



All of them were filled  
with  
the Holy Spirit

ACTS 2:4

# Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to people new to this church or faith, long time Lutherans, and Christians from every tradition. Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe. Welcome to new visitors and old friends. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, sexual orientation and marital status, ability and challenge. Welcome to believers and questioners and questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and sorrow, rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new. Welcome on this day.

Please fill out the “Worship Slip” and place it in the offering plate.

( \* ) Asterisk means, “Please stand as you are able.”

Music “Breath On Us Breath Of God”

## **The Gathering**

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**C: In the name of the Father,  
And of the + Son,  
And of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**C: Merciful God,  
You free us to love others,  
But we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
But we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
And generosity,  
But we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
And show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

**P: You belong to Christ Jesus  
And you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of + Christ,  
And through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
Your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
C: Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn      *“O Spirit All-Embracing”* ACS #944

**O Spirit all embracing and counselor all wise,  
Unbounded splendor gracing a shoreless sea of skies:  
Unfailing is your treasure, Unfading your reward;  
Surpassing worldly pleasure, The riches you afford.  
Come, stream of endless flowing,  
and rescue us from death;  
Come, wind of springtime blowing,  
and warm us by your breath.**

**O Beauty ever blazing in flower, field, and face,  
You show yourself amazing in unexpected place.  
We see you and remember what once  
our dreams had been;**

(continued)

You fan the glowing ember and kindle hope within.  
Come, fire of glory gracious, bless all who trust in you;  
Undying flame tenacious, burn in your church anew.

Come, passion's power holy, your insight here impart,  
And give your servants lowly an understanding heart  
To know your care more clearly  
when faith and love are tired,  
To seek you more sincerely when false ideals have died:  
For vision we implore you, for wisdom's pure delight;  
In prayer we come before you to wait upon your light.

\*Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

C: **And also with you**

Kyrie      "Spirit, Open My Heart"      ACS #1043

**REFRAIN**

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.  
Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender.

REFRAIN

2. Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory.

REFRAIN

3. May I weep with those who weep;  
Share the joy of friend and neighbor.  
As I live from day to day,  
love will be my finest labor.

REFRAIN

\*Prayer of the Day

God Stories

## The Word of God

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

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R: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:22-27

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R: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation

ELW #175

### ALLELUIA



\*Gospel Reading

John 15:26-27, 16:4-15

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P: The Holy Gospel acc. to St. John, the 15th Chapter  
**C: Glory to you. O God.**

*(The Gospel is read)*

P: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Rev. James Lapp

\*Hymn of the Day      “Loving Spirit”      Red #397

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
You have chosen me to be  
You have drawn me to your wonder,  
You have set your sign on me.

Like a mother you enfold me,  
Hold my life within your own,  
Feed me with your very body,  
Form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father you protect me,  
Teach me the discerning eye,  
Hoist me up upon your shoulder,  
Let me see the world from high.

Friend and lover, in our closeness  
I am known and held and blessed:  
In your promise is my comfort,  
In your presence I am rest.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
You have chosen me to be  
You have drawn me to your wonder,  
You have set your sign on me.

\*The Prayers of the Church

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## The Communion Meal

### \* Passing of the Peace

P: May the peace of God be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

Offering — We honor and worship God by returning some of the gifts with which we have been blessed.

Music “Every Time I Feel The Spirit”  
African / American Spiritual

### Offering Prayer

P: Creator God,  
In your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
And the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at you table with these gifts of the earth  
And our labor,  
That we may work for the good of all;  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen**

### \*Great Thanksgiving

P: May God be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to God**

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

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our JOY...

\*Words of Institution

\*Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father, in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is 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**

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come for all is ready!

(You may be seated)

Invitation to Communion

P: The kingdom of God is set before you.  
Eat and rejoice.

Communion Gathering Song     *“As the Wind” ACS #943*

As the wind song through the trees,  
as the stirring of the breeze,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
as the heart made strangely warm,  
as the voice within the storm,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.



Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown  
bringing life, bringing pow'r to the world,  
as the dancing tongues of fire,  
as the soul's most deep desire,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
as the green in the . . . spring,  
as a kite on a . . . String, so it is with the Spirit of God,  
making worlds that are new, making peace come true,  
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,  
As the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the . . . feast,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.

Communion Hymn      “Welcome Table” ACS #969

I'm agoin'a eat at the welcome table,  
I'm agoin'a eat at the welcome table, some of these days.  
I'm agoin'a eat at the welcome table,  
I'm agoin'a eat at the welcome table, some of these days.

I'm agoin'a feast on milk . . . And honey,  
I'm agoin'a feast on milk . . . And honey,  
some of these days.  
I'm agoin'a feast on milk . . . And honey,  
I'm agoin'a feast on milk . . . And honey,  
some of these days.

I'm agoin'a wade 'cross Jordan's river,  
I'm agoin'a wade 'cross Jordan's river,  
some of these days.  
I'm agoin'a wade 'cross Jordan's river,  
I'm agoin'a wade 'cross Jordan's river,  
some of these days.

## The Sending

### \*Prayer after Communion

P: Mothering God,  
You gathered us to your table  
And we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
To love our neighbors as ourselves  
And proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen**

### \*Blessing

P: The love of God abound in you;  
The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
And the life of the Spirit  
+ bless you and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

### \*Closing Hymn    *“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”* #400

God of tempest, God of whirlwind,  
as on Pentecost descend!  
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;  
past these walls your people send!  
Sweep us into costly service,  
there with Christ to bear the cross,  
There with Christ to bear the cross!

God of blazing, God of burning,  
all that blocks your purpose, purge!  
Through your church, Christ's living Body,  
let your flaming Spirit surge!  
Where deceit conceals injustice,  
kindle us to speak your truth,  
kindle us to speak your truth!

God of earthquake, God of thunder,  
shake us loose from lethargy!  
Break the chains of sin asunder,  
for earth's healing set us free!  
Crumble walls that still divide us;  
Make us one in Christ our Lord,  
make us one in Christ our Lord!

God of passion, God unsleeping,  
stir in us love's restlessness!  
Where the people cry in anguish,  
may we share your heart's distress.  
Rouse us from content with evil;  
Claim us for your kingdom's work,  
claim us for your kingdom's work!

\*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Live by the Spirit.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Music "Lift Up Your Heads"  
Z.M. Highben



**Serving Today**

Reader: Steven Hendrickson  
Coffee Host: Connie Cunningham  
Office Support: Sheila Buswell & Sherilyn Jager



## Prayer Concerns

**SHORT TERM:** Candace Anderson & family, Family of Gary Meeker, Galahad, Susan O., Sam, Michael Lee, Nate Barker, Grandpa Dennis, Bob & Shirley Salter, Monica & Family, Lurline Moore, Barry Hansen, Beth Butler, Family & friends of Sgt. William Nelson, Jen, Robbin, Maria Mendoza, Ila & Reina, Family of Richard Barker, Francisco, Margot Wilson, Michael, Keith, Noelle, Ensley, Tim Oldfield, Sierra, Beth's mom, Julie R., Anne Rice, Rosie, The Webber Family, Janet, Sue, Middle East Peace, Tom Dawson, James, Keith, Taiyo, Marissa, Isaac, Alvarado family, Dustin, Eric Utto-Galarneau, Father Jack Davis, Atlas, Sandi Csik, Janica Paustian, James, John, Elida, Jeannie, Anetta, Jane, Barbara Allen, Joel Hurttgam, Sandy, Levi & Alexandria, Gary Toops, Donna Kemper, Paul Cunningham, Paul Paustian, Dawit & Family (Ethiopia), Gaye Cornell, Dorothy, Rachel B., Anne & Chloe Johnston, Nancy, Mateo & Lina, Don, Atlas, Anthony, Steve, Rose, Will, Aaron Johnson, Sal, Katarina, Stephanie Jager, Parents, Healthcare workers & teachers.

