

"I will pour out my Spirit
on all people."



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Connecting Individuals to Jesus and to One Another Educating Minds – Growing Faith – Serving People

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Pentecost Sunday

RECEIVING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening Hymn

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

LSB 913

O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us. Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine, To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be Truly living, To You giving Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.

Give to Your Word impressive pow’r, That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing, That in true Christian unity
We faithful witnesses may be, Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us By Your teaching; Let our preaching And our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

O mighty Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith, From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace On us shower; By Your power Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior’s blessing.

Confession and Absolution

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination)

L: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer:

C: **We poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. O Lord God, grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

“O Day Full of Grace”

LSB 503, vv. 1, 4, 5

O day full of grace that now we see Appearing on earth’s horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be Replete in His joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts emblazon.

God came to us then at Pentecost, His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from Him be lost, All darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface And bring to us all His healing.

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 walk in the light of God’s own place, With angels His name adoring.

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Prayer of the Day and the Sharing of Peace

L: O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

(we share the peace with one another)

The Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 11:24-30

Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

(after the reading)

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and 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 Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: "'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on 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 on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

(after the reading)

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

John 7:37-39

C: (sung)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

LSB 156

R: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, chapter 7.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

(after the reading)

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Announcements

Children's Sermon and Attendance Registration

Please let us know you are watching by sending us a comment or an emoji.



We would like to know you attended service today!

To record your attendance, you can scan this QR code with your phone’s camera, it will take you to the web page/form for attendance. Fill out the form and hit the submit button.

Hymn of the Day

“Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven”

LSB 502

Holy Spirit, the dove sent from heaven, Ever one with the One who is Three,
From the Father You came, Words of peace to proclaim,
Come and comfort us, speak tenderly. You, the fragrance of life we are seeking;
Fill Your temple, Your altar make clean. Joyous shelter of love,
Gracious friend from above, In Your care we are resting, serene.

Holy Spirit, the fire celestial, Who on Pentecost came as foretold,
To descend from on high And the Church occupy
As the cloud filled the temple of old; All the baptized You seal with Your promise,
All believers Your gift there receive, So that all the elect—
All in Christ—may expect To enjoy what by grace they believe.

Holy Spirit, the unction of blessing, Sacred oil of the green olive tree,
Giving heat, giving light, As the tent lamps ignite
And as Aaron praised God joyfully. Blessèd living and life-giving water,
Now preserve us from evil within; For in Jesus, God’s Son,
All believers are one In this washing that cleanses from sin.

Holy Spirit, the wind of great power, Source of strength and of peace and of love,
Truest Comforter, plead, As You bring all our need
To the throne of God’s glory above. Be the light that enlightens the Scriptures;
Keep our feet from each devilish snare; Only You can make whole
All that troubles our soul; By Your chrism, Christ’s triumph we share.

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Sermon

“Living Water”

John 7:38

Our Response to God's Word

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

“Jesus answered him, ‘If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.’” (John 14:23)

Dear Lord, help me to keep your word in my heart and to live in your love.



EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE STL MISSION There is a variety of ways to give your support to the mission of STL. For many the easiest is to simply mail in a check or drop your offering off at the church. If you prefer electronic giving, STL offers multiple options:

- Text "GIVE" to 1-586-800-2223
- Visit: stl-eastpointe.org and click on "Mission Support"
- Through your Pay Pal account
- Scan this Quick Response (QR) code

These will connect you to our on-line giving form, where you can have your mission support offering automatically taken from your checking account or use your credit or debit card (STL is charged extra fees for debit and credit card transactions). **You can even set up recurring giving with many of these options!** IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, OR DESIRE ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (586-772-3370).

Prayer of the Church

(after each petition)

L: Lord in your mercy,
C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: ... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

Offertory

LSB 192

Create in me a clean heart. O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

The Apostles Creed

LSB, back cover

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen

The Service of the Sacrament

"As we receive the True Body and Blood of our Lord, our faith is fed, our spirits are encouraged, and we are moved to share God's grace with the world."

