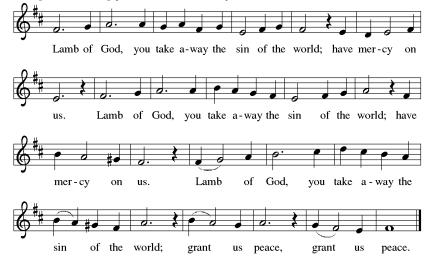
The body of Christ, given for you

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Follow the guidance of the ushers if you decide to walk up to the Altar to receive the Sacraments.



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Meditative organ music is played as the congregation receives the Holy Communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. Gracious God,

C in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 400



DISMISSAL

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

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Gathering Hymn: *Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove* Text: Simon Browne, 1680-1732, alt. Music: WAREHAM, Willian Knapp, 1698-1768

Hymn of the Day: *Spirit of Gentleness,* Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940 Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley Text and music © 1978 James K. Manley, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Musical Offering: Send us Your Spirit Music and words: David Haas

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors, we are glad to have you with us and invite you to come again!

Pr. Veronika's Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 10 am - 2 pm; other days/times by appointment.

Serving in Worship today: Usher: Anne Monson, and Lector: Ed Wolfgang

Ushers & Lectors needed: Please sign up on the bulletin board in the education building.

Registration is ongoing for VBS 2023. VBS this summer will be on June 26-30, 9am-noon. This QR code takes you to the general VBS information page on our site, and to registration. Contact Alesia Pearson (214-215-7670 or alesia-r-pearson@swbell.net) if you can help that week or set up the week before.



Hooked on Love: Beginners to experts are invited to join us on June 3 from 1-4 pm at Knit Dallas on Mockingbird. We're

making lap blankets, shawls, baby blankets, and hats to share with various ministries. Come enjoy the fellowship while we work together for this special ministry. We meet every first Saturday of the month.

Sharing & Caring: Join us before church, next Sunday at 9 am as we address birthday, anniversary, and get-well cards to our church family with celebrations in June. Breakfast treats and coffee will be provided.

Dining Around: On **Saturday, June 10 at 5:30 pm,** we will meet at **Cane Rosso Pizza** (7328 Gaston Av. #100 Dallas 75214. Parking entrances are located off Grand Ave., one block southwest of Gaston). They serve authentic Neapolitan pizza, but also have pasta, sandwiches, etc. If you would like to come, please sign the count me in sheet in the narthex or contact Ylva Wolfgang by June 5th so she can make a reservation.

Mark Your Calendars for these upcoming events:

May 29: Memorial Day, office closed June 3: Hooked on Love, 1-4 pm June 4: Sharing and Caring, 9 am June 10: Dining Around 5:30 pm



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Our Prayer List: Please submit your prayer requests to the church office via email (central.lutheran.dallas@gmail.com) or via phone (214-327-2222).

| PRAYERS FOR HEALING & COMFORT | |
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| For healing | Relationship |
| Ruth Steiner | Sister of Susan and Judy |
| Bonnie Sato | Sister of Harold Knight |
| Lorraine Coussons | Grandmother of Kyle Rush |
| Charlotte Breedlove | Neighbor of Harold Jones |
| Dawn Gray | Bethany CDC Teacher |
| Bryan Helm | Brother-in-law of Paul Chambers |
| Rhett Ingram | Cousin of Steve Haynie |
| Jim and Lawrence | Friends of Harold Knight |
| Selena Dybdahl | Sister of Mary Glenn |
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| Mary Haynie | Jerry Krause's family |
| Don Smith | Pat Buie's family |
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