

THE DAY OF PENTECOST
The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
May 22 & 23, 2021
5:00PM & 8:00AM

AS WE GATHER

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit reaches to all who belong to Christ, granting a renewed and eternal life. In his Letter to Titus, Paul writes of the salvation of God our Savior and the renewal of the Holy Spirit that is for all God's people. Assuring us that we are God's children, the Spirit enables us to address God as our Father with all boldness and confidence—as Martin Luther affirms in his explanation of the Lord's Prayer. When we are directed by the Spirit, our daily lives are ordered in such a way that we continually walk in a heavenly direction. The Spirit shapes our lives of prayer and of worship, interceding for us—and with us—as we worship in spirit and truth.

WELCOME

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

✠ **PREPARATION** ✠

HYMN #913

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine, Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us That we may be Truly living,
To You giving Prayer unceasing And in love be still increasing.

Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,
That in our hearts from this good hour As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing, Hear us, cheer us By Your teaching;
Let our preaching And our labor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

O mighty Rock, O source of life, Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith, From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace On us shower; By Your power Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

(Rise)

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Pastor: Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;

People: let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

Pastor: Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,

People: my salvation and my God.

Pastor: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;

People: they sing praises to your name.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**People: for the LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor: I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

People: Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

Pastor: I say to the LORD, you are my God;

People: give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires are known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: In repentance, let us now confess our sins unto our gracious God.

People: Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, grant us your divine absolution so that, as your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve you in time and for eternity. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. To them that believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE #489 “Hail Thee, Festival Day”

1st time: Soloist/Choir – Congregation joins in refrain and sings bold stanzas:

**Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;
Day when the Holy Ghost Shone in the world with His grace.
Repeat Refrain**

*Solo/Choir: Bright and in likeness of fire, On those who await His appearing,
He whom the Lord had foretold Suddenly, swiftly descends:*

**Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;
Day when the Holy Ghost Shone in the world with His grace.**

*Solo/Choir: Hark! For in myriad tongues Christ’s own, His chosen apostles,
Preached to the ends of the earth Christ and His wonderful works:*

**Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;
Day when the Holy Ghost Shone in the world with His grace.
God the Almighty, the Lord, the ruler of earth and the heavens,
Guard us from harm without; Cleanse us from evil within;**

**Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;
Day when the Holy Ghost Shone in the world with His grace.**

*Solo/Choir: Jesus, the health of the world, Creator of all and redeemer,
Son of the Father supreme, Only begotten of God:*

**Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;
Day when the Holy Ghost Shone in the world with His grace.
Spirit of life and of pow’r, Now flow in us, fount of our being,
Light that enlightens us all, Life that in all may abide:**

**Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;
Day when the Holy Ghost Shone in the world with His grace.**

*Solo/Choir: Praise to the giver of good! O Lover and Author of concord,
Pour out your balm on our days; Order our ways in your peace:*

**Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;
Day when the Holy Ghost Shone in the world with His grace.**

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O Holy Spirit, you call people to faith and faithfulness and gather them in the Church. Breathe your life into us that we may ever rejoice in the power of your presence among us and share your outpoured blessings as you direct us from generation to generation. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, ever one God, world without end.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

☩ WORD ☩

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 37:1–14* (The prophet Ezekiel’s vision of the valley of dry bones) The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³ And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of

the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.” ⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had 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 the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

5:00 ANTHEM

“Go Ye Into the World”

Evening Choir

8:00 ANTHEM

“Don’t Look Back”

Grades 1-2

SECOND READING *Acts 2:1–21* (The Holy Spirit comes on the Day of Pentecost.) When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed

and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SONG “God Has Given Us His Word”

God has given us His Word, it’s written here!

God has given us His Word, it’s written here!

God has given us His Word, it’s written here!

God has given us His Word, it’s clear.

God has given us His Word, it’s really true!

God has given us His Word, it’s really true!

God has given us His Word, it’s really true!

God has given us His Word, it’s true.

God has given us His Word, He’s Jesus Christ!

