

When the day of  
Pentecost came,  
they were  
all together in  
one place.



Acts 2:1

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**  
**9:00 a.m.**

## Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

It is a joy to gather together for worship!

### St. Paul Purpose Statement

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

### Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. In-person worship with Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. In-person Sunday School – September – May

10:00 a.m. In-person Teen Time – September – May

### Communion

We celebrate Jesus' presence each week in Holy Communion. This is the Lord's Supper and Jesus invites us: whether you are a lifelong Lutheran, or just considering Christianity; if you are an infant or elderly; if your family has been in the United States for generations, or has only recently arrived; if you are LGBTQIA+ or straight; if you live with disabilities, chronic illness, or are able-bodied and currently healthy; if you are home-blessed or homeless; ... YOU are welcome at God's meal of grace at St. Paul.

### Accessibility

Handicap parking, entrance, wheelchair, and restrooms are available. Sound amplifiers and large print bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

### Children's Offering

The children's offering for the month of May will support the United Way's Let's Feed Our Children. The free summer lunch program kicks off the first week of June at St Paul. Thank you for sharing in the ministry of giving and helping to feed our world.

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### Prelude

*"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"*

Samuel Smith

*When the prelude music begins, we invite you into a time of silent reflection to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

### Welcome/Announcements

#### GATHERING

#### Call to Worship\*\*

\*\*posted on the RevGalBlogPals website. <http://revgalblogpals.blogspot.ca/>

P: The Day of Pentecost is here:

**All: the day when the flames of faith dance in our hearts.**

P: The Day of Pentecost is here:

**All: the day when our babbling speech becomes the Good News for the world.**

P: The Day of Pentecost is here:

**All: the day when compassion is seared into our souls.**

P: The Day of Pentecost is here:

**All: let the people of God rejoice. Alleluia!**

## Gathering Song

### “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

ELW #786”



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your  
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,  
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -  
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength  
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -  
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is  
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some  
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.  
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.  
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.  
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

## Greeting

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

**All: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**All: God of whirlwind, you give us each gifts of the spirit. Send us out to use our gifts for the common good 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: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

A reading from first Corinthians:

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

<sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

<sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to 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. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For 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.

<sup>13</sup>For 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.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## “Spirit of the Living God”

Musical score for the hymn "Spirit of the Living God". The score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics.

DANIEL IVERSON  
Arr. by Tom Fettke

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### Second reading: Acts 2:1-21

A reading from the second chapter of Acts:

Reader 1:

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

**All: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.**

Reader 1:

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

**All: Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?”**

Reader 2:

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

**All: “What does this mean?”**

Reader 2:

But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

Peter:

“Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘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.

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

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

the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

### Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

#### "Spirit of Gentleness"

ELW #396

*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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## Apostle's Creed

**All:** 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.**

## Prayers

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Each petition ends with these words:*

P: Living Lord,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

## Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you!**

P: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace in whatever way you are comfortable.

## MEAL

### Offering

*"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"*

Pollard, Stebbins

### Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray,

Generous God, 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.

**All: Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Words of Institution

#### Lord's Prayer

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

**All: 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 to the banquet for all is now ready.

### Communion

#### Communion Music

**"One Bread, One Body"**

ELW #496

*Refrain*

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of  
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y  
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.  
1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,  
wom - an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath - ered to one for all.

*Refrain*

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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## Prayer after Communion

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's Grace.

**All: Amen**

Let us pray.

P: Gracious God, 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.

**All: 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.

**All: Amen**

## Sending Song

**"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"**

ELW #400



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Good news!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*"Filled with the Spirit's Power"*

Peacey

**We Remember in Prayer;** those hospitalized this week: John Ukena; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Harold Muntean, Sandy Julifs, Pam Sorrenson, Jim Brotheridge, Lila Edeus, Lori Dewey, Harold Julifs, and Berta Beyer.

## Worship Assistants:

Opener – Jen Pillars

Head Usher – Jen Pillars

Acolytes – *Volunteer Needed*

Greeters – Diane Yoeckel, Nancy Beck

Ushers – Janie Billings, Karen Wright

Readers – Jim Gorman, Jacob Dahleen

Sound – Jim Gorman

Closer – Jim Gorman

## Musicians:

Jacob Dahleen

Maureen Marrantino

Julie Woessner

## **Next week's Assistants – June 4**

Opener – Dan Bartel

Head Usher – Dan Bartel

Acolytes – *Volunteer Needed*

Greeters – Susan, Caleb, Makenzie Bartel

Ushers – Ruben & JoAnn Garcia

Reader – JoAnn Garcia

Sound – Jacob Dahleen

Closer – Dan Bartel

Coffee Fellowship – Duncan's

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