

# Christ Lutheran Church & The Bridge Campus Ministry

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*Here in Athens, in SE Ohio, we are occupying the traditional homeland of the Shawnee people. Before the Shawnee, this land was occupied by the Osage people, and by the Adena, Hopewell and Fort Ancient cultures.*

***SERVING TODAY:*** *Presider/Preacher: Chad Huebner; Organist: George Weckman; Choir Director: Christian Yoder; Pianist: Patricia Cambridge; Choir Accompanist: Donnalee Yoder; Lector: Jane Unger; Live Stream: Doug Debrick; Time with Children: Elyce Friedman; Ushers: Sue Ellen Miller, Tammy Thompson; Greeter: Mark Sunderman, Acolyte: Meena; Tray Server: JoAnn L'Heureux*

### **INTRODUCTION**

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.



**WELCOME**    *On Pentecost Sunday 69 years ago, Christ Lutheran Church was officially organized. Today we begin our yearlong celebration of our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary leading up to Pentecost 2026 by “Remembering our Past and Imagining our Future.” Together.*

**CHORUS:**  
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise:  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place.


**If you say He saved you from your sin,  
Now you're weak, you're bound, and cannot enter in,  
You can make it right if you will yield;  
You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.**

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# GATHERING SONG

## *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.

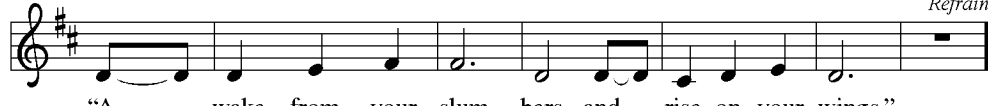


then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



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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# GREETING

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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

### FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts.

<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.' "

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me**

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, move among us all**

**Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love;**

**Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.**

**Spirit of the living God, fill out lives with your love.**

**GOSPEL: John 14:8-17 [25-27]**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. [

<sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy

Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”]

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## HYMN

### *O Living Breath of God: Soplo de Dios viviente (ELW 407)*



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:  
O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:  
O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923  
Music: VÄRVINDAR FRISKA, Swedish folk tune  
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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As the first disciples did on the first Pentecost, let us now unite in prayer and open our hearts to receive the Holy Spirit. Lord send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, into our lives and into our world. We thank you, Lord, for all the things that bring joy to our hearts. For your many blessings on us, for peace, for the love of friends and family, for our enjoyment of our environment. We give thanks for health and strength, for the many comforts we enjoy.

**Lord in your mercy,** Hear our prayer

We give thanks for the love of Jesus Christ who guides and guards us. We ask your blessing on all who minister in this church, for Pastor Chad and our retired clergy, and for all lay leaders and volunteers. May each of us respond to the gifts that the Spirit bestows to enable us to

serve the Lord more fully day to day. May the Church, in the power of the Holy Spirit, bring the teachings of Christ to people of every language and culture.

**Lord in your mercy,** Hear our prayer

We give thanks for our beautiful world. Lord make us more aware of our responsibilities to our environment, our climate and our resources that we may ensure that the beauty of the earth continues for future generations. We pray for peace in the world, that the Holy Spirit may unite and reconcile the peoples and nations to bring an end to war, hatred and discrimination. We pray for the people of Ukraine and Gaza and we pray for the world leaders who are trying to bring an end to these conflicts and others around the world. We remember the people who are now homeless refugees because of these wars.

**Lord in your mercy,** Hear our prayer

We give thanks for friends and family, for fellowship, for shared laughter. We thank you for the comforts of home, for food and shelter. Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life, renew the face of the earth and make it a place where the poor are fed and the strangers are welcomed.

**Lord in your mercy,** Hear our prayer

We give thanks for our health, for each new day and the opportunities each day brings. Lord, be with the sick and sorrowing at this time. May they feel the loving arms of God surrounding and upholding them. And we pray now, either silently or aloud, for those we name...

**Lord in your mercy,** Hear our prayer

God, fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit, sustain us with your power and strengthen our work for justice and peace in this world. **AMEN**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING – THANK YOU! YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES OUR MINISTRY POSSIBLE.**

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## **OFFERTORY**

***We Are an Offering* (Instrumental)**

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

***We Are an Offering* (ELW 692)**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,**

**We lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.**

**Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands,**

**Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are,**

**All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,**

**We lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. We are an offering**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

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.  
**Amen.**

### **DIALOGUE**

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.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God,  
  
Breath of life and Fire of love:  
with a mighty wind you brought creation into being,  
and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom.  
We praise you for the gift of your Son,  
who poured out your Spirit on his disciples of every race and nation.  
  
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.  
  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
  
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection,  
and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit,  
we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth.  
Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal:  
anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love,



that, with thankful hearts,  
we may be witnesses to your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The risen Christ is made known to us  
in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## HYMN DURING COMMUNION

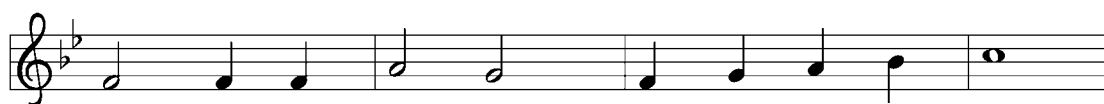
## *SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART*



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.  
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading: Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema* (ELW 401)



*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.

- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
 nor rootless liberty;  
 turn disquiet to contentment,  
 doubt into certainty. *Refrain*
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
 unswayed by earth's allure.  
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
 which you alone assure. *Refrain*

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NJOOKWETU, ROHO MWEMA, Wilson Niwagila

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**DISMISSAL**

The service has ended. **The ministry begins!**

Go in peace! **The Holy Spirit leads the way!**

**Thanks be to God.**