[Because of the closeness of this sharing (and the concerns expressed in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29) we ask that those who have not been taught the faith at STL speak with a pastor or elder before communing.]

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: To you alone, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all glory, honor and worship, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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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

Words of Institution

The Canticle

LSB 198

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution - Continuous Line

Alcohol-free wine is available in the center of each individual cup tray.

Gluten-free host is available upon request from the host server.

If you are coming for a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest

Hymns during the Distribution

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

LSB 906, vs. 1 choir

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright;
This day the high and lowly, Through ages joined to bless,
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," The triune God confess.

This day at earth's creation The light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day our Lord victorious The Spirit sent from heav'n,
And thus this day most glorious A threefold light was giv'n.

This day, God's people meeting, His Holy Scripture hear;
His living presence greeting, Through bread and wine made near.
We journey on, believing, Renewed with heav'nly might,
From grace more grace receiving, On this blest day of light.

That light our hope sustaining, We walk the pilgrim way,
At length our rest attaining, Our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to Thee our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
The Church her voice upraises To Thee, blest Three in One.

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.

To You, the Counselor, we cry, To You, the gift of God Most High;
The fount of life, the fire of love, The soul's anointing from above.

In You, with graces sevenfold, We God's almighty hand behold
While You with tongues of fire proclaim To all the world His holy name.

Your light to ev'ry thought impart, And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might invigorate.

Drive far away our wily foe, And Your abiding peace bestow;
With You as our protecting guide, No evil can with us abide.

Teach us to know the Father, Son, And You, from both, as Three in One
That we Your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.

Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

The Sending

Post-Communion Canticle

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Dismissal

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

LSB 650

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.

Our Confession of Faith

As members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LC-MS), we subscribe to the three ecumenical creeds (Apostles, Nicene and Athanasian) and the Christian faith as confessed in the Book of Concord. This includes believing that:

- Jesus Christ is both true God and true man who died for our sins and rose again to save us.
- His body/blood are truly present in communion under the form of bread/wine (page 326).
- Communion is, among other things, an expression of doctrinal unity.
- Infant baptism is a Means of Grace through which God delivers one from sin and gives eternal salvation to all who believe (page 325 in Lutheran Service Book).

Next Sunday *Trinity Sunday - June 4, 2023*

Genesis 1:1-2:4a / Acts 2:14a, 22-36/ Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon Title: *"Three in One"* - text: Genesis 1:1-3



Would you like to be a part of the audio/visual team? Team members would be responsible for Facebook recordings, sound system, slide presentation, and more. No experience necessary - training will be provided. Contact Tony Berkseth or the church office.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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Our Primary Prayer focus this week is upon God's Work through STL:

- As we reflect upon what God has done through STL over the years.
- As we praise God for his activity in and among us today.
- As we look to how he is shaping us for a dynamic future.
- As we prepare for S.A.S.S. AND VBS.

And we remember those on our cradle role, and those who are in hospice care - especially Jane Gurnack



To connect to the STL PRAYER CHAIN, contact Karen Dolan (mdolan421@gmail.com), text "Prayer" to 1-586-800-2223, or scan this QR code, with your phone's camera, to be taken to the prayer request form.

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

†**For Loved Ones Called Home:** The family of Karen Hubbard, who was called home on May 24th. Arrangements pending for her Memorial service.

†**God's Healing Hand on:** Art Wensink, Marge Bittner, Janet Semenjuck, Diane Ustick, Betty Williams, Harrison Ahee, Scott Baker (grandson of Diane Ustick).

†**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Beth White, Robert Laroche and Jan Adams (family of Karen Hubbard), Tiffany Crow (granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond), Claire Armstrong (granddaughter of Clyde & Carolyn Armstrong), Payton Gifford (great-granddaughter of Jane Gurnack), Kennedy Pank (great-granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond).

Weekly Worship with Communion - Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Drive Thru Communion – Second Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

"The Flock" for children and Crossfraining JC Style for youth

Faith Hope Love Gatherings - Sunday and throughout the week