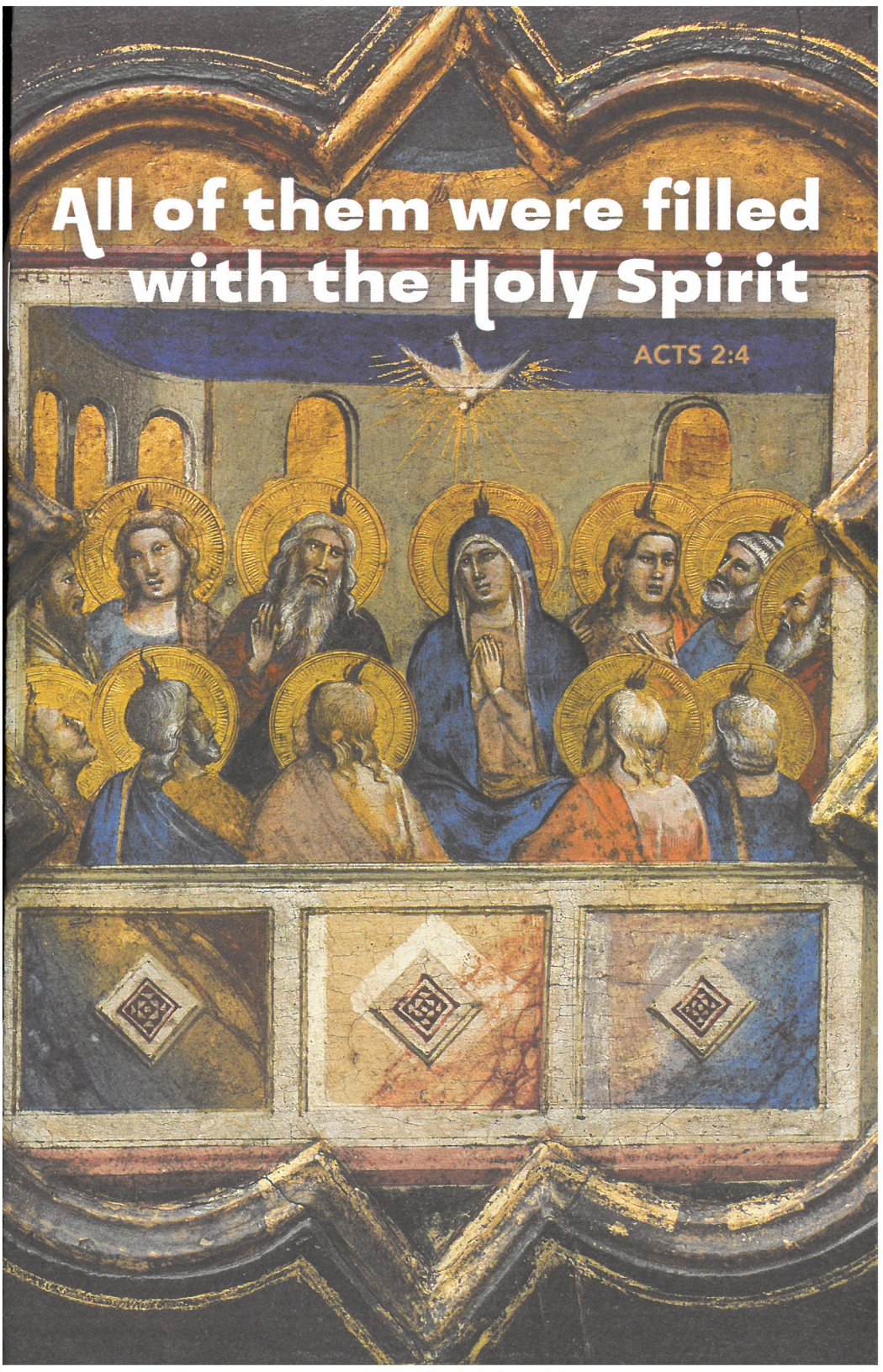
All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit
ACTS 2:4

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Welcomes You

Sunday, May 23, 2021
Day of Pentecost

WELCOME to worship today!

Would you like to read the Psalm today?
Let Pastor Erik know before the service starts.

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.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Welcome

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.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Music for Reflection

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Lector: Pastor Erik

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35B

How manifold are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.

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

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

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

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

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

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
O Lord, rejoice in all your works.

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

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

May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the Lord.