God has given us His Word, He’s Jesus Christ!

God has given us His Word, He’s Jesus Christ!

God has given us His Word to share.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15* (Jesus promises to send the Spirit.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapters fifteen and sixteen.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.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. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY #503 “O Day Full of Grace”

O day full of grace that now we see Appearing on earth’s horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be Replete in His joy this season.
God shine for us now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts emblazon.

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 darkness and shame removing.

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.

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.

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 walk in the light of God’s own place, With angels His name adoring.

SERMON

“Hope is Not Lost”

Ezekiel 37:1-14

(Rise)

HYMN #941 “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”

We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.

To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:

“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”

The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
“O all majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter forever Three in One!”

You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ry one:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.

You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that you will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

OFFERING Offering plates will be placed in the narthex and by the elevator room for gathering at the end of the service.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Grant your blessing, O Lord, on the Church here and in all places, that you will confirm it in the Gospel, inspire it with unity and concord, and extend and prosper it throughout the world. Grant that the Holy Spirit continually call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the Church and keep it in the one true faith. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Confident of your care, we pray for our families, those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship, and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also we pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all those in need, especially Don, Judy, Nancy, Dorothy, Steve, Marilyn, Cindy, Jan, Louis, Dawn, Carol, Debbie, Mary, Dennis, Diane, June, Jerry, Shirley, Sarah, Gladys, Shirley and Sarah. Grant that the Holy Spirit move us to be those who live out our Gospel calling in deeds of love. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: With joy we thank you for all the blessings you bestow on us. We join with Dick and Nancy Hoelke celebrating Dick's 92nd birthday. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bless, we pray you, the nations of the world that there be times of peace and security. Remember in your grace our schools, hospitals, homes for the aged, and all charitable institutions. Bless those who minister to human need, whether of body, mind, or spirit, and grant them wisdom, strength, and love for you and those in their care. Let your blessing rest upon the seedtime and harvest, commerce and industry, leisure and the arts, and culture of our people. Take under your special protection those whose toil is difficult or dangerous and be with all who contribute to the well-being of our society.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful God, we thank you for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth who now share in your eternal presence. Bless especially Pete Strigenz as he remembers his wife Donna. By the working of your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk your servant way throughout our lives until that day when we share in the marriage supper of the Lamb and in your glorious presence in heaven.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

✠ **SACRAMENT** ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

HYMN #550

"Lamb of God"

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain:

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. **Refrain**
(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION *Wait for the usher to direct you to come forward. Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.*

HYMN #575 “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev’ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain**

His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;
When ev’ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne!

Refrain

HYMN #698 “We The Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”

May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill And do on earth our Father’s will
As angels do above; Still walk in Christ, the living way,
With all Thy children and obey The law of Christian love.

So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace adore, Thy pow’r confess,
From sin and strife to flee. One is our calling, one our name,
The end of all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.

Spirit of life, of love and peace, Unite our hearts, our joy increase,
Thy gracious help supply. To each of us the blessing give
In Christian fellowship to live, In joyful hope to die.

HYMN #693 “O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace”

O Holy Spirit, grant us grace That we our Lord and Savior
In faith and fervent love embrace And truly serve Him ever.
The hour of death cannot bring loss When we are sheltered by the cross
That canceled our transgressions.

Help us that we Thy saving Word In faithful hearts may treasure;
Let e’er that Bread of Life afford New grace in richest measure.
O make us die to ev’ry sin, Each day create new life within,
that fruits of faith may flourish.

And when our earthly race is run, Death’s bitter hour impending,
Then may Thy work in us begun continue till life’s ending,
Until we gladly may commend Our souls into our Savior’s hand,
The crown of life obtaining.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for having fed us with the body and blood of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; and we humbly ask you so to assist us by your grace that, strengthened for service and for witness, we live each day in thankfulness to you for the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing us to and keeping us in the saving faith; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN #650

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working Through the church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.

Preacher
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Director of Parish Music

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