**LONG TERM:** Biergiel—Colclough family, April McCalmont, Marty Nehring, Miller Mouw, Kyle Lapp, Shelby Volpi, Ashley, Frank, Joe, Dom, Lisa & Beau, Linda Johnson, Bailey Ingalls, Jan Shadle, Vi Olly, Bobbie Erickson, Joyce, Mike, Susan Anderson, Jan Wagner, Richard C., Brouse Family, Janet Baker, Sandy Godvine, Janelle Yung, Karin, Will, Chris, Pearl Runquist, Volpi & Robe Family, Cabel, Noah, Esdras, Immigrant families, The Homeless, People of Ukraine, Our Nation's leaders, Mt. Cross, St. Stephen's Child Development Ctr, Pastor Jim & Our Church Family, men & women of Armed Forces, and the Youth of today.

The Altar Flowers are given  
By Barbara & Kent  
Celebrating birthdays  
& many blessings





## Sister Parish News

**Prayer Child Sponsorships** - *Thank you* to those who have committed to support your prayer children for another year and have made the associated donations. We would also like you to write a short letter to your prayer child and include a photo. Please send them to:

Marian Langdon  
220 Horizon Way  
Aptos, CA 95003

There are 6 children that still need a sponsor. If you want to sponsor a child, please let me know. Thank you!

### **2024 Delegation?**

Planning has begun for a delegation this year. It will probably be in November. Please let me know if you are interested in going to El Salvador.

### Music at St. Stephen's



Soon the singers will be on their summer break and will return in the Fall. During this time, feel free to share your talents ~ anything musical. We will rejoice!

Mt Cross has brought so much joy to our young campers for over 65 years. Many of our children at St Stephen's have grown in their faith enjoying this outdoor ministry right in our backyard. Let's give back to the place we love. Together, we can keep Mt. Cross beautiful!



## **Memorial Day Work Weekend May 24–27**

All are invited to volunteer for a weekend of service, fellowship, & fun!

- ◆ **Craft Cabin organizing with Elizabeth Schilling 239-6012 RSVP**
- ◆ Madrone Bathroom Repairs
- Sand Volleyball Court Maintenance
- Dining Hall Bathroom Repairs
- Cabin Deck Repairs
- Trail Maintenance
- ◆ Cabin Deep Cleaning

See [Mtcross.org](http://Mtcross.org)

## Upcoming Events:

May Benevolence Offering - Mt. Cross  
Lutheran Outdoor Ministry

- May 20          Embroiders Guild 7 pm
- May 21          Boy Scouts 7:00 pm
- May 22 & June 5    Women's Café Group Weds at 6:00 pm
- May 23          Mens beginner A.A. Thursday 7:00 pm
- May 24          A.A. Friday 7:00 pm
- May 24-27        Mt. Cross Volunteer work weekend.  
Camp registration now open. [Www.mtcross.org](http://www.mtcross.org)
- May 26 & June 2    Pastor Carol Been presiding
- May 28          Provide Habitat Lunches 10:30 am
- June 11          Council 6:30 pm
- June 16 & 30        Sunday School SUB teacher needed,  
see Leslie
- June 22          Habitat Home Dedication 2:00 pm Rodeo Creek
- July 3            Bible Study Resumes Wed. 11 am & 7:30 pm
- July 10          Preschool Chapel resumes 10:15 am

No June Newsletter. Will do July / August Combo

## Our Mission Statement

St. Stephen's is a welcoming, healing community who worship God in Christ, nurture people growing in faith, serve others with acceptance and love, invite people to share the joy of the Spirit.

### Reconciling in Christ

*"We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ."*

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Church Administrator: Leslie Lapp  
Music Director: Gary Roberts  
Pre-School Director: Kathy Berens  
Sunday School: Leslie Lapp  
Custodian: John Hopping  
Powerpoint: Jay Johnston, Kent Madsen & Barbara Rice

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