

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Jesus' Work Continues Through His Spirit

May 27 & 28, 2023

5:00pm & 9:00am

AS WE GATHER

Pentecost proves for God's people that Jesus remains at work in our midst. As we read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2, we see that the ascension departure of Jesus some ten days beforehand is not the end of His work in this world. Far from it! Jesus continues His saving work through the Spirit, whom He poured out upon the lives of His earliest followers. This same Spirit of Jesus enables us to carry His message into all the world. We are the messengers who spread the Good News of Him who was crucified for us, who rose again, who reigns on high, and who will one day return to this world in His full, heavenly glory. We listen to His message today as the Spirit brings it into our midst and are assured that as we are brought to faith in Christ, we receive the fullness of who we've been called to be.

Reception of Holy Communion: If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

WELCOME

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.

And you also will bear witness,
because you have been with me from the beginning.

John 15:26-27

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PROCESSIONAL #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

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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

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

In silent prayer, we ask the Holy Spirit to create clean hearts within us.

Pastor: O Spirit of God,

People: we confess that we have dishonored your Holy Word through our lives of disobedience. By what we do and what we fail to do, we have not allowed your message of truth to rule in us. Forgive us, faithful God. By your grace, draw us to the cross of Jesus. Through faith in His promises, enable us to receive the restoring mercy that you alone can give. Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Pastor: In Christ Jesus, you and I receive the fullness of who we are called to be through the Spirit who has been given to us. United with Christ through our Baptism, the Spirit who claims us as the Father's own now delivers to us the message of His mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, commissioned by His Spirit, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, on this day you once taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit.

People: Grant to us the same Spirit so that we may joyfully receive the message of Christ, who has come for us all;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Numbers 11:24–30* (The Lord's Spirit rests on the elders of Israel, and they proclaim His message.)²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent.²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.²⁶ Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp.²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."²⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them."²⁹ But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *Acts 2:1–21* (The Holy Spirit fills the disciples on Pentecost.)
When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."¹⁴ But 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.¹⁵ For these

people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But 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; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And 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.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *John 7:37–39* (Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to those who believe.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S SONG & CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“My God is So Great”

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty,
there’s nothing my God cannot do. (repeat)

The mountains are His, the rivers are His,
the stars are His handiwork, too.

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty,
there’s nothing my God cannot do, for you!

(Repeat entire song)

SERMON HYMN #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

“The Life-Giving Waters of the Spirit”

John 7:37-39

(Rise)

NICENE CREED

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Be seated)

OFFERINGS As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord God, heavenly Father, when you filled the disciples with the Holy Spirit, 3,000 souls were called, gathered, enlightened and sanctified through Holy Baptism. Likewise, fill our congregation, our Synod and the whole Christian Church on earth with the Holy Spirit. Renew us, that the Sacraments may be administered faithfully and many more would be called by the Gospel, enlightened with your gifts, sanctified and kept in the true faith. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, you delivered your Word through Moses and the prophets and fulfilled your Word in Christ. He was planted in death for our sins and raised for our justification, and in Him shall all the nations of the earth be united. Bless missionaries around the world, especially our Together in Mission partner, Pastor Chuck Ferry and family. Give us pastors who will preach the truth faithfully and church workers who are devoted to your service. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, you have promised that all who drink from your living water will well up to eternal life. Refresh our lives by your grace and mercy. Strengthen us to show forth in holy lives the fruit of the Spirit and live with love toward our neighbor. Remove far from us all pride, prejudice and hate, and anything that would hinder the cause of the Gospel, so we can faithfully witness to His grace and salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of hosts, we give thanks for those who have served our nation through military service, and we remember with gratitude those who gave their lives for us and the cause of freedom. Help us to honor their sacrifice by using our liberty responsibly. Keep safe all who travel, bless our nation, and help us to protect and increase the privileges we have for the generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,

Pastor: God of every good gift, we give thanks for the gift of marriage and rejoice with John and Judy as they celebrate 60 years of marriage and life together. Grant us all joy in all your good gifts. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Light of the world, you have sent the Holy Spirit to your Church as the comforter. Soothe the wounds of your people. According to your will, bring restoration to broken families, heal the sick, uplift the depressed, provide for the poor, uphold the forgotten and answer the prayers of all who call out to you for aid especially Chris, Ardis, Noah, Joyce, Guy, Marga, Mike, Don, Pat, Shirley, Tom, Jill, Paulette, Janet, Norma, Vern, Amy, Cathy, Cindy, Dorothy, Helga, Carol, June, Jerry, Shirley and Sarah. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of life, grant us all to remember in love those who have passed on to live in glory with you. Comfort Pete Strigenz and family as they remember Donna and bless Nancy Hoelke and family as they remember their dearly beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Dick. Fill us with faith to look forward to the reunion to come in the promised paradise of eternity. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, Giver of the Holy Spirit, clear away all distractions, that our hearts and minds may be focused on you. As Christ comes to us in the bread which is His body and the cup of His blood, bless us to receive your gifts with faith and to live from them. Receive our praise and thanksgiving together with the tithes and offerings we bring, as tokens of our trust in you. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty Father, with your Son, Jesus Christ, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts through your Word to rule and govern us according to your will, comfort us in every temptation and misfortune, and defend us against every error, that we may continue steadfast in the faith, increase in love and good works, and — trusting firmly in your grace for us by His death — obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

HYMN #496 "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

Holy Spirit, light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.

Let me see my Savior's face, Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me Which are only known to Thee.

Holy Spirit, pow'r divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.

Holy Spirit, joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.

Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down every idol throne, Reign supreme, and reign alone.

HYMN #686 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the bloodwashed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

HYMN #622 “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared This feast for our salvation;
It is your body and your blood, And at your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to you for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.

Although you did to heav’n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in your presence they behold your glory, all excelling,
And though your people shall not see your glory and your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning.

Yet, Savior, you are not confined To any habitation;
But you are present even now Here with your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.

We eat this bread and drink this cup, your precious Word believing
That your true body and your blood Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true, All things are possible with you,
For you are Lord Almighty.

Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places.
I leave to you how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unailing.

Lord, I believe what you have said; Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

Grant that we worthily receive your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for your grace And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

For your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev’ry place The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have
refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your
mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you
and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

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

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

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.

RECESSIONAL #790 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.

Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

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