



VALLEY OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

# *Pentecost Prayer Stations*

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*Celebrating  
Gifts of the  
Spirit*

THIS IS A SERVICE FOR YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD TO USE AS YOU WOULD LIKE.

ON PENTECOST SUNDAY WE CELEBRATE THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.  
THIS SERVICE IS DESIGNED FOR US TO EXPERIENCE AND NAME THE PRESENCE OF  
THE SPIRIT IN OUR CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND LIFE.

I PRAY THAT THE SPIRIT MAY MAKE ITSELF KNOWN TO YOU  
THIS SUNDAY AND EVERY SUNDAY.

THE PRAYERS ARE FROM EVANGELIC LUTHERAN WORSHIP WHICH IS COMMENDED  
FOR USE IN THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA.

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# *Worship Service Instructions*

This service is designed to be a prayerful service for you and your household. There are a variety of prayer stations that you are invited to drive to as part of the service. If you are unable to drive, please imagine each location and use the service as a time of worship in your home. There will be no Facebook Service or online worship for this Sunday.

You will see below that the first 3 stations are located near Valley of Peace.

**Pastor Ashley will be at Station 3 from 9:30 - 10:30 am.**

You are invited to begin this Worship Service during that time.

Please follow the recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Health for safety for you and your household and the safety of others.

Click [here](#) to access the recommendations.

If you are driving, I would invite you to decorate your car in red as a sign of the symbol of Pentecost when the flame of the Spirit spread from the church to the community. In this way we will recognize one another as we travel throughout our community celebrating the gifts of the Spirit.

## *Before the Service*

Each prayer station is located at a specific location. At each location there is a Scripture reading, reflections to ponder, and a prayer to offer. All of this is included in the Order of Worship in the following pages. Please print a copy of this service or open the PDF on a device to bring with you.

The first three stations are located near Valley of Peace. The remaining stations are places that you and your household will select. I would invite you to think about the location of each station before beginning worship. If a station is located at a place where you are unable to drive to please park where you are and follow the words of worship for that station,

Please take your time at each station. This is a worship service and you do not need to hurry through as we celebrate the presence of the Spirit.



# *Prayer Station Locations*

Station 1: Near the Creek in the VOP Parking Lot (see diagram below)

Station 2: Near the Lower Level Entrance at VOP (see diagram below)

Station 3: Near Bridge Way Entrance at VOP (see diagram below)

