



Celebration of Pentecost

May 23rd, 2021

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

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~ We Gather for Worship ~

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENTECOST CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: The Day of Pentecost is here!

God's children have gathered in this place:

**All: We are transformed into God's family
by God's Spirit joining with ours.**

One: Come, Spirit of adoption,
and open our hearts to our sisters and brothers:

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: Come, Spirit of peace,
and calm our trembling hearts:

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: Come, Breath of God,
and overturn our conventional lives:

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

OPENING SONG: "Rock of Ages"

(V1) There is no rock

There is no god like our God

No other name worthy of all our praise

The Rock of Salvation that cannot be moved

He's proven Himself to be faithful and true

There is no rock, there is no god like ours **(Repeat Verse 1)**

(Chorus) Rock of Ages Jesus is the Rock

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There is no rock, there is no god like ours

(Verse 1)

(Chorus)...

(Tag) There is no rock there is no god like ours

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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:

Spirit of God, blow into our lives and move us to action! Break down the walls that separate us. Where our language is divisive, offer us translation! Where our fear is daunting, fire us with courage! Where our

**existence is still and stagnant, move us forward with your breath of life!
Fill us with the power and promise of Pentecost. Amen.**

~ We Listen to the Word ~

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

¹When 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.' "

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷**These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;**

²⁸when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

³⁰When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works —**

³²who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

³⁵**Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

²²We 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Rock of Ages” (chorus only)

Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock!

Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock!

Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock!
There is no rock, there is no God like ours.

***GOSPEL: John 3:1-17**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON SONG: "How Great is Our God"

(V1) The splendor of the King

Clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice

All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light

And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice

And trembles at His voice

(Chorus) How great is our God

Sing with me

How great is our God

And all will see how great
How great is our God
(V2) And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God **(Repeat Bridge) (Chorus to end)**

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SERMON

~ We Respond as God's People ~

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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

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

**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.**

OFFERING MOMENT:

In abundant love you have given yourself to us.

In abundant gratitude we lift our offerings of love to you!

Transform these gifts by your Spirit's power...

To proclaim and share your love in the world!

Offering is brought forward as special music begins...

OFFERING: "Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)"

(V1) All these pieces

Broken and scattered

In mercy gathered

Mended and whole

Empty handed

But not forsaken

I've been set free

I've been set free

(Pre-Chorus)

Amazing grace

How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

Oh I once was lost

But now I am found

Was blind but now I see

(Chorus)

Oh I can see You now

Oh I can see the love in Your eyes

Laying Yourself down

Raising up the broken to life

(V2) You take our failure

You take our weakness

You set Your treasure

In jars of clay

So take this heart Lord

I'll be Your vessel

The world to see Your life in me **(Pre-Chorus) (Chorus)**

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PRAYERS

***LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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.

***BENEDICTION**

~ We Are Sent to Serve ~

***CLOSING SONG: "Blessed Be Your Name"**

(Verse 1) Blessed be Your name

In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow Blessed be Your name

(Verse 2) Blessed be Your name

When I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be Your name

(Pre-Chorus) Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise When the darkness
closes in Lord Still I will say

(Chorus) Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

(Verse 3) Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me When the world's
all as it should be Blessed be Your name

(Verse 4) Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name.

(Pre-Chorus) (Chorus)

(Bridge x 2) You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to
say Lord blessed be Your name **(Chorus)**

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DISMISSAL:

One: In our moments of chaos...

All: **God is with us.**

One: In our moments of calm...

All: **God is with us.**

One: In our moments of life.

All: **God is with us.**

One: We go as a Pentecost people,

All: **touched by fire, stirred by wind, to mend the world.**

One: Go in peace, Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to Go**

Welcome to worship at Messiah Lutheran!

At Messiah, it is our desire to glorify Christ as we nurture our faith, share Christ's love, and teach His Word. May you feel our Lord's presence today, as we offer our praise and thanksgiving through song and prayer!

