



The Service of the Word

Pre-Service Music and Greeting

P: Before his death Jesus promised his disciples: “And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of Truth.”

Luther writes: “These are the words of Him who is about to depart from His disciples and now bids them farewell. He gives them comfort and exhorts them not be frightened and saddened by his departure. His promise is, ‘though I depart from you physically, I shall send you another Comforter from the Father. He will always remain with you, for I know that you cannot abide in the world without a Comforter.’”

Jesus’ promise remains true today. We worship, praise and thank him for keeping that promise, and for sending us his Counselor and Comforter—the Spirit of Truth.

Opening Hymn “We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost”
Christian Worship 190

The Invocation:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the love of God the Father; and the comfort of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you!

Preparation and Confession

P: O Lord, open my lips;

C: And my mouth will declare your praise.

P: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;

C: You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

C: A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God;

C: And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

P: Do not cast me away from your presence;

C: Or take your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation;

C: And grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.

P: Then I will teach transgressors your ways;

C: And sinners will turn back to you.

The Confession of Sins

P: Through the Holy Spirit we have come to faith in Jesus as our Savior, and we are able to stand into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. Yet, we have disobeyed him. We have plunged ourselves into the darkness and despair of disobedience. We have rejected his working and the gift of faith. We deserve nothing but justice.

Congregation sings

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”
Christian Worship 183 st. 1-2

Holy Spirit, Light divine, shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the gloom of night away; turn the darkness into day.

Holy Spirit, Love divine, cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In your mercy pity me; from sin’s bondage set me free

P: Since our sin is always before us, let us humbly acknowledge our guilt before the Lord our God, and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Congregation sings

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”
Christian Worship 183 st. 3-4

Holy Spirit, Joy divine, cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Fill me with your heav’nly peace; let it grow and still increase.

Holy Spirit, Pow’r divine, dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev’ry idol throne; reign supreme and reign alone.

God’s Forgiveness through Jesus

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen!

Congregation sings

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”
Christian Worship 183 st. 5

See, to you I give my heart; cleanse my life in ev’ry part;
Your own temple I would be, now and for eternity.

Prayer for the Day

P: O Holy Spirit, promised Counselor and Comforter, come and work through the Gospel to bring us the gift of faith. Fill us with every confidence regarding the love of God the Father. Remove any doubt regarding our forgiveness through the work of Jesus. Strengthen us by your presence to live the holy life you have set us apart to live. Bless us now and always. Let the radiant light of your presence shine in us, and through us. Keep us in the one true faith until we receive the gift of heaven. There we will praise you together with the Father and the Son—throughout endless ages.



C: A ——— men.

The Lessons from God's Word *"The Holy Spirit will Come upon You!"*

The Coming of the Spirit

Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely baffled and said to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God." ¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocked them and said, "They are full of new wine."

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: "Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. ¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷This is what God says will happen in the last days:
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Your sons and your 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 sky above, and signs on the earth
below, blood and fire and a rising cloud 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 this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name
of the Lord will be saved.

Psalm Verse

P: Teach me the way that I should go, for I lift up my soul to you. Rescue me from my enemies, O LORD, for I hide myself in you. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your good Spirit lead me on level ground. For the sake of your name, O LORD, preserve my life. In your righteousness, bring me out of trouble . . . for I am your servant.

Congregation responds



Come, Ho-ly Spir - it, re - new our hearts and
kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:3-11

³Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "A curse be upon Jesus," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are different kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord. ⁶There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all

of them in everyone.

⁷Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one person a message of wisdom is given by the Spirit; to another, a message of knowledge, as the same Spirit provides it; ⁹by the same Spirit, faith is given to someone else; and to another, the same Spirit gives healing gifts. ¹⁰Another is given powers to do miracles; another, the gift of prophecy; another, the evaluating of spirits; someone else, different kinds of tongues; and another, the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them to each one individually as he desires

Verse of the Day

P: Create in me a pure heart, O God. Renew an unwavering spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence. Do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation. Sustain me with a willing spirit. Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

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Gospel

John 7:37-39

³⁷On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and called out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink! ³⁸As the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from deep within the person who believes in me.” ³⁹By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were

going to receive. For the Holy Spirit had not yet come, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

P: We rejoice in our faithful Savior's promise. The Spirit has come, and he continues to carry out his blessed work. Regarding that work, Luther writes: "This is the office and work of the Holy Spirit: to reveal through the Gospel what great and glorious things God has done for us through Christ, namely, that He has redeemed us from sin, death and the devil's power; has taken us into His grace and protection; and has given Himself utterly and entirely for us."



