



Pentecost Sunday

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St. John's Lutheran Church
Salisbury, NC

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*"Pentecost," painted by J. Olaf Olsen
Part of the St John's altar triptych.
Painted and installed in 1947*

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.



Welcome to St. John's

We're so glad God has brought you here!

Christmas Lutheran Church Visit—Raeda Mansour, member of the Christmas Lutheran Church Staff, is visiting our congregation and Trinity Oaks today. Raeda is also the Intergenerational Program Director at Dar al Kalima University, Bethlehem. There will be a group discussion regarding senior memory caregiving at Trinity Oaks from 4:30 pm—6 pm on the 2nd Fl, in the Special Events Room, for those interested.

In Concert—Jun. 2 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary. Kevin Agner, Mark Tysinger and String Quartet—The String Quartet will play selected pieces. Kevin Agner and Mark Tysinger will play together on pieces for cello and piano. The String Quartet will also play for our 11 am worship service that Sunday morning.

Altar Flowers— Given to the glory of God by Sandy Jordan and Jane Britt.

VBS—Registration is now open (3 year olds to current 5th graders). **Jun. 10-14, 9 am—12:15 pm.** Join us as we dive into friendship with God during our “SCUBA”-themed VBS! Use the QR codes below to sign up and access the wishlist. Contact Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org with any questions.



VBS Registration



VBS Wishlist

Worship Navigation

The Congregation is invited to respond where words are in **Bold**.

***** = Please stand as you are able

+ = Face the Cross

+ = You are invited to make the sign of the Cross.

Hymns are found by number in the red worship books located in each pew.



Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God.

Prelude

Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove
Kevin Agner, Cello

Setting by Wilbur Held

Pentecost Invocation*

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove
Soloist and Chancel Choir

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

Acclamation*

Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. *Alleluia.*

Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

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:

¹⁷In 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.’ ”

Word of God. Word of Life! **Thanks be to God!**

Chancel Choir

*Teach us to know the Father, Son and you, of both, to be but one.
That through the ages all along your praise may be our endless song.
Praise to your eternal merit, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Entrance Hymn 627*

O Day Full of Grace
(Stanzas 1,2,4,5)

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Apostolic 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.**

Refrain

All



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Prayer of the Day*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk—Raeda Mansour, Christmas Lutheran Church



Word

We hear God's word in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Gospel Acclamation*



The Holy Gospel:*

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15



While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Pastor Dan Joyner Miller

Hymn 399*

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

PUER NOBIS



Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Phillip Nelson Harris, Jr. and Charlotte Lynne Harris,

child of Alyssa Lynne and Phillip Nelson Harris, Jr.

Godparents: Erin Witalison and Stephanie Ball

Baptismal family gathers at the font.

The Congregation's Response:

People of God, do you promise to support Phillip and Charlotte and pray for them in their new life in Christ? **We do.**

The Profession of Faith.

People of God, do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God...unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Rite of Baptism. *The Rite of Baptism includes three symbols used in baptismal liturgy since the beginning of the church: water (for cleansing), oil (for sealing), and light (for proclaiming).*

Baptism with Water. *Phillip and Charlotte are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

Imposition of Oil. *Oil is used to make the sign of the cross on Phillip and Charlotte's forehead, a symbol that seals them in relationship with Christ.*

Gift of Light. *Phillip and Charlotte are welcomed into the Family of God. Candles (the light of Christ) are presented to them with the words, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).*

The Congregation Welcomes Phillip and Charlotte into the Family of God.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

As Phillip and Charlotte are introduced to the congregation; all are invited to sing:

“Jesus Loves Me.”

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.**

***Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.***

**Jesus loves me! He who died, heaven’s gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. *Refrain***

Prayers of Intercession* *Each petition ends: “God of grace, **hear our prayer.**”*

Sharing the Peace of Christ. *Living in the forgiveness of sin, we make peace with our sisters and brothers in Christ. We share the peace with the words “Peace be with you.”*

Collection of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Spirit, Come!

arr. Evelyn Lartner

Spirit, come, bring your fire, all your people inspire.
Holy wind. Holy fire, show the Savior’s glory, tell the ancient story.
Spirit, come in wind! Spirit, come in flame!
Come in wind, come in flame, tell again the story.

Spirit, come in the flame; to your people proclaim:
Christ our God, man became, that we may inherit Christ the Holy Spirit.

Spirit, come, bring your light! We would serve you aright.
Through your gifts grant insight to your congregation, blessing every nation.

Holy One, Spirit blest, ever our welcome guest,
Be all honor addressed, endless praise be given to the Lord in heaven.
Spirit, come in wind! Spirit, come in flame!
Come in wind, come in flame, lead us on to glory!



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Preparation of the Lord's Table. *After the table is prepared, the Congregation stands and sings: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful".*

The Offertory Hymn 184*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Ronald A. Nelson

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer*

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving*

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise. ... And join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer with Words of Institution*

Blessed are you, O God of the universe...

... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life

As we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life... Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread... justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places... now and forever.
Amen.

The 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.**

Invitation to Communion*

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

Please be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion. *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive God's gift of grace through the sacrament of Holy Communion. We will commune by intinction (dipping the bread into the wine). All stations will be on the nave level. Please follow the directions of the ushers. For those with special needs, please note that grape juice as well as non-gluten wafers are available. Those with walking difficulties may receive the bread and wine by sitting in the reserved front pew or by notifying an usher. A pastor will then bring you communion during distribution.*

Communion Hymns

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn 515

Piano Meditation

Hymn 753

Break Now the Bread of Life

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart arr. Mark Hayes

Janie Rollins, Piano

Dona nobis pacem (Grant Us Peace)

Post Communion Blessing*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion*

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**



Sending

Forgiven and nourished, we are sent into the world to share God's love.

Benediction*

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Hymn 582*+

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

IN BABILONE

Dismissal*

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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Worship Participants

Guest Instrumentalists:

Percussion—Jon Kirk

Reader: Stacey Shafer

Trombone—Aleksandr Witt

Cello—Kevin Agner

Order of St John's:

Acolyte—Katie Ann Dangerfield

Torch Bearers—Ashton Williams and Balian Witt

Crucifer—Gabriel Young

Gospel Bearer—Gabriel Shafer

Banner Bearer—Noah Young

Communion Assistants: Donna Beilfuss, Gretchen Witt and Phil Rollins

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Let's connect faith and life. *Together.*