



PENTECOST

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Amen.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "Holy Spirit"

Verse 1

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope, Your Presence

Verse 2

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone, In Your Presence Lord

Chorus

*Holy Spirit You are welcome here, Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for, To be overcome by Your Presence Lord*

Bridge

Let us become more aware of Your presence, Let us experience the glory of Your goodness.

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21 *Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds*

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b [read responsively]

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

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

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷**All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;

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

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;

and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 *Varieties of gifts from the same Spirit*

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23 *The Spirit poured out*

Announcement: Glory to you, O Lord. Conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Intern Elizabeth

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *L: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.*

Ruby Sue Albertsen

Liam Bartleson

Hazel Barloon

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Bill Hamm

Sonja Johnson

Sharon Kampman

Judy Lemke

Chris McCormick

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SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: **“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”**

*Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of creation. *(refrain)*

Spread the good news o’er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. *(refrain)*

OFFERING PRAYER / LORD’S PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: **“Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit”**

Refrain

Ev’ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

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Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke. *(refrain)*

All around me looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine. *(refrain)*

Jordan river, chilly and cold, chills the body but not the soul. *(refrain)*

BLESSING / DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.**

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Organ/Piano: Karen Post

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Ushers: Tina Berg, Mary Kingland

Reader: Steve Olmstead

Band: Geno Lopes-guitar, Antonio Lopes-drums

Altar Care: Jean Yeager

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson