



Jesus gives the gift of the Holy Spirit
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Welcome to Peace!

Here's some helpful information to guide your time here today.

Enjoy.

We are blessed that you're here with us today. You could have been anywhere today, doing many different things, but you're here worshipping with us and we are so happy! As our guest, we want you to feel at ease. Through worship, song, and message we want you to experience a different kind of peace.

Connect.

Would you do us the honor of letting us know you were here today? This allows us to give thanks for you and know how we can perhaps serve you in the future. We'd also love to be able to give a small token of our thanks. Please fill out the connect card in this service folder or scan this QR code on your phone or follow the link and fill out as much or as little information as you'd like.



[Connection Card](#)

Next Steps.

Going to a new church is a big deal. We're so glad you took that step today. Please take a welcome gift from the table in the entry area. Here are some possible next steps for your journey here at Peace

- Come back and connect with God's Word next week
- Set up a time to chat with Pastor Thiel. 651.276.5286 or revjthiel@gmail.com
- Check out "Starting Point," a way to discover more about Peace and Jesus.



Call to Worship: God the Holy Spirit in Scripture

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

The Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever."

O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in agony.

Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Opening Song: 590 O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in and in our hearts
2 Give to your Word im - pres - sive pow'r that in our hearts



your work be - gin, your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour as fire it may be glow - ing,



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, a - round and in
that in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty we faith - ful wit -



us bright - ly shine, to joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.



that we may be tru - ly liv - ing, to you giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us by your teach - ing; let our preach - ing



prayer un - ceas - ing and in love be still in - creas - ing.
and our la - bor praise you, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.

Prayer

Let us pray.

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.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“ In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and 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 heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows 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 everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-11

²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

Song: 592 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the Church's



realms of light, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
ver - y life, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
min - is - try, teach - ing, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,



o'er a world of gloom and night, Ho - ly Spir - it,
through us in a cease - less strife, Ho - ly Spir - it,
set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free, Ho - ly Spir - it,



ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high, liv - ing,
ev - er form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ, you we
ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to soul in com -



life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
praise with end - less wor - ship for your gra - cious gifts un - priced.
mun - ion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Message: These bones can live

Based on Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.”

⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!’ ⁵This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶I 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.’ ”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’ ” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ ” ¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them: “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.’ ”

Offering

Our Peace family joyfully gives an offering to the one who has given us all. If you are our guest today, you are welcome to give a gift, but please do not feel obligated. We are happy you shared in our joy today!



Give a Gift

Let's Connect

During this time of meditation, would you please fill out a connection card? You may fill out as much as you're comfortable with. It is a blessing to be able to serve you on a more personal level. Thank you!



Connection Card

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

**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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. (1 Corinthians 11:28)

Lord Jesus, I come to your table recognizing my need for your forgiveness.

Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 10:16)

Lord Jesus, I come to your table recognizing the presence of your body and blood.

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. (Matthew 26:28)

Lord Jesus, I come to your table recognizing your gift of forgiveness, life, and salvation offered here.

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf. (1 Corinthians 10:17)

Lord Jesus, I come to your table recognizing my unity with my brothers and sisters in Christ who commune with me.

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

Lord Jesus, I come to your table recognizing that this is a way you connect me to your life, death, and resurrection. As I receive communion, I joyfully proclaim your saving acts of love. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

The Distribution

Helpful information about the Lord's Supper and how we practice it here at Peace is printed in the back of the bulletin



Distribution Song: 477 O Day Full of Grace



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, his Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may be
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub - lime,
cross was hang - ing, and then he a - rose to claim his throne
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more from him be lost,
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a - glow,



re - plete in his joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
great joy for us all re - triev - ing, for Je - sus all
that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
all dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the
all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and walk in the



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, all dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all his heal - ing.
light of God's own place, with an - gels his name a - dor - ing.

The Dismissal

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing

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.



Closing Praise: 593 Holy Spirit, Light Divine



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, shine up - on this heart of mine;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, fill my heart, cleanse my life in ev - 'ry part;



chase the gloom of night a - way, turn the dark - ness in - to day.
fill me with your heav'n - ly peace, let it grow and still in - crease.
your own tem - ple I would be now and for e - ter - ni - ty.





Some Helpful information about how we practice Communion at Peace...

We practice member communion. The historic church has practiced Communion in this way for 19 centuries. Rest assured, this practice is not intended to exclude people in any way, as though we are a special club. Rather, it is simply a loving way to ensure that you fully understand what Communion is. In that way, when you take it you can avoid any harm and fully appreciate its blessings.

Before our members receive Communion we ask that they can answer “yes” to all the following questions about Communion:

1. Do you confess your sins and seek to turn away from them?
2. Do you recognize that Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross is the only way sins are forgiven?
3. Do you recognize that in Communion you receive Jesus’ true body and true blood along with the bread and wine?
4. Do you believe the Bible is God’s inspired Word and does not just contain some truths of God?
5. Do you believe what Peace Lutheran Church teaches and confesses, which is based on God’s inspired Word?

How did you answer?

If you’re unsure, that’s perfectly fine. That’s why we’d like to help you learn more. Please speak with Pastor Thiel and he’d be happy to answer any questions you have.

Rest assured; you are blessed!

Whether you take communion today or not, you have received God’s gracious blessings. God promises to work his blessings of forgiveness and life through his Word (the Bible) and through Communion. So, as you spoke, sang, and listened to God’s Word today you received those blessings, too. You can leave today knowing how much God loves you!



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