



HE SENDS HIS SPIRIT

Pentecost Sunday

9:00 & 10:15 am May 31, 2020



ROCK OF AGES

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to our guests!

- It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace which only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Large print service folders and hearing assistance devices are available.
- Restrooms are located at the far ends of the entry area.
- Bible study groups are not meeting today but may resume soon.
- If you are new here please leave your contact information with our pastor in case of needed contact tracing during the pandemic.
- Children's activity bags, quiet toys, and a changing table are available from nursery in entry area.
- Welcome, guests! We'd love to share more with you about our ministry. Contact our pastor today to learn more.
- We are part of a world-wide Christian ministry and support the gospel ministry of the WELS. We'd love to share more with you. You can also visit wels.net





Song Service

Each fifth Sunday of the month we have a special song service.

Hymn

Come and See

♪ **Come and see the glory of the Lord,
Come behold the Lamb.
Come and know the mercy of the King,
Bowing down before him.**

**Come and give thanks unto the Lord,
Come behold the Lamb
Come and sing the praises of the King,
Bowing down before him.**

**For he is Lord above the heavens,
Lord in all the earth.
Lord of all the angels, worthy to be served.
Alleluia, alleluia, Lord.**

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession of Sin

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:
God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,
we lie and do not live by the truth.

If we claim to be without sin,
we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:5-8

Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.

- Silence for personal examination and confession

Absolution

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. *1 John 1:9*

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn

Thank You, Jesus

♪ **Thank you, Jesus, thanks for the cross.**

Thanks for your suffering,

Thank you for dying now reigning.

Lord, Lord, we lift up our hands,

Thanks for your Spirit, Who gives us faith in you Savior.

Thank You, Jesus, thanks for your love,

Thanks for your kindness,

Thanks for the life we inherit.

Lord, Lord, we lift up our hands,

Thanks for your blessings, Thank you for making us family.

Prayer of the Day

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

First Lesson

Joel 2:28, 29

God promises to pour out the gift of his Spirit in the last days.

After this, I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams. Your young men will see visions.

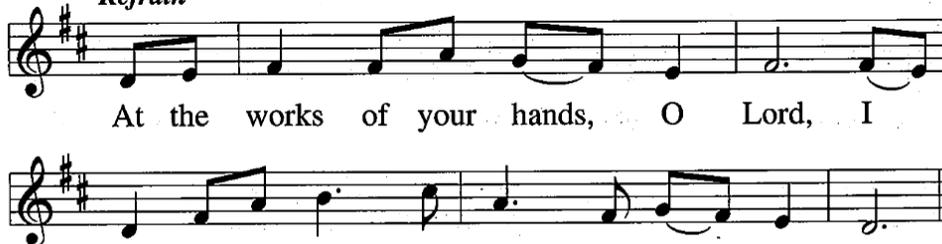
²⁹Even on the servants, both male and female, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 30

Christian Worship page 76

Refrain



At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone



Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;
praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment,
but his favor lasts a lifetime;

weeping may remain for a night,
but rejoicing comes in the morning. [*Refrain*]

To you, O LORD, I called;

to the Lord I cried for mercy:

“Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;
O LORD, be my help.”

You turned my wailing into dancing,
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen. [Refrain]**

Second Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

God sends his Spirit to his Church, just as promised.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely baffled and said to each other, “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” ¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. ¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is

only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷This is what God says will happen in the last days: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions. Your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹I will show wonders in the sky above, and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke. ²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Children's Message

*All children 5th grade and under are invited to come to the front area.
Helpers and parents are welcome to join them.*

Verse of the Day

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

Gospel

John 16:5-11

The Holy Spirit convicts the world about sin, righteousness, and judgement.

But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶Yet because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth: It is good for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

Hymn of the Day

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Christian Worship 152:1-4

♪ I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head!

