



**divided TONGUES
as of fire**

...RESTED ON EACH OF THEM

WELCOME!



Everyone is welcome. As a community of the people of God, the members of Central Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ “there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male or female” (Galatians 3:28). Christ has made us one.

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. We invite guests to complete the “Welcome to Central” card found in the pew racks and leave it with an usher or place it in the offering plate. If you would like more information about Central, please contact us at 612-870-4416, or email info@centralmpls.org.

Children are welcome at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available at sanctuary entrances. If you would prefer to use Central’s nursery (available for children ages four and younger), you will find it up the steps from the information desk at the south entrance (across from the fellowship hall). An usher or greeter will be glad to assist you.

Welcome to the Lord’s Table. All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to persons in designated access seating areas. If you are not in a designated access seating area and desire to commune where you are seated, please notify an usher who will direct communion ministers to come and serve you. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. Gluten-free breads and alcohol-free wine are available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

We envision becoming a thriving, vibrant model of urban Lutheran ministry for the 21st century. This lofty vision requires us to ask each day if our goals for worship, learning, and service are clearly reaching a diverse neighborhood and city in language and action that reflect the world as well as our heritage.



Large print service folders,
assisted listening devices, and access seating
are available to aid your participation in worship.
Please inquire with an usher.



ALLELUIA!

*The organ stanza incorporates
the traditional plainchant
for Pentecost :
"Veni Creator Spiritus"
(ELW 577).*



HOLY COMMUNION

Affirmation of Baptism

Day of Pentecost

May 31, 2009 + 10:00 a.m.

Central - in the heart of the city, welcomes all people to celebrate, discover and share the love of Christ

The wind of Christ blows free throughout the world

On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Veni Creator Spiritus"

arr. Wilbur Held

*At the sound of the carillon the assembly stands
to face the worship leaders at the back of the church.*

EASTER PROCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

A Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

as water is poured into the font

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

A Amen! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 627

"O Day Full of Grace"

stanza 1 - all in unison; 2 & 3 - all in harmony; 4 - organ; 5 - all in unison

GREETING

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

A And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P ...who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

God speaks to us in
scripture reading,
preaching,
and song

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.



By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to come forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.

FIRST READING

Filled with the Spirit

Acts 2:1–21

The first reading is proclaimed in Finnish, German and Slovak.

Luke writes:

When 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.'"

Word of God, word of life.

🔊 Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Praying with the Spirit

Romans 8:22–27

The second reading is proclaimed in Amharic and Spanish.

Paul writes:

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and 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. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise 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. ²⁷And 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.

Word of God, word of life.

AD Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

(hymn) 401

“Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading”

The verses are sung by the choir; the assembly joins on the refrain.

Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

GOSPEL

Christ sends the Spirit of truth John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

The holy gospel according to John.

AD Glory to you, O Lord.

When speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and described the difference the Spirit would make in their lives and in the world.

Jesus says:

“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. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b} I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless 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. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not

believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

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

The gospel of the Lord.

AI Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

"Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"



Come, Ho - ly ___ Ghost, God and Lord,
 with all your grac - es now out - poured
 on each be - liev - er's mind and ___ heart;
 your fer - vent love ___ to them im - part.
 Lord, by the bright - ness of your light
 in ho - ly faith your church u - nite;
 from ev - 'ry land ___ and ev - 'ry ___ tongue,
 this to your praise, ___ O Lord, our God, be sung"
 Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

ALLELUIA!

SERMON

Pastor Rick Nelson

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

AI Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

"The Miracle of Pentecost"

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) 404

"Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony

As the hymn is sung, confirmands are presented at the altar rail.



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Presentation

*A representative of the congregation
presents the candidates to the assembly and presider.*

These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith
and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism:

Nicole Bauknight, Veronica Garcia,
Amanda Greer, Luther Huset,
Christopher Stanley, Oliver West, Quentin Williams

Confession of Faith

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

AI **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 again to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

AI **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.**

Individual Faith Statements

Promises

The presider addresses those making affirmation.

