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Carlton Hills Lutheran Church / Santee, CA

*Strengthen Faith in Christ, Enlarge our Hearts, Energize for Mission, Stretch our Minds*

# Pentecost Sunday

May 16, 2021

## Gathering

### Prelude

"Festive Trumpet Tune" by David German

### Call to Worship

[thepastorsworkshop.com](http://thepastorsworkshop.com)

*Adapted from Ezekiel 37:5, 6, 9*

This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones:

**I will make breath enter you and you will come to life.**

I will attach tendons to you

**And make flesh come upon you**

And cover you with skin.

**I will put breath in you, and you will come to life.**

Then you will know that I am the Lord.

**Come, breath from the four winds, and breathe.**

### Covid 19 RESTRICTIONS:

Please remember to keep your mask on and maintain social distancing **throughout** and **after** the service. Where responses or songs are indicated, please do so in low tones if at all, while maintaining your mask in place. **Your silent response "in the heart" is equally appropriate.**

### GATHERING HYMN

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.*

1 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*

2 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*

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the world was still; and down in the city you called once again, when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

4 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 eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
We are raised with him to new life.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.



#### *Water poured into font:*

We give you thanks, O God,  
For in the beginning you created us in your image  
And planted us in a well-watered garden.  
In the desert you promised pools of water for the  
parched,  
And you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way,  
You sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.  
At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,  
And on this day, you shower us again with the water of  
life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,  
for the water in this font, And for water everywhere.  
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
In the Unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**AMEN.**



### APOSTOLIC 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 Go, now and forever. **Amen.**



<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.'

*L: Word of God, Word of Life!*

*C: Thanks be to God.*

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## HOW DO YOU SENSE THE HOLY SPIRIT MOVING IN YOUR LIFE... TODAY?

### GOSPEL

<sup>26</sup> "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. <sup>27</sup> You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>4</sup> But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

### The Work of the Spirit

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>

But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

*L: Word of God, Word of Life!*

*C: Thanks be to God.*



### SERMON

Pastor Andreas

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Gather us in ELW 532

Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our  
dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of history  
Called to be light to the whole human race

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water  
Here we will take the bread of new birth  
Here you shall call your sons and your  
daughters  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth

Give us to drink the wine of compassion  
Give us to eat the bread that is you  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining  
Not in some heaven light years away  
But here in this place the new light is shining  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day

Gather us in and hold us forever  
Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in, all peoples together  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones  
***Fire of love in our flesh and our bones***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by Michele Strand

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you give the Holy Spirit to your church, filling it with many and varied gifts. In the church throughout the world, strengthen us in our visioning and dreaming, that it may discover anew the Spirit's creative work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, your mighty works are too numerous to count. The earth is full of your creatures, living things both great and small. Open your hand and give them the necessities of this life. Send your fresh Spirit over the face of the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, at the sound of the rushing wind, people speaking different languages proclaimed and heard together your deeds of power. Fill the leaders of nations with your Holy Spirit, so that they exercise your gracious will in the lives of people.

Especially we join Pope Francis and others around the world to “pray incessantly so that Israelis and Palestinians can find the road of dialogue and forgiveness, to become patient builders of peace and of justice, opening themselves, step by step, to a common hope and to a coexistence as brothers and sisters.”

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of faithfulness, you tend to the needs of your people, even the sighs of our hearts. Hear those who cry out to you in distress. Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of love, fill this congregation, *Carlton Hills Lutheran Church*, with gratitude for the gifts we have received from you. Renew our ministries, heal our divisions, and open us to the needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here in our community, we especially lift up our Friday Community Meal, the Santee Food Bank, the East County Homeless Task Force, the “You did it 4me’ program, the Welcome Ministry in El Cajon, and the Orphanage of Mundo Pequeño Especial: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray also for the Dorcas Circle, the Choir, the Stephen Ministers, The Men’s Group, and the Seniors Exercise group, the Boy Scouts, and the Model A Ford Club, that your steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Especially we pray for:*

- For **ROYCE PRIVETT** – who now rests in the arms of his Lord. We pray for **MARIAN** his wife, **BELINDA** and his extended family as they cares for him, as funeral plans are put into place.
- For **RON DIXON** who was hospitalized on Friday with shortness of breath related to COPD, and for **Carole**, his wife. Ron has been on oxygen over the weekend and hopes to be released home later on Sunday afternoon.
- **DEBBIE SAILER** – mother of Monica Paul, who resides in Maine and was recently diagnosed with liver cancer; be with her as she is scheduled for surgery in May and especially as she is a cancer survivor (in remission) from a previous diagnosis.
- We pray that you would grant your peace to **LES LEWIS** and his family and friends, who at age 95 suffers from a serious reaction to the COVID shot and is floating in and out of consciousness. *(Laura Vaughan)*
- For **JANICE**, who has an unidentified infection in her arm. Be with her as she visits the Mayo Clinic in MN for a last chance to save her arm. *(Wentz)*
- For **MARVIN HAMILTON**, who has some medical issues with his TMJ (temporomandibular joint) and is on doctors orders of “no singing” and limited speaking; we pray for healing and easing of any pain.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for **GAELYN**. Her surgery was successful in eradicating the cancer and she is well on her way to recovering. THANKS BE TO GOD! *(Dierdre Zeller)*
- **HELEN MESSINA** , who is progressing well after a serious case of Covid. *(Michele & Corky Strand)*
- For **RICK BLOCK** and for **HIS FAMILY** – finally out of ICU and allowed to have visitors. He still has a long way to go before going home, but he is making vast improvements. *(Wentz)*
- **FOR CAMERON BOX**, spouse of Kate Francis Box, as they relocate to Fort Lauderdale and his Coast Guard unit deploys to the Caribbean for the next two months. *(Kris Francis)*