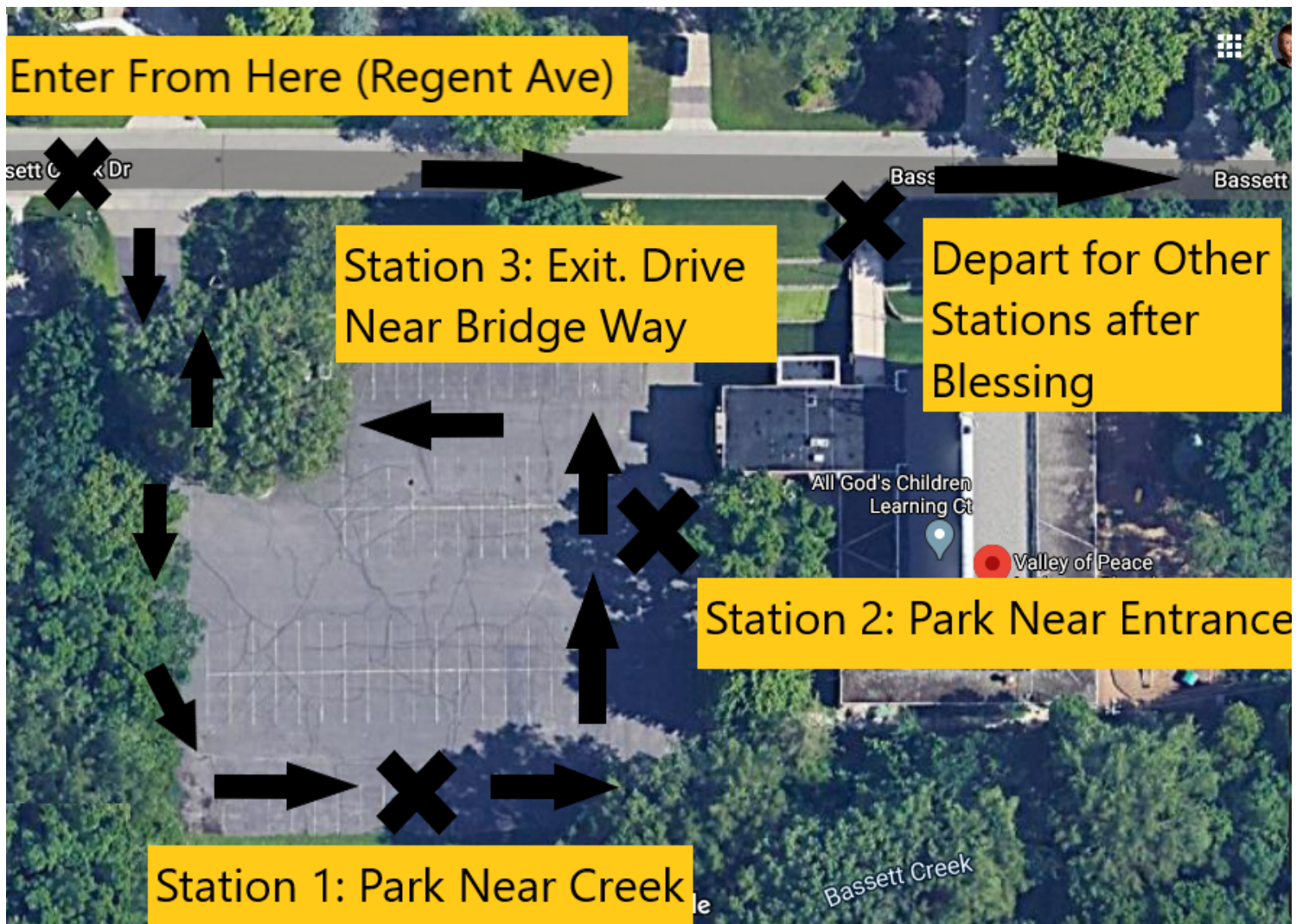
Station 4: Location where you experience wisdom and knowledge

Station 5: Location where you experience healing and the work of miracles

Station 6: Location where you receive an inspired word and discern God's call

Station 7: Location where you speak and listen faithfully

Station 8: Your home



# *Station 1*

## *The Holy Spirit Uniting us in Baptism*

LOCATED NEAR THE CREEK IN THE VOP PARKING LOT

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### **SCRIPTURE READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-13**

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. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jew or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

### **REFLECTION**

Sit in your car in prayer and reflect on the water that runs near our church.

How is this water a reminder of baptism? Remember your own baptism.

Remember the baptisms you have witnessed at Valley of Peace.

What does it mean to be one body?

What are the gifts you can name in this body of Christ at Valley of Peace?

What are the gifts that you are called to share with this body of Christ?

### **PRAYER**

Most high and holy God, pour out upon us your one and unifying Spirit, and awaken in every confession of the whole church a holy hunger and thirst for unity in you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.





## *Station 2*

### *The Holy Spirit in our Community*

LOCATED NEAR THE LOWER LEVEL ENTRANCE AT VOP

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#### **SCRIPTURE READING: ACTS 2:1-4**

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

#### **REFLECTION**

Sit in your car in prayer and reflect on all of the people who have walked in and out of our church building. The Holy Spirit descended on the early church as they were all gathered in one place. How have you seen the Holy Spirit descend on our community of faith as we gather together? What gatherings have you attended when the Holy Spirit surprised you? What gatherings are you longing to attend in this season?

#### **PRAYER**

Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.



# *Station 3*

## *The Gift of Faith*

LOCATED NEAR THE BRIDGE WAY ENTRANCE AT VOP.  
PLEASE PARK ON THE STREET TO READ THROUGH THE DEVOTION  
AND THEN DRIVE TO PASTOR ASHLEY FOR A BLESSING.