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon Hymn "Come, Oh, Come, Life-giving Spirit"
Christian Worship 181

Sermon *1 Corinthians 12:3-11*

"You are Gifted!"
By the Holy Spirit
For the common good

The Confession of Faith

(We will use the words of the Third Article)

C: 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.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel,

enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the last he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Thanksgiving

Prayer for the Church and Special Requests

The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen!**

Hymn

"O Holy Spirit, Grant us Grace"
Christian Worship 185

Litany at the Coming of the Holy Spirit

P: We live in God's undeserved love and peace by means of the Holy Spirit and his work. We also live with the assurance of his gracious and rich blessing. We recall those blessings, and we

rejoice that they are ours.

We cherish the gift of faith, that is the ability to believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and to confess him with boldness and confidence before the world

C: “Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, ‘Jesus be cursed,’ and no one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit.” *1 Corinthians 12:3*

P: It is also by means of the gift of the Holy Spirit that we can live with the forgiveness of sins, as well as with the ability to forgive one another.

C: Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” *John 20:21-22*

P: It is the work of the Holy Spirit that we live a new life. He has set us apart for God’s holy purpose. Therefore we serve him together with the Father and the Son—as one God and Lord.

C: God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.” *Titus 3:5*

P: Finally, it is through the Holy Spirit that we can continue confidently in our faith. He has provided us with God’s pure Word, a Word without error, a Word that is the truth, and the standard for measuring everything that is true.

C: “Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” *2 Peter 1:20-21*

P: Of all these gifts Luther writes: “Christ wants to say: ‘I will give you a gift over and above the comfort I afford you in the revelation of my own life, over and above this disclosure of the behavior of the world, namely, that it will rave and rage against the truth in spite of its better knowledge and against its own conscience. This additional gift will be my Spirit, who will renew in your hearts these words I am now speaking to you and will fully clarify them for you, so that you will understand them even better and know what both I and the world mean in your lives. He will give you strength and courage to enable you to continue to adhere to me and to pursue your course. For if he were not with you and you were to engage in daily combat with both the devil and the world, you would not be able to bear this. Therefore it is surely necessary for Him to be with you, not only to have His words resound in your ears but also to strengthen your hearts with his life and his fire. Then you will be able to persist; you will have power exceeding that of both the devil and the world with all their malice and might.’”

P: Lord, I believe.

C: Help me in my unbelief. Amen.

Closing Prayer

P: O blessed Savior, as you graciously promised, you sent the Holy Spirit to bless your Church. As the divine Comforter, he unites all believers through the peace you won. As the divine Counselor, he continues to enlighten your people through the Word of Truth. Because we live in a sin-filled world, we know we need his presence every day. Cause him to work freely in us through the study of your Word. Keep him as our constant companion through the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. Then, allow him to work through us and our testimony in the lives of many people. O dearest Jesus, we ask this according to your promise, hear us and answer us to the glory of your blessed name.



C: A ——— men.

The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace; live in harmony with one another; serve the Lord in 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 his favor; and

give you peace.



C: A - men! A - men! A - - men!

Closing Hymn

“O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God”

Christian Worship 186

Silent Prayer

Announcements . . .

Today - *Welcome in our Savior's name!* May the blessing of our Savior Jesus Christ, and the gift of his Spirit, be with you always—ever strengthening, guiding and encouraging you. If you are visiting this morning, please sign a “visitor card” or the guest book. We also invite you to worship again, soon!

- * Immediately following the service we will view May's edition of the WELS Connection.
- * Please join us for a cup of coffee and the gift of friendship following the service.
- * Christian Education at 11:00 am. We will review the events of the first Pentecost when the promised Spirit came, thereby fulfilling the promise of Jesus and the Prophets. We will also consider how he continues to work in and through us today.

Monday—Handbell practice at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday - Bible Class at 7:00 pm. We will continue with the current study of the Holy Spirit. This evening we will see how the Holy Spirit worked in the New Testament times. This also includes how he works among us today.

Friday—Office hours: 10:30 am—2:30 pm

Saturday—Church Cleaning: Aitkins

- Lawn beginning May 28th—J. Schroeder
- Pastor Proeber will be at California Lutheran High School attending the Southern California Pre-Synod Convention Conference.

Sunday, June 4th—In person worship and live-streaming at 9:30 am. The last Sunday of the Festival portion of the Church Year sets the stage for the summer. On Trinity Sunday we recognize, and we rejoice in all the blessings that are ours through the working of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. These blessings encourage, strengthen, and equip us to serve our Lord in love and thanks.

- Also, during this service we will have the opportunity to receive our Savior's body and blood in the Lord's Supper. You may register today.
- Christian Education will follow the worship service and will review Genesis 1—how the Triune God created all things, preserves all things, and blesses all things.

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