- **IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF ROXIE**, Randy Catron’s faithful canine companion, who passed away peacefully last week.
- **ADDISON**, born in November with a protein deficiency, and thankfully received meds that stopped her seizures, who was able to go home with her family (Laura Vaughan)
- Marvin’s sister **Linda** in her treatment for a brain aneurysm (Marvin Hamilton)
- **GAIL** – for healing from her loss and successful treatment of her cancer (Kris Francis)
- **SIGRID THODE**, who anticipates surgical treatment for her back pain. (Pastor Andreas)
- For **MANDY AND NATE WAGNER** as Mandy has retired from the US Army. Be present settle into their new home in El Paso. (Laura Vaughan’s daughter.)
- God’s protection and mercy over business partners, employees, customers, and their families. (Lee, Corky & Michele Strand)
- For **DAVID FRANCIS, SYDNIE BROWN, SERENITY AND ZACK STARK**, that their studies might continue and that they have productive learning experiences.
- We pray for students and teachers who return now to the challenge of distance learning or hybrid learning as the school year moves forward.
- We pray for **all our youth** to make wise decisions, for the future and for the present.



For all these: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Please continue to share your prayer requests with us. If you become aware of an update, please let us know so that we can pray accordingly. Requests will be removed after about one month if we have not received an update.*



In the midst of the COVID pandemic, we pray  
 for those who are doubting, renew faith.  
 For those who are worrying, provide release.  
 For those who are struggling, ease burdens.  
 For those in fear, give hope.  
 Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, those who have died in you raise their eternal son of praise. We give you thanks for the many gifts of your people and rejoice in the witness of your saints (especially Rich, Kay, and Royce, and Manfred). Hear us, O God. **our mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

**PEACE** *We share peace with one another, saying “Peace be with you” or similar words.*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C: And also with you.**

*You are invited to **SHARE THE PEACE** with a wave, a bow, in sign-language, or any other non-contact greeting that is appropriate.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

We invite you to send your tithes and offering to the church either by mail or via your bank.  
The address is: **Carlton Hills Lutheran Church, 9735 Halberns Blvd, Santee, CA 92071**

God of love, you call us beloved children  
and welcome us to your table.  
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.  
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;  
for the sake of your beloved Child,  
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

We encourage you to keep giving through your bank. However, if you wish to give your offering while you are here for worship, please place it in the **GIVING STATION**. *No collection of offerings will be taken or received.*

## Meal



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.**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures  
from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your Anointed One.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.*

Again, after supper, he took the Cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This Cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.*

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died Christ is risen Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come Holy Spirit.**



Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the Body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love; **Come Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed Holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

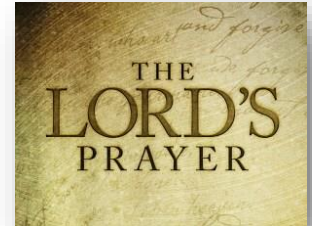
### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*We join in prayer as our Lord 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.*

*The Body of Christ, given for you.  
The Blood of Christ, shed for you.*



### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation, you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

## **Sending**

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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**

O Day Full of Grace ELW #627

1 O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon,  
bring light from our God that we may be abundant in joy this season.  
God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.

2. O day full of grace, O blessed time, our Lord on the earth arriving;  
then came to the world that light sublime, great joy for us all retrieving;  
for Jesus all mortals did embrace, all shame and despair removing.

3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the cross was hanging;  
and then he arose and moved the stone, that we, unto him belonging,  
might join with angelic hosts to raise our voices in endless singing.

4. God came to us then at Pentecost, his Spirit new life revealing,  
That we might no more from him be lost, All darkness for us dispelling.  
His flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all his healing.

5 When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us preparing,  
we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, all joy of the heavens sharing,  
and there we will join God's endless praise, with angels and said adorning.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said.  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune" by Michael Porr

*Please remember: we can't have a "safe service" and then hug everyone in sight before leaving! So please: Stay six feet apart, greet each other warmly but without contact, rejoice in the opportunity to SEE each other – and then... **GO! In peace!***

