



+ Day of Pentecost
Little Church; Big Faith
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Fifty days after Easter, the church celebrates 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

Gathering

Thanksgiving for Baptism

If you would like, you may get a small bowl of water to use as a font at home.

L: We praise you, O God, for water:

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

L: We need water to drink:

C: We need water to drink.

L: We need water to wash:

C: We need water to wash.

L: We need water to grow:

C: We need water to grow.

L: We praise you, O God, for water:

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

L: We praise you, O God, for Baptism:

C: We praise you, O God, for Baptism.

L: We praise you, O God, for your Spirit:

C: We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.

L: We praise you, O God, for water:

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

L: Amen, with water:

C: Amen, with water.

You may mark your foreheads with water and the sign of the cross.

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Greeting

L: 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.

Prayer of the Day

L: 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.

C: Amen.

Word

A Reading – Acts 2: 1-21 WSBLE page 438

L: A gust of wind **BLASTED** through the house in Jerusalem. The disciples jumped up from the table. Andrew grabbed the bread. James grabbed the cups. The tablecloth **FLEW** into the air. Plates **CRASHED** to the floor.

The disciples were celebrating the festival of Pentecost. But now their meal was a mess.

Andrew dropped the bread in surprise. A flame of fire floated over each disciple's head! The flames were bright red, orange, and yellow. But they weren't **HOT!**

Andrew pointed to the flames. "LOOK!"

The disciples looked. John and James dropped the cups. Peter's and Simon's eyes grew wide. Bartholomew's and Philip's mouths dropped open. Matthew, Thomas, and Matthias gasped. Thaddaeus and the other James pointed to Andrew's head. "You have a flame too!"

Suddenly the disciples began to speak in different languages. Latin, Greek, Arabic – **ALL** the languages of the **WORLD!** They rushed outside.

"We are filled with God's Spirit!" shouted Matthew.

"God is the ruler of all!" Philip exclaimed.

The street filled with Jewish people from many countries who were celebrating Pentecost in Jerusalem.

Every person, no matter where they had come from, heard the disciples speaking about God's power in their **OWN LANGUAGE!**

The people couldn't believe their EARS! Some in the crowd sneered. They could not believe that the disciples could actually speak all the languages. But many other people were amazed.

Peter yelled, "Each of you hears our words in your own language. God's Spirit has made this possible!"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Word

Hymn of the Day (There is) One Name

1. **One name under heaven whereby we must be saved
One name under heaven whereby we must be saved**

2. **Forgiven of our sins baptized in the water
Filled with the Holy Spirit and washed in the blood of the lamb
Forgiven of our sins baptized in the water
Filled with the Holy Spirit and washed in the blood of the lamb**

3. **Free, truly free, my friend, freed by the blood of the Lamb
Free, truly free, my friend, freed by the blood of the Lamb**

4. **God's gonna move this place, God's gonna move this place
God's gonna turn this world upside down.
God's gonna move this place, God's gonna move this place
God's gonna turn this world upside down.**

5. **One name under heaven whereby we must be saved
One name under heaven whereby we must be saved**

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Meal

Lord's Prayer

L: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as 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.**

Sending

Benediction

L: God who loves you more than your heart can imagine ✝ bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!
C: Thanks be to God!

Abbreviations

L: Leader

C: Congregation

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

WSBLE: Whirl Story Bible – Lectionary Edition

WSBSE: Whirl Story Bible – Story Edition

SSB: Spark Story Bible

Those serving in worship today

Hymn of the Day

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