

The Season of
Pentecost
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Worship together at 11:00 a.m.



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We gather for worship

Welcome

Announcements/Opportunities

Hymn #708 "Jesu, Jesu"

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign that is marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
Unbind us and set us free.
Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.
Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true:
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.
For his sake, you are ✚ forgiven

and God remembers your sin no more.
 Let your heart be glad again,
 and rejoice in your salvation.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

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.

We pray together:

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Prayers for Mercy – #751 and #752

We hear God's Word for Us

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

⁸ The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”

¹⁰ So Elijah set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, **“Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.”**

¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, **“Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”**

¹² But she said, **“As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”**

¹³ Elijah said to her, **“Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.”**

¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

**Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God
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Second Reading: Psalm 146

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas,**

- and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**
- ⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.
- ⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**
- ⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- ¹⁰ **The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion,
throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

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Holy Gospel – Mark 12:38-44

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 12th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

We respond to the good news

Hymn # 1050 *“Sometimes Our Only Song is Weeping”*

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers

Sharing words of Peace

Offering

Thank you for your generosity today. Thank you, also, to those who share offerings through direct deposit.

Welcome to God’s Table

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

....let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Blessing

Prayer

Let us together pray:

**We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through
the healing power of this gift of life.**

**In your mercy, strengthen us –
that our living faith may bring peace and hope**

to all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

We go into God's world

Benediction

Sending Song #543 "Go...with My Blessing"

*Go in Peace! Serve the Lord!
OK, we will! or Thanks be to God!*

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Please hold the following in your daily prayers:

Marilynn - Sister-in-law of Rich and Jean Zietlow

Karin - Sister of Ted Hallberg

Ali - Sister of Julie Hurt

Gladys - Grandmother of Julie Hurt

Our nation to be unified

The Living Faith brother or sister you are praying for

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