

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Royal Family Church



"Dreams and Visions"

**Order of Worship | June 8, 2025 – 10:30 AM
Pastor Matthew Cephus
with Guest Pastor Paul Biebighauser, Preaching**

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Welcome to God's House!

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any assistance to you, please speak with Pastor Matthew after the service. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week. We look forward to seeing you again.

Today's Topic: Pentecost has its origins in the Acts of the Apostles, in Acts 2:1-12, where the early disciples experienced the filling of the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus. Acts also states, "While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This,' he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now'" (Acts 1:4-5)

Children are welcome in worship!

The Lord's Supper is celebrated.

When we receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ,

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar.

Following today's service, everyone is invited to stay for the potluck luncheon. Grab a plate and enjoy the great food. Pentecost is a time of sharing; let's celebrate together!



Pentecost Sunday

AS WE GATHER: Pentecost Sunday is significant because it marks the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is not just a historical event; it continues to be a reminder of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives today.

+ CONNECT +

GREETING SONG "All over the World, the Spirit is Moving" RF Praise Team

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Refrain

O ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain when my God spoke, out of His mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine. **Refrain**

The Jordan river runs right cold, it chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back. **Refrain**

INVOCATION

L: Our worship begins the way our lives in Christ begin in baptism: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS

L: Let us confess our sins unto our Heavenly Father who truly loves us and asking him to also empower us today with his Holy Spirit.
C: Merciful Father, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of

mercy. Lord, on this Pentecost Sunday, we remember your outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon your disciples, empowering them to proclaim your message to the world. We ask that you fill us with your Spirit, renewing our hearts and minds with your love and compassion. Give us courage to speak your truth, to love our neighbors, and to live out our faith in all that we do. Empower us to be your hands and feet, bringing healing, hope, and peace to those around us. May your Holy Spirit guide our thoughts, words, and actions, and may we be a beacon of your love in this world. Amen

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ *NURTURE* +

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Shout to the Lord"

By Don Moen

Songwriters: Darlene Joyce Zschech - Shout to the Lord lyrics © Music Services, Inc.

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days, I want to praise, The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am, Never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing. Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down, and the seas will roar, At the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, Forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joel 2:28-32

The Lord Will Pour Out His Spirit

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

"And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ACTS 2:1-6, 13-21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

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.

But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

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 people 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.'

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL READING

John 16:7-16

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Your Sorrow Will Turn into Joy

"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me."

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Shine Jesus Shine"

Graham Kendrick

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Lord, the light of Your love is shining In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the World shine upon us, Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:

**Shine, Jesus, Shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, Blaze, Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, River, Flow Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, And let there be light.**

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Refrain

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Refrain

MESSAGE

"Dreams and Visions"

Guest Pastor Paul Biebighauser

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**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.

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

+ EMPOWER +

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Prayer response – P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.)

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

C: 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.

PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

PROPER PREFACE

L: It is our duty and delight at all times and everywhere to give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You have enlightened us by the working of the Holy Spirit. Grant that the Spirit, who has called and gathered us, would guide us in all things, that we be enabled to speak the Gospel to others and rejoice in sharing the gift of salvation that is our treasure. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, with You and the Holy Spirit, is one God, through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take this, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you, Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us through the same, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"How Great Thou Art"

LSB 801

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O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

Refrain

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God how great Thou art!"

Refrain

BENEDICTION

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.

+ Silent Prayer +

POSTLUDE

+ WE DEPART TO SERVE +

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OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

6/08 Sun

Pentecost Sunday

10:30 am **Worship with Holy Communion,
Pastor Matthew Cephus with Guest Pastor Paul
Biebighauser Preaching**

Potluck Luncheon (following service)

6:00 pm NA

6/09 Mon

7:00 pm Beginners AlAnon (downstairs)

7:00 pm AlAnon (upstairs)

6/11 Wed

11:00 am **Bible Study**

6/13 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

6/14 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

6/15 Sun

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Happy Father's Day!

10:00 am **Worship with Holy Communion,
Pastor Matthew Cephus**

11:45 am Royal Family Worship Service

6:00 pm NA

GDLC Garage Sale Thursday, Friday and Saturday

June 12, 13, 14 9 am – 5 pm



Pentecost is a Christian holiday, observed on the seventh Sunday after Easter, that celebrates the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31). The day of Pentecost is known in the Christian Church as the day on which the Spirit descended upon the apostles. Guided by Peter's preaching, many thousands were converted in Jerusalem.

Modern Christians observe Pentecost as a holiday, not to celebrate a wheat harvest, but to remember when the Holy Spirit invaded the Church in Acts 2.

The description in Act 2 states that, after Jesus ascended into heaven, Jesus' followers were gathered together for the Feast of Harvest (aka Pentecost), and the Holy Spirit "filled the whole house where they were sitting" (Acts 2:2). "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them" (Acts 2:4). This unusual event drew a large crowd, and Peter stood up to speak to them about repentance and the gospel of Christ (Acts 2:14). By the end of the day that the Holy Spirit came, the Church grew by 3,000 people (Acts 2:41). This is why Christians still celebrate Pentecost.

Pentecost in the Bible

Acts 2:1-4 "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

John 14:26 "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

Exodus 32:22 "Celebrate the Festival of Weeks with the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, and the Festival of Ingathering at the turn of the year. "

