

Dear members of God's family at Resurrection Church,

Easter is 50 days long and the Day of Pentecost is the 50th day. Easter has 8 Sundays and the Day of Pentecost is the 8th Sunday, the last day of the feast. The Spirit of God, celebrated on this day, takes all the meaning of Easter, all the life and hope God gives us, the very presence of Jesus Christ alive, and pours this love into our hearts. This gift is true, even when we are sheltering at home, away from our usual gathering. The Spirit of God, the Spirit of the risen Christ, unites us. If you are able, join your fellow members of this one Body in prayer at home at **10am on May 31.**

Alleluia Christ is risen!

## **RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**



**Day of Pentecost  
May 31, 2020**

## Our Common Prayer at Home

*You may wish to put on something red, the liturgical color of Pentecost. Everyone with whom you live may do the same. You may also light a candle near where you pray, perhaps the candle you have lit through all the Sundays of Easter, and today you might put that candle on a red cloth.*

*When you are ready, one person may lead in this acclamation and then pray the Prayer of the Day.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

God's love has been poured into our hearts,  
**through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Then the readings for this Sunday may be read, as follows:*

### FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because

each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “You Judeans and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>‘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 youth shall see visions,  
and your elders shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*This Psalm is sung or read in response to the First Reading:*

*Music may be found at:*

<https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20200531/playlist>

## **PSALM 104:24-34, 35b**

- <sup>24</sup>How manifold are your | works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.
- <sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,  
living things both | small and great.
- <sup>26</sup>There go the ships | to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.
- <sup>27</sup>All of them | look to you  
to give them their food | in due season.
- <sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they | gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.
- <sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, | they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.
- <sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;  
and so you renew the face | of the earth.
- <sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.
- <sup>32</sup>You look at the earth | and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.
- <sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;  
I will praise my God while I | have my being.
- <sup>34</sup>May these words of | mine please God.  
I will rejoice | in the LORD.
- <sup>35b</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul.  
Hal- | lelujah!

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**

The holy gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Judeans, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Having read these readings, think of this:*

*There are certainly spirits abroad in the world and even in our own lives that do not work for the common good. There are certainly people — and perhaps we have been among them — who think that only their own language and culture can speak the truth and that people unlike them cannot have visions of hope that matter: “they are just drunk.” But this attitude does not mark the Spirit of God, the Spirit given us when we are drawn into the word of God and into faithful prayer. God’s Spirit comes from and bears witness to the risen Christ. It enables forgiveness — God’s forgiveness of us, our forgiveness of each other, and our ministry of forgiveness to all the world. That Spirit gives us all differing abilities to use for building each other up. It gives vision and wisdom for all. In our baptism into Christ, God’s Spirit has formed us into one Body, and that Body is quite alive even in our present distance from each other. Now we, in turn — even in this time — are to bear witness to our neighbors and greet the world with peace.*

*At this point, read or listen to Pastor Linman’s Pentecost sermon. It may be found on Constant Contact, on the RELC website, or at <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20200531/playlist>*

You might now sing the following hymn. Accompaniment may be found at <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20200531/playlist>

## HYMN OF THE DAY #405

### O Spirit of Life

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Spirit of Life". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and an accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the last two lines. The lyrics are: "1 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, 2 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, 3 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, 4 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God, in ev - 'ry need you bring us aid, in - crease our faith in our dear Lord; make us to love your sa - cred word; en - light - en us by that same word;".

1 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,  
2 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,  
3 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,  
4 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,  
in ev - 'ry need you bring us aid,  
in - crease our faith in our dear Lord;  
make us to love your sa - cred word;  
en - light - en us by that same word;

pro - ceed - ing forth from heav - en's throne,  
 un - less your grace the pow'r should give,  
 the ho - ly flame of love im - part,  
 teach us to know God's ra - diant love,

from God, the Fa - ther and the Son;  
 none can be - lieve in Christ and live;  
 that char - i - ty may who warm each heart;  
 lead us to Christ who reigns a - bove;

O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.  
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Text: Johann Niedling, 1602–1668; tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, alt.  
 Music: O HEILIGER GEIST, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

*Then pray together these prayers for our church and world:*

On this day of Pentecost we unite in prayer, asking God to send the Holy Spirit on the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church around the globe:

For the Eastern Orthodox churches, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

For the Roman Catholic church, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

For Protestant and Anglican churches, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

For Pentecostal churches, we pray, **Come, Holy Spirit!**

For evangelicals and independents, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

For our own congregation, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

And for everyone who searches for you, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Send your Spirit on the leaders of nations, on legislators, and on judges, that the people of the world will benefit from your justice and your peace. *A brief silence.*

For the nations of the world, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Restore with your breath the whole creation, especially the lands and waters laden with pollution and the animals whose habitats are threatened. *A brief silence.*

For your earth, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Visit all who are suffering, all who feel hopeless, and all who face death. Send healing to Don Hanson, Karen Huff, Barb Jensen, Nathan Linman, and Jack Mulloy, and those we name here before you. *A brief silence.*

For all who are in need, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Restore to health those who have contracted the virus. Uphold health-care workers, grant to the unemployed jobs, and assist researchers in discovering a vaccine. *A brief silence.*

For all who are confronting the coronavirus, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Bless those who are graduating from schools and universities. Give our youth hope for their future.

*A brief silence.*

For our graduates we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Show our nation and our churches how to connect with those whose language we cannot speak.

*A brief silence.*

For the speakers of every language under the sun we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

As Elizabeth welcomed Mary to her home, give us ways during this time to share with one another the faithfulness we receive from you. Surprise us with unexpected grace.

*A brief silence.*

For family members and friends, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Hear also the cries of our own hearts. *A longer time of silence.*

For ourselves, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Receive our praise for all who for centuries have gone before us in the faith, from the first Pentecost, throughout Christian history, and up to this week.

*A brief silence.*

That at the end we and all the saints will rejoice in your presence, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

Now read or sing the following Hymn. Accompaniment is at <https://www.relcarlinton.org/hw/20200531/playlist>

## HYMN #396 Spirit of Gentleness

*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness  
call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,  
stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

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Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley  
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*Then conclude with these prayers:*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

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.**

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

**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.**

*Then speak the Blessing:*

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

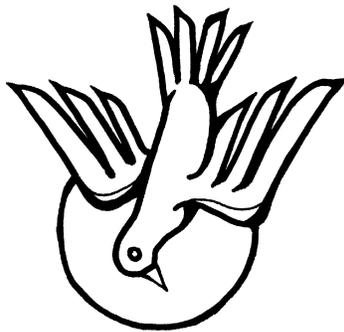
The God of all grace ✚ bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Send forth your Spirit, O God, **and renew the face of the earth.**

*We cannot now celebrate the Holy Communion. But you can pray at your table in your home, a table which always echoes the Holy Supper. Christ is always present at your meal. Your meal is holy. Here is one prayer you might use, at breakfast, lunch, or dinner, to celebrate that presence, echoing the Psalm of this Sunday:*

**The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,  
And you give them their food in due season.  
You open wide your hand  
And satisfy the desire of every living thing.**



**Readings for the Week:**

**Monday** (Visit of Mary to Elizabeth [transferred]; commemoration of Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165) Luke 1:39-57. **Tuesday** Romans 8:26-27. **Wednesday** (commemoration of the Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886; John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963) John 7:37-39.

**Thursday** Psalm 8. **Friday** (commemoration of Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 754) 2 Timothy 1:12b-14. **Saturday** John 14:15-17. **The Holy Trinity** (commemoration of Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866) Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20.