



DAY OF PENTECOST

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Arndt's Lutheran Church

1851 Arndt Road, Easton, PA 18040

Historic Arndt's Lutheran Church exists to worship together and to bear witness to God's Word. Through the proclamation of the Word and the celebration of the sacraments, we welcome all and extend our Christian witness in service to each other, the community and the world.

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Welcome, everyone. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself to the members around you and to the Pastor as you depart.

We rejoice with our young people who Affirm their Baptism through the Rite of Confirmation

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Worship Ministers – Sunday, May 19, 2024

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Lector: Doug Huber

Greeters/Ushers: Jordan and Andy Spatig

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Day of Pentecost – Rite of Confirmation and Service of Holy Communion
Sunday, May 19, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

WELCOME

“GOD SIGHTINGS”

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PENTECOST LITURGY

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

In those days, says the Lord –

In those days after Jesus rose from the dead, in those days when no one really knew what was going on or what was going to happen –

In those days God exhaled the Holy Spirit.

And when the disciples pushed out their fear

And as dancing flames heralded the arrival of something new

And as the birth cry was the cries of many languages, all understood –

In those days, the church was born, out of fear and fire,

With joy and awe.

The church was born.

Our church.

God's church.

Let us worship God.

CONFESSION

As we come to God in prayer, let us open ourselves to the presence of the Spirit, to bring to our souls the freshness of mercy and grace. Holy God,

Holy Breath, Wind, Flame, Spirit:

Set our hearts on fire.

Burn off all that is dry and lifeless,

And grow us anew.

Let your Spirit dance within our spirits,

Uprooting us when we have been unmoved

And refreshing all that is stale in our lives.

Breathe on us your peace
That we will share the peace with all we meet.

And hear the silent prayers of our hearts.
Sometimes we are like those disciples so long ago:
**Huddled in fear of what others will think,
of what others will do, of what God will do.**

Sometimes we are like passive bystanders:
**Making fun of what we do not understand, tearing down what is sacred to
Another, waiting until we are sure it's okay.**

Always God is with us:
**Nudging us like a gentle breeze, stirring us with flames of hope, speaking to us
with words engraved in our hearts.**

In silent prayer, let us offer God our confession and our hope.
Sisters and brothers in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost.
The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace, forgiveness and
service. In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News:
We are forgiven Alleluia! Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"

ELW 399

O Holy Spirit, root of life, creator, cleaner of all things;
Anoint our wounds, awaken us with lustrous movement of your wings.

Eternal vigor, Saving One, you free us by your living Word,
Becoming flesh to wear our pain, and all creation is restored.

O holy Wisdom, soaring pow'r, encompass us with wings unfurled,
And carry us, encircling all above, below, and through the world.

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.**

KYRIE

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

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: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

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

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

²⁷**All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

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

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.**

³²You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

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

³⁴May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.
Hal- | lelujah!**

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

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

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

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[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}⁴“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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Spirit of Gentleness”

ELW 396

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing:
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings”

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
And you goaded your people with a law and a land;
And when they were blinded with idols and lies,
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
And down into the city you called once again.
When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions, our men clear their eye.
With . . . bold new decisions your people arise.

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM / ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION PRESENTATION

The Pastor addresses the assembly:

Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for our young people, one with us in the body of Christ, who affirm their baptism this day as a sign of their participation in the life of this community of faith and our mission in the world.

**(As names are read the Confirmands will come forward with their parents
and stand before the altar.)**

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these young people whom you have made your own by water and the word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold them as they affirm the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION

As you affirm your baptism I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ Jesus and confess the faith of the Church.

Do you renounce the devil, and all the forces that defy God?

I do.

Do you renounce the powers of this world?

I do.

Do you renounce the ways of sin?

I do.

Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

In faith I turn to Christ.

Let us all join with the whole Church of Christ in all the world in confessing our faith.

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, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

COMMITMENT

The Pastor addresses the parents and sponsors.

When these young people were brought forward in Baptism and later admitted to the fellowship of the Lord's table you promised that they would be instructed in the faith and come to know Jesus Christ as their gracious and loving Lord. Their presence here today is evidence that you have been faithful to your promise. We commend your faithfulness and trust that you will be forever rewarded in the lives of those whom you have brought to this day.

Pastor addresses those making affirmation.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each affirmer answers individually: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

The Pastor addresses all assembled.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

BLESSING

(Confirmands will kneel)

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, wash us from sin and raise us to eternal life.

The following blessing is repeated for each affirmer.

The Pastor and Parents lay hands on the head of each person while speaking the blessing.

Stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord
the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever. **Amen.**

ACCLAMATION

The ministers and affirmers face the assembly.

Let us give thanks for those affirming their baptism, as we carry out the life of this Christian community and our mission in the world.

**As your sisters and brothers in the body of Christ,
we rejoice with you as you affirm your baptism.**

**Together let us give praise to God
and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Those affirming their baptism return to their places and
the worship continues with the prayers.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and

generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

COMMUNION SONG: "Lamb of God"

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**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

ELW 362

SONG AFTER COMMUNION: “Now, Lord, Let Your Servant Go”

Now, Lord you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the
sight of ev’ry people;
A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.
Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread
of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our
hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, fill you with the
Holy Spirit and strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

ELW 400

God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people end!
Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to beat 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 in justice, 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 our heart’s distress.
Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom’s work,
Claim us for your kingdom’s work!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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***The Geraniums are Dedicated in Thanksgiving to God
for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit by:***

Charlie Miller in memory of Mickey Miller and Alice Lefebvre

Peg Freeman in memory of Forrest Freeman and Rick Stahl

Ed and Linda Kleppinger in honor of our grandsons, Owen and Gavin Panovec
and in memory of our Loved Ones who are in Heaven

Barbara and Jim Bialker in honor of the Confirmands and
in memory of Loved Ones

Gerry and Denis Burns

Jean Ruschman in memory of parents Pete and Ethel Siegfried
and brother, Dave Siegfried

Shirley Wilson in memory of mother, Marion Hofschild

Andrea Odom in honor of Lillian Butler and
in memory of Joan Yergan

Irma Lacey in memory of Alma Lacey and Matred Brathwait