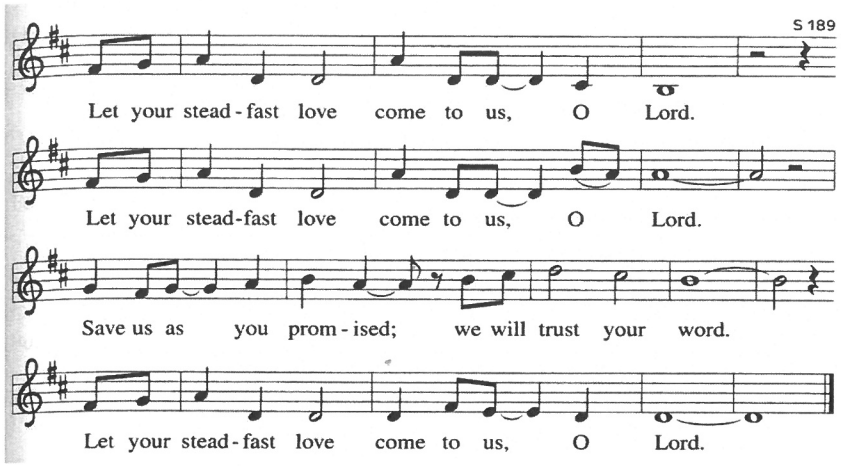
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord,
C: Thanks be to God.

~Message~

Hymn of the Day *Solo*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

Today we pray for the Lord's care: for those impacted by Covid-19 and for the nation as we seek racial harmony. Also for Gloria Landon, Agnes Carson, Matthew Craig, Phyllis Grauer, Billie Rebello, Pauline Morrison, Dan Smith, Britney Thompson, Robert Collinger, Bruce & Nathaniel Cowan, & Evvy Allen~

Today we thank God for the lives of those marking special days this week.

Birthdays: 5/26 Joyce Swanson, 5/28 Matthew Craig, 5/29 Kristin Dunlap~

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.

THE OFFERING

We invite members and friends to give in response to God's grace among us. Our offering is a sign of caring for the work of the Gospel and is a significant act of worship.

If you wish to make an offering to the church,
our mailing address is:
Highland Lutheran Church
38809 NE 41st Ave,
La Center, WA 98629

you can also give digitally through our website,
highlandlutheranchurch.com
or through the GivePlus app,
available on Android and Apple phones

Blessing

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

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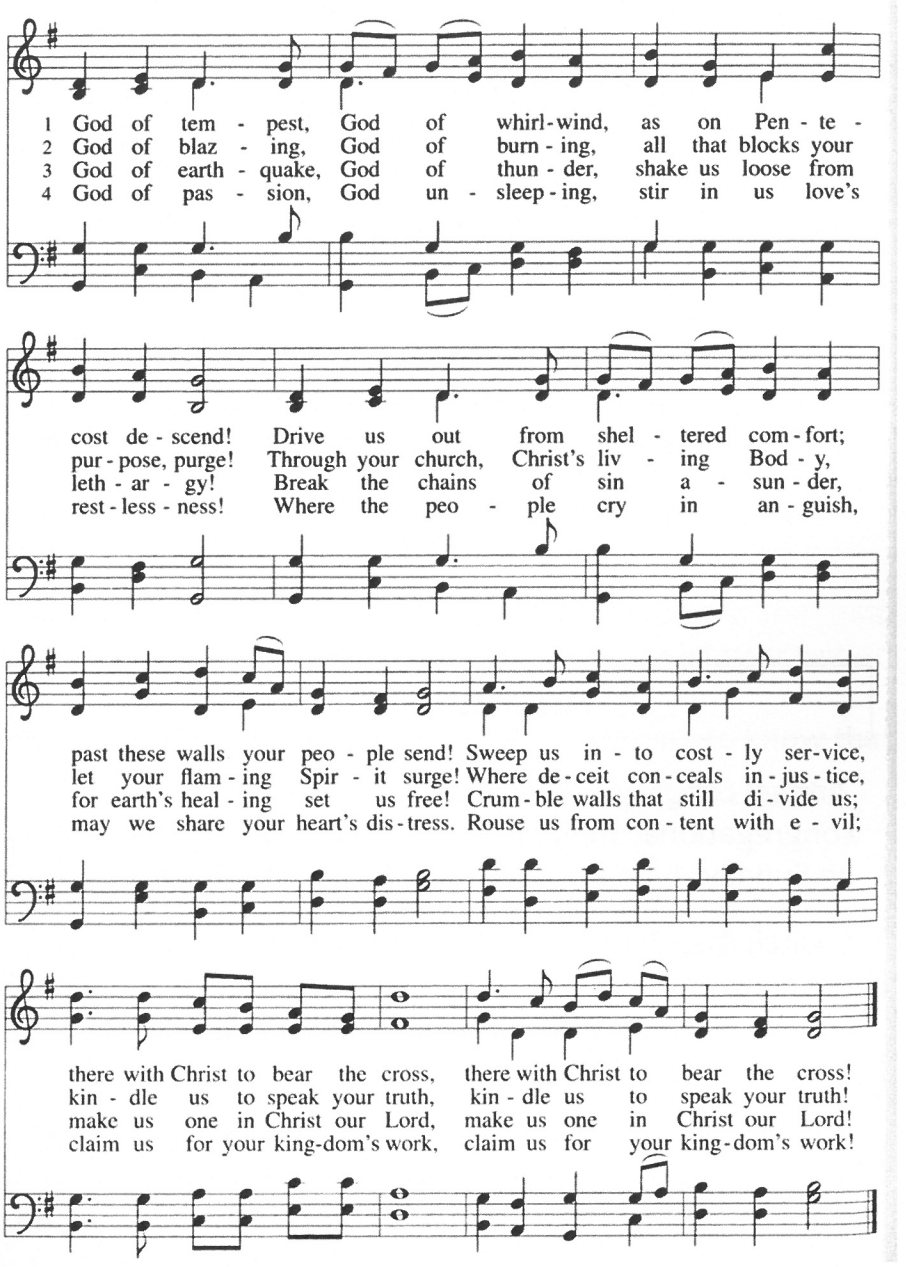
"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"