Moe-ssiah's Sunday Morning Blend

10:30 AM Facebook: *Livestream 10:30 AM worship on Messiah's Facebook page. You can "check in" via the Breeze app on your phone.*

11:00 AM Radio Broadcast: *Tune in on WILD 102 to listen to the morning worship service pre-recorded at Moe Lutheran.*



*+ Today, Messiah's Livestream is sponsored
by Messiah Lutheran Church.*

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Announcements

Week at a Glance

<p><u>Sunday, May 23</u> NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30am: Worship Service w/Adult Praise Band 10:30am: FB Live</p> <p><u>Monday, May 24</u> 1:00pm: 10-12th Grade Free Grab'n Go Lunch – Bring Lots of Friends 6:30pm: Day Camp Planning Meeting</p> <p><u>Tuesday, May 25</u> Deadline for Newsletter Submissions</p> <p><u>Wednesday, May 26</u> No Youth Groups</p>	<p><u>Sunday, May 30</u> NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30am: Worship Service – Senior Recognition Sunday. We will recognize 16 Senior Graduates! 10:30am: FB Live</p> <p><u>Tuesday, June 01</u> Newsletter sent out.</p> <p><u>Wednesday, June 02</u> No Youth Groups</p>
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CONTACT INFO UPDATE: If you have new contact information that needs updating, please contact the church office.

SENIOR GRADUATES RECOGNITION SUNDAY is being planned for Sunday, May 30th at 10:30 am Worship Service. We look forward to honoring our 2021 graduates on this special day!

PATHWAYS BIBLE CAMP: If you have a student in 9-12 grade this year, Pathways Bible Camp is having Sr High Youth Camp at Camp Emmaus on June 27-July 2. The Messiah Church Council will pay for 1/2 the camp fee if you attend. Sue Grafstrom is offering rides to and from Camp and will be staying on site through the week. If you have questions call Sue at (218)242-3134.

MOE-SSIAH DAY CAMP: August 2, 3, 4 & 5, 9am -3pm. Registration is \$30/child with \$60 max per family. Free t-shirt included with registration! Materials coming out soon! Join us for a fun and faith filled week.

TIN CUPS OFFERING: Donations will go towards the Moe-ssiah Summer Day Camp which will be August 2-5!

MOBILE FOOD DROP: Food will be available for drive through pick up in Greenbush on May 26th from 11:30-12:30 PM. The location for this is at the City Garage, 234 County Road 4 East. If you have questions, contact Scott Johnson at 218-399-7367.

SPRING CLEANING: The quilters are replenishing their supply of **sheets and fabric**. Donations can be left at the church office or put them on the shelf just off the Sunday school wing. **The Bell Choir will have their annual rummage sale at the end of July.** As you go through your household items, please hold them for us. We will take anything except clothes. We will ask for the items right before the sale. Watch for further information.

PLEASE DONATE YOUR PRINTER CARTRIDGES! There is a box below the church mailboxes with a list of the empty Printer, Copier and Fax Cartridges/Toners/Drums etc., that we could return to raise church funds.

SARAH WAHLBERG SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: Picked up at the church office or can be found on the Messiah Church website at *messiahroseau.net* under the Resources tab. **The application deadline is July 1, 2021 for returning students!**

“LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER”: If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, we would love to pray for you! You can be placed on the confidential prayer chain by reaching out to Messiah’s Prayer Chain Coordinator, Mary Olson (218-463-2364). To make a request for prayers during worship, fill out the prayer request form found on the table in the narthex and turn in to the church office. *If you have any questions, please feel free to ask either Mary, Deacon Joanne, or Pastor Dave.*

Worship Service Sunday, May 16, 2021
Attendance: 72; Offering: \$2425; Direct Debit: \$600

*Worship Servers for
Sunday, May 23rd*

No Communion

Reader: Carol Guy

Greeter: Katie Gunderson

Sound Booth: Marty Trangsrud

Council Rep: Katie Gunderson

Counters: Bill/Sue Jennings

*Worship Servers for
Sunday, May 30*

No Communion

Reader: Gloria Skrutvold

Greeter: Ashley Filpula

Sound Booth: Bob/Andrew Tuttle

Council Rep: Ashley Filpula

Counters: Dave/Sharon Grafstrom

Summer worship schedule

We are planning to maintain the current Sunday worship times through the summer:

8:30 AM worship at Bethel

9:15 AM worship at Moe

10:30 AM worship at Messiah