P You have made public profession of your faith.
Do you intend to continue in the covenant...
... to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person answers in turn.

R I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Prayer

P Let us pray.
Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit
you have made these men and women your own.
You forgave them all their sins
and brought them to newness of life.
Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit,
and daily increase in them your gifts of grace:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

AI Amen.

Laying on of Hands

*The pastors lay hands on the head of each person.
Parents, sponsors and mentors are invited to join.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With Alleluias on our lips at Christ's victory over death,
let us pray for the church,
the world, and all those in need.

after each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

AI hear our prayer.

P Receive these our prayers, O God,
and give us all that we need for this day and the days to come,
for the sake of the crucified and risen one,
Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

AI Amen.

*The assembly may congratulate the confirmands with applause;
then the presider greets them and the assembly with the peace.*

PEACE

P The peace of our risen Lord be with you always.

AI And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another.

MEAL

GATHERING OF GIFTS

While the offering is received lay ministers prepare the table.

The assembly stands as the procession reaches the chancel.

Anthem

"O Breath of Life" *traditional English, arr. Alan Bullard*

O breath of life, come sweeping through us,

revive your church with life and power;

O breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us, and fit your church to meet this hour.

O wind of God, come bend us, break us, till humbly we confess our need;

then in your tenderness remake us, revive, restore; for this we plead.

O breath of love, come breathe within us, renewing will and heart;

come, love of Christ, to win us, revive your church in every part!

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

AI Risen Christ,

receive these gifts, with our hopes, dreams, and prayers.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread,

that our eyes may be opened to see your presence among us,

and our lives filled with the new life of your resurrection. Amen.

*God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

A And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

A We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P ...to renew the face of the earth.

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P ...now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men.



*All are invited to receive these
gifts of God.*

*Grape juice and gluten-free bread are
available upon request.*

*Children are welcome to receive
communion or a blessing.*

*Communion at this service is served
standing by intinction. Please
follow the direction of the ushers
to a communion station. Receive
the bread and dip it in the
chalice of wine.*

Lord's Prayer (1975)

A 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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

Communion

God blesses and sends us
in mission to the world



Music during Communion

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

(hymn) 403

“Veni Sancte Spiritus”

(hymn) 406

The assembly repeats the refrain in harmony as soloists intone the verses.

Blessing and Prayer after Communion

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

A Amen

A Let us pray.
... through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Amen.

silence for reflection

SENDING

BLESSING

P May the risen Christ bring you all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

A Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

(hymn) 400

stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony

The confirmands join the recession to be greeted by the assembly on the North Plaza.

DISMISSAL

Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

A Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

POSTLUDE

“Postlude”

Jean Langlais

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Chancel flowers today are given in honor of Pawan’s completion of his second year at the University of Minnesota by his mother, Pramila Nelson. If you wish to donate flowers contact Gloria Hahn at 952-545-6109.

SERVING TODAY



Pastor Kristen Jacobson	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Rick Nelson	<i>preaching</i>
Amanda Highben	<i>assisting minister</i>
Aino Husen, Cathy Egan, Mark Sedio, Heruy Mesfen, Melissa Melnick	<i>readers</i>
Mark Sedio	<i>cantor/organist</i>
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor</i>
Central Choir	<i>choir</i>
David Molvik	<i>sound operator</i>
Richard Stegall	<i>sacristan</i>
Joan Hilden, Shirley Dahl	<i>processional corps</i>
Steve Langmo	<i>radio announcer</i>
Bob Boldt	<i>cover art</i>
Roberta Groening, Deanne Tibben, Judy Berge, Phil Ranheim, Larry & Zee Gregerson	<i>communion ministers</i>
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson, John Bogard, Lloyd Grinde, Arlene Murphy	<i>hosts and greeters</i>
Christopher Haug, Dave Nelson, Michael Wickman, David West	<i>seasonal environment & art</i>

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