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### **SCRIPTURE READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11**

Now there are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 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. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

### **REFLECTION**

As you sit in your car in prayer near another entrance of the church, think of the faith that has been received and shared here. As you receive a blessing and a wave from Pastor Ashley, may you know that we give thanks for the gift of faith you share in our community.

### **PRAYER**

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



## *Station 4*

### *The Gifts of Wisdom and Knowledge*

LOCATION WHERE YOU EXPERIENCE WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE

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#### **SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 2:6**

For the Lord gives wisdom;  
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

#### **REFLECTION**

As you sit in your car in prayer in this place think about the people who shared spiritual gifts with you.

Who are those people?

How did they share their gifts?

How have you followed their path and shared gifts of wisdom and knowledge with others?

#### **PRAYER**

Gracious and holy God, give us the diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word, a heart to love; a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



## *Station 5*

### *The Gifts of Healing and Miracles*

LOCATION WHERE YOU EXPERIENCE HEALING AND THE WORK OF MIRACLES

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#### **SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 41:10**

Do not fear, for I am with you,  
do not be afraid, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you, I will help you,  
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

#### **REFLECTION**

As you sit in your car in prayer in this place think about what it felt like to receive these gifts of healing and miracles.

How did it impact your understanding of God?

How do these gifts continue to shape your daily life?

#### **PRAYER**

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.





## *Station 6*

### *The Gifts of Prophecy and Discernment*

LOCATION WHERE YOU RECEIVE AN INSPIRED WORD AND DISCERN GOD'S CALL

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#### **SCRIPTURE READING: ACTS 1:8**

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;  
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,  
and to the ends of the earth.

#### **REFLECTION**

As you sit in your car in prayer in this place, think about how the prophecy  
and discernment came to you.

Who spoke this prophecy or inspired word?

How did it make you feel?

How do you discern the work of God in your life?

How do you hold on to inspired words and discernment in your daily life?

#### **PRAYER**

God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant us, we pray, to be  
grounded and settled in your truth by the coming of the Holy Spirit into our  
hearts. That which we know not, reveal; that which is wanting in us, fill up,  
that which we know, confirm; and keep us blameless in your service;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## *Station 7*

### *The Gifts of Speaking and Listening*

LOCATION WHERE YOU SPEAK AND LISTEN FAITHFULLY

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#### **SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 16:13**

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

#### **REFLECTION**

As you sit in your car in prayer in this place think about the places you have been called to use your voice faithfully.

How does it feel to speak truth in love?

How does it feel to listen faithfully?

How does listening impact the way you speak?

#### **PRAYER**

By your word, eternal God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life. By your word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the tomb, and we are given new life in the power of your Spirit. May we boldly proclaim this good news in our words and our deeds, rejoicing always in your powerful presence, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.



# Station 8

## The Gifts You Share

MAKE YOUR WAY HOME

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### SCRIPTURE READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11

Now there are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 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. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

### REFLECTION

You have moved from church to community as you reflect on spiritual gifts given by the Holy Spirit. As you make your way home, think about the spiritual gifts you are called to share in this time. Create a space in your home where you can remember the peace of the Spirit that fills our community and fills your life. Perhaps this could be a candle that you light daily, a reflection on a piece of paper taped to a place you see frequently, or a Scripture verse you memorize.

You may choose to write on your sidewalk or make a window sign sharing the peace and love of the Spirit with your community, as a reminder that we are all united as one and we all have gifts to share.



# *Closing Prayer and Blessing*

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## **PRAYER**

Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit you have knit your servants into the one body of your Son, Jesus Christ. Look with favor upon them in their commitment to serve in Christ's name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocations of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

May the blessing of God our Mother, Jesus our Savior, and the inspiring of the Holy Spirit go with you, today and always. Amen.

## **OFFERING**

Today we celebrate the gifts of the Spirit and the many gifts that God has given all of us. Thank you for sharing those gifts at Valley of Peace!

If you would like to make a financial gift please do so  
by mailing a gift to Valley of Peace,  
or giving electronically by visiting [www.valleyofpeace.org](http://www.valleyofpeace.org),  
or texting to give by texting 763-402-9174.

Thank you!

**GO IN PEACE. SERVE THE LORD.  
THANKS BE TO GOD!**

