

# Day of Pentecost

## Sunday, May 23, 2021

### Prelude

*"Hosanna"* by Franz Liszt

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.**

### Opening Hymn:

ELW 394 *"Hail Thee, Festival Day"*

#### Refrain

Hail thee, festival day!  
Blest day to be hallowed forever;  
day when our Lord was raised,  
breaking the kingdom of death.

- 1 Bright and in likeness of fire,  
on those who await his appearing,  
he whom the Lord had foretold  
suddenly, swiftly descends: *Refrain*
- 2 Daily the loveliness grows,  
adorned with the glory of blossom;  
heaven its gates now unbars,  
flinging its increase of light: *Refrain*
- 5 Spirit of life and of pow'r,  
now flow in us, fount of our being,  
light that enlightens us all,  
life that in all may abide: *Refrain*
- 6 Praise to the giver of good!  
O Lover and Author of concord,  
pour out your balm on our days;  
order our ways in your peace: *Refrain*

### Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

**P: Let us pray.**

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**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place.

<sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

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

<sup>14</sup>But 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.

<sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

<sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>'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.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

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

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then 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 - *Double chant in G major* by Kathryn Rose (sung by musicians)**

### **Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27**

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

### **Gospel Acclamation (Setting 3)**

P: The Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

### **Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“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. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless 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. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When 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. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation (Setting 3)

### Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

ELW 401 "*Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*"

- 1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading,  
fashion us all anew.  
It's your leading that we're needing,  
help us to follow you.

#### *Refrain*

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.  
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

- 3 Guide our thinking and our speaking  
done in your holy name.  
Motivate all in their seeking,  
freeing from guilt and shame. *Refrain*
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness;  
unswayed by earth's allure.  
Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
which you alone assure. *Refrain*

### Apostle's Creed

A: Let us confess our faith:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

A: We are united to Christ in his death and resurrection through our baptism. As members of his risen body, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Hear us, risen Lord.**

A: Holy God, you poured out your Spirit on the disciples and call forth your church to proclaim salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. Send your spirit on us to go and tell this good news throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, we pray for the resurrection of our world when Christ will rule and the establishment of your kingdom will bring an end to war, violence, injustice and death. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, as Christ's presence in our community, you call us to love and serve our neighbors. Bless the ministries of Concordia Church and Concordia Place with the spirit of our risen Lord that your saving grace may fill the lives of all we serve. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who struggle and seek your presence, especially those we now name before you *Carol, Nancy, Pastor Steve Swanson, Betty, Bob, Rev. Arnie, Jean, Roger, Guy, Perry, Rose, Cindy, Corie, Sandy, Gary, Michael, Ray, Will, all those diagnosed with COVID-19, and those we hold in our thoughts.* Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Speak to those who mourn with the promise of new life in Christ with those they love. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Receive our prayers and hopes, and fill us with the risen life of Jesus Christ, your Son.

**C: Amen.**

## **Anthem**

*"Come Down O Love Divine" by William Harris*

## **Eucharist Liturgy**

P: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: 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**

### **Sanctus**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: With this bread

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 this gift of bread  
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.**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

### **Communion Distribution**

*You are invited to come to the altar for Holy Communion. Places are marked where you may stand. Communion will be by the distribution of bread alone. After you have communed, please return to your place in the pews. We ask that everyone observe the protocols of social distancing and wear your mask when approaching and leaving the altar.*

### **Lamb of God – Setting 3**

### **Post Communion Blessing**

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

A: Living God,  
you have greeted us in our brokenness  
and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.  
Risen to new life with you  
Send us now to bear your healing love  
Into the wounded world,  
In the name of our risen Savior and Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn**

### **ELW 627 "O Day Full of Grace"**

- 1 O day full of grace that now we see  
appearing on earth's horizon,  
bring light from our God that we may be  
abundant in joy this season.  
God, shine for us now in this dark place;  
your name on our hearts emblazon.
  
- 4 God came to us then at Pentecost,  
the Spirit new life revealing,  
that we might no more in death be lost,  
its pow'r over us dispelling.  
This flame will the mark of sin efface  
and bring to us all true healing.
  
- 5 When we on that final journey go  
that Christ is for us preparing,  
we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,  
all joy of the heavens sharing,  
and there we will join God's endless praise,  
with angels and saints adoring.

## **Blessing**

P: The blessing of the living God,  
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
surround and sustain you,  
keep you from harm,  
and fill you with courage.  
**C: Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

*“Grand Choeur alla Handel”* by Alexandre Guilmant

## **Announcements**

### **Today’s Worship leaders:**

*Rev. Nicholas Zook, Pastor*

*Gary Radtke, Deacon*

*Wilma Stevens, Lector*

### **Today’s Musicians:**

*Luke Duroc-Danner, organist*

*Marisa Buchheit, Music Director & soprano*

*Julia Clarke, soprano*

*Benjamin Burney, tenor*

*Bill McMurray, baritone*

*Matt Flanagan, trombone*

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- Get ready for the **First Annual Concordia Place Golf Classic**, a benefit for Concordia Place. This year’s event will be on Monday, June 28, 2021, at River Forest Country Club in Elmhurst, IL. Proceeds from the outing will help in supporting Concordia Place’s mission to create involved communities where all our neighbors can gather, learn, and grow.

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To read more details and/or to register, visit: [concordiaplace.org/golf](https://concordiaplace.org/golf)

- Do you have pictures of past Concordia Church events? We would love for you to share them with us for use in our service slideshows. If you have any photos of Concordia Church, members engaged in church activities, or other memories from past years, please send them to Desirae in the church office at [ddiehl@concordiafaith.org](mailto:ddiehl@concordiafaith.org).
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