**2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save.
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

**3. He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.**

**4. He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye.
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

Sermon

Acts 2:1-21

JESUS SENDS THE HOLY SPIRIT JUST AS PROMISED

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Tune: BEACH SPRING (CW 353)

**♪ I believe in God the Father,
Maker of the heav'n and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior,
God's own Son of human birth.
Virgin-born, the Lord incarnate,
Whom the Spirit did conceive;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate;
He's the God whom I believe!**

**Crucified, was dead and buried; Down to hell in victory;
From the dead he rose the third day; Up to heav'n triumphantly.
There at God's right hand he's ruling, By his will the world is led.
He will come to judge the nations, Both the living and the dead.**

**I believe in God the Spirit, In his Church, his chosen band.
They are joined in sweet communion, Holy in his sight they stand.
I believe in sins forgiven; I believe I'll rise again;
I believe in life eternal. Amen! Amen! Amen!**

Offering

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

Our offerings go to support the gospel ministry of our congregation and our national church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, WELS. The WELS is active in world-wide ministry in training workers and supporting missions.

Reception of New Members

Dan and Jacque Olsen

Membership in a Christian church

- 1) is a public witness of your faith*
- 2) an opportunity to support joint ministry effort*
- 3) should be based on unity in God's Word.*
- 4) fosters unity and peace in the face of division and false teaching.*
- 5) allows believers to use their gifts to build up the body of believers*
- 6) helps us fulfill our shared mission to make disciples of all nations.*

Dear members of Rock of Ages Evangelical Lutheran Church, these before you this morning, having been baptized and instructed in the teachings of the Word of God, desire to become members of this congregation.

The minister addresses those being received:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus Christ promises to confess before his Father in heaven those who faithfully confess him on earth. You have come before this Christian congregation to declare your faith and to unite with us in Christian love and fellowship. Therefore, lift up your heart(s) to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions: Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? If so, answer: I do.

Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God? If so, answer: I do.

Do you intend to continue steadfast in the true Christian faith, be diligent in the use of God's Word and sacraments, and lead a godly life even to death? If so, answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.

Will you humbly follow our Lord's instruction to "submit to one another out of reverence for Christ" as we work together as a body of believers? Will you support with your prayers, time, talents, and offerings the work our Lord has given to this congregation? Then, answer: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Having heard your promises, we, the members of Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, receive you in fellowship and love, and invite you to share in our worship and mission, in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

The minister may greet each new member by name.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, author and perfecter of our faith, in mercy you joined *these brothers and sisters in Christ* to your Church when *they* were born again of water and the Spirit. In mercy you taught *them* your saving truth. Grant that *they* may offer *themselves* as living sacrifices to you as *their* spiritual act of worship. Transform *them* by the renewing of *their* minds so that *they* will not conform to the pattern of this world. Help us live in love and harmony with one another and work together in serving you. Keep us united in your Spirit, and bring us at last to your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Response From Assembly

Psalm 133

Read responsively

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.

For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

Rite of Installation *Sydney Peterson has been called to serve for our summer music program and will serve as our main teacher this June and July.*

Dear friends, Sydney Peterson has been called to serve as teacher in summer music program and has signified her willingness to serve. She will be the main teacher for our summer program and will be primarily working with children.

To the teacher: As teacher in our summer program you have a serious responsibility toward God and toward those you serve. You are to assist in the ministry of the Word by instructing the lambs of the flock of Jesus Christ. To equip yourselves for this important task it is necessary that you apply yourselves to a diligent study of God's holy Word, to devote yourselves to prayer and intercession for those who are committed to your care, to live a Christian life, and thus be an example that will prompt others to walk in the fear of God. You are assuming a serious responsibility, but the Lord has promised to be with you and to supply the gifts that are required for the faithful performance of your duty.

I ask you before God: Are you ready and willing to accept this responsibility and to do your work faithfully according to the ability which God has given? Then answer: Yes, with the help of God.