Announcements

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

To help us maintain social distancing, we would like for everyone to wait to be ushered out at the end of the service.

Our usher will start from the back rows and proceed to the front. Thank you for your patience!

Announcements

Annual congregational meeting: Our annual congregational meeting will be held following the service on Sunday, June 27th. We hope to see you there!

Council Openings: We have many church council openings coming up this year. Please contact Pastor Erik if you are interested in serving on Highland Lutheran's Church Council. Thank you!

Quilters are back! The quilters have been meeting again each Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall, from 9-12. No sewing or quilting skills needed. Come by and visit and see if this is something you would like to be part of.

Yard Help Needed: Now that the weather is warming up, our grass is growing faster than ever! We now have a signup sheet on the volunteer board in the Fellowship Hall.

Garage Sale: Highland's Social Concerns committee is holding its next garage sale on **Saturday, June 5th**. If you have good-quality items to donate please contact Sharon Price or Maggie Vickoren. Or just plan to come on by and make a purchase or two!

Fall Festival!: Highland's Social Concerns committee will be holding their Fall Festival remotely again in 2021- Sharon and Maggie are taking donations for the auction, which is Highland's biggest fundraiser of the year. Please contact Sharon if you have any goods, services, or hand-crafted items to donate.

There is a giving tree with tags to take as you enter the front doors. Please be sure to check it out and take a tag or two~

Friends of the Carpenter would like everyone to know that they are reopening in June, following a 14 month closure due to Covid.

Pastor Erik has made a printed version of today's sermon available by the doors leading into the sanctuary.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21
[not printed]

or **Ezekiel 37:1-14** [not printed]

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27
We know that the whole creation
has been groaning in labor pains
until now; [23]and not only the cre-
ation, but we ourselves, who have
the first fruits of the Spirit, groan
inwardly while we wait for adoption,
the redemption of our bodies. [24]For
in hope we were saved. Now hope
that is seen is not hope. For who
hopes for what is seen? [25]But if we
hope for what we do not see, we wait
for it with patience.

[26]Likewise 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. [27]And God, who
searches the heart, knows what is
the mind of the Spirit, because the
Spirit intercedes for the saints ac-
cording to the will of God.

or **Acts 2:1-21** [not printed]

GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
[Jesus said:] "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. [27]You 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. [5]But now I am going
to him who sent me; yet none of you
asks me, 'Where are you going?'
[6]But because I have said these
things to you, sorrow has filled your
hearts. [7]Nevertheless 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.
[8]And when he comes, he will prove
the world wrong about sin and righ-
teousness and judgment: [9]about sin,
because they do not believe in me;
[10]about righteousness, because I am
going to the Father and you will
see me no longer; [11]about 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. [13]When 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. [14]He
will glorify me, because he will take
what is mine and declare it to you.
[15]All that the Father has is mine.
For this reason I said that he will
take what is mine and declare it to
you."

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17.

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