Upon this your promise I declare you a teacher at Rock of Ages, and authorize you to assist in the work where you have been chosen, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May God grant you his Holy Spirit and give you wisdom and strength to fulfill your task, to his glory and for the spiritual and eternal welfare of souls.

Prayer

Gracious Savior, you said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them." Regard with your favor every effort to bring up children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Give, we ask you, wisdom, and discretion, kindness, and perseverance, to all who conduct schools for the instruction of the young. Teach them that they may teach others. Grant especially that the children participating in our summer program may receive with a humble, teachable, and ready mind all instruction given to them according to your Word. Give them your grace while they are young, that they may grow to love you more and more. May they remember their Creator in the days of their youth. Teach them to honor their parents and superiors and to be kind and full of love towards one another. Grant that all of them may be trained in the way in which they should go and, when they are old, never

depart from it.

May the knowledge of the Lord be spread abroad, that all may know you and, from the youngest to the oldest may praise you both now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer of the Church

General Thanksgiving

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Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and joys of friendship.

Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.

Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings. - *Silent prayer.*

Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen

Lord's Prayer

Sung by 4 For Christ

Prayer for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer Hymn

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

Christian Worship 333:1-4

♪ **Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with your grace
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.**

**2. Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with your Word
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.**

**3. Abide with heav'nly brightness Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us From error's gloomy night.**

**4. Abide with richest blessings Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom Grow daily through your Word.**

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Amen.

Prayer Hymn

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

Christian Worship 333:5-6

**Abide with your protection Among us, Lord, our Strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.**

**Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.**



Genesis

Foundations of the Christian Faith

A sermon series

- 6/07  **The Trinity** (Genesis 1:1 - 2:3)
- 6/14  **The Image of God** (Genesis 1:26-28)
- 6/21  **The Garden of Eden** (Genesis 2:4-15)
- 6/28  **The Gift of Marriage** (Genesis 2:16-24)
- 7/05  **The Loss of Paradise** (Genesis 3:1-24)
- 7/12  **The Promised Deliverer** (Genesis 3:15)

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember with Prayer

- Mary Strong as she begins her treatment plan for cancer; that God sustain her and strengthen her through the difficult days ahead.
- Our music program, that God will bless our efforts to share music and the gospel.
- The many recent disturbing occurrences reported in the news; that God would bring about justice, mercy, and his peace to the cities facing political and social unrest; that he would bring the arrogant and unjust to repentance and faith and he would give the afflicted relief.

Attendance

5/24 Sunday Worship: 54

Received in May: \$12,777.82 (to date)

Healthy Habits

Thank you for respecting your fellow worshippers by practicing social distancing habits. You are encouraged to socialize in the sanctuary area or outside rather than causing a crowded area in our narthex. Volunteers are sanitizing all shared touch points between services.

Contact Tracing

If you are new here please leave your contact information with our pastor so that we might be able to alert you in case the spread of illness is detected.

Making Music

We currently have 33 students registered in our program. There is still room for you to register today or to share the invitation with a friend.

Teacher Installation

Our student teacher for the summer, Sydney Peterson will be installed today in both services. She will serve as the main teacher for our 2020 Music Program. Sydney is studying music instruction at Martin Luther College.

CALENDAR

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Sunday, May 31 Pentecost

9:00am Worship
10:15am Worship

Monday, June 1

Making Music Program begins (9 weeks)

Wednesday, June 3

9:00am Elders Meeting

Sunday, June 7 Trinity

9:00am Worship
10:15am Worship

Sunday, June 14 Pentecost 2

9:00am Worship with Lord's Supper
10:15am Worship with Lord's Supper

Monday, June 15

6:00pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 17

1:00pm Mary Martha meeting

Serving This Week

Flowers: *(sign-up in narthex)*

Music: Keyboard, Jeni Strickland; 4 For Christ

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Barthel

Ushers: *(sign up in narthex)*

Genesis Sermon Series

Grab an invitation card to invite a friend to join us for a six-week series "Genesis: Foundations of the Christian Faith."

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