

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Day of Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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INTRODUCTION

On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" #400 ELW
(verses 1, 2, & 4)
Please Stand on the Last Verse

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

As an alternative to the assembly's spoken response, a sung refrain may be used.

Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain and snow, for [local water sources may be named].

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for our brothers

and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 God, now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Rain on Me"

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon 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 upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

²⁴ How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷ **All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸ You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹ **May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

³² You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³ **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have**

my being.

³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;
²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.
²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please rise for the Reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Glory to you, O Lord

When speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and described the difference the Spirit would make in their lives and in the world.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“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. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless 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. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

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

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated

SERMON:

HYMN OF THE DAY: **“O Holy Spirit, Root of Life”** **#399 ELW**

Affirmation of Baptism (10:00) for Ellee Johnson and Emilie Vukelich **p.234 ELW**

HYMN (10:00 service only) **“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”** **#445 ELW**

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

A brief silence.

Lord of life, you baptize your people with the fire of the Spirit. Grace your church everywhere with your visions and dreams, so that as we testify, all will hear the gospel and call upon your saving name. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your creating Spirit renews the face of the earth. Bring to birth new life in the earth's land forms and waters. Awaken us from the slumber of neglect to show tender care for our home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your Spirit swept over the waters and you created the human family. Now we are divided, scattered like dry bones. Connect the nations with the strength of the Holy Spirit, so that all will live in hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your Spirit sighs with every need. Guide us in honoring the dignity of everyone and opening our lives to others. Pour your healing mercies into the lives of all who need your care (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your Spirit has called and gathered this congregation into life in Christ. Help us in our weakness, teach us to pray, search our hearts, and intercede for us, your beloved saints, according to your will. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

By your Holy Spirit you have called and gathered people from every nation under heaven. Gather us with all the saints (*especially*) at the heavenly banquet that has no end. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

Ushers will begin passing the offering plate. Please rise as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION - *Distribution by intinction.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,

in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: **“Spirit of the Living God”** *(back page)*

Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!

Please come again.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Digital Hymnal & Choir

Greeters: Sylvia Tapelt, Marge Garbo

Ushers: 8:30am: Judy Wozney, Winnie Zahradka 10:00am: Barry & Donna Ansell

Lectors: 8:30am Lynn Hansen

10:00am Darlene Christensen

Hospitality Hosts: Ron & Joanie Mehlhop, Rich & Marge Nelson

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week:

Sunday, May 13th 8:30am: 92 10:00pm 20

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**May 21 through May 27, 2018**

Monday	5/21	8:00am	Kitchen Cleaning
		1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	5/22	9:00 am	Quilters
		9:00 am	Crafters
		12-2 pm	Pastor's text study
Wednesday	5/23	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:0 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	5/24	8:00am	ROMEOS
		12:00 pm	Funtimers-Pot Luck (Noon) & Cards (12:30pm)
		6:00 pm	Bell Choir
Friday	5/25	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Saturday	5/26	7:30 am	Veggie Stand Opens!
Sunday	5/27	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship
		2:00 pm	Memorial Day Service-Malmo Cemetery
		3:00 pm	Memorial Day Service-Lakeside Cemetery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REGISTRY Please sign and pass the new attendance registry folders which you will find in the pew.

PRAYER & CARE CONCERNS Owen Heins passed away. Funeral will be June 2nd, at 11:00am. MaryLyn Hass is now residing at Elim Transitional Care Unit, 730-2nd St SE, Milaca, MN 56353 but hoping to get back to LakeSong in Onamia. She would appreciate prayers, cards &/or visits or a phone call 651-236-7185.

THE VEGGIE STAND is in need of baked goods and plants for Saturday, May 26th. Please bring baked goods to church on Fri., May 25th or early Saturday morning by 7:30 am. Plants should be brought to the Veggie building (please label). The stand opens at 7:30 am. All proceeds go to local benevolence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

MALMO LIONS are looking for gently used stuffed toys to use as prizes for this summer's Community Picnic which will be held in June.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS each of you have a copy of the Budget Worksheets for 2018-2019. Final budgets are due no later than June 15th. Please return you completed worksheets to the Stewardship & Finance "In Box".

KITCHEN CLEANUP will be on Monday, May 21st starting at 8:00 am. All are welcome. Many hands make light work.

CHANGES TO WORSHIP AT BETHESDA Today we will begin having communion every Sunday at every service. We are also testing the "Narrative Lectionary" series this summer. The goal of the summer session, which runs from May 27 – Sept. 2, 2018, is to cover the sweeping story of God's people from the beginning through the life of Jesus and the early church. The series will include: The Ten Commandments, I John, Ruth, and Stewardship.

MEMORY GARDEN Paver orders will be taken now through mid-June. We have a new preferred customer status that will allow you to purchase pavers at a reduced cost. A 3 line pavers is now \$25.00 and a large paver of up to 5 lines is \$35.00. Order forms are in the narthex and can be completed and returned to the Memory Garden/Nature Trail office mailbox. They can also be given to either church secretary or Val Benton.

COMMUNION SERVERS Starting May 27th, we will be having communion every Sunday. Ron Mehlhop, Skip and Lynn Hansen will be picking out the servers for the 8:30 service and Darrell Kelly and Dick Stebbins for the 10:00 service. When you are asked, please remember you will be doing this 2 weeks in a row. If you can't do both Sundays, it will BE UP TO YOU to get a replacement. We hope this will go well and that you will be receptive to help out. The sayings you will use, either for bread or wine, will be on the alter as a reminder. Lynn

THANK YOU! A big thank you to everyone who helped with the jelly making. We were a jelly making machine. Made 454 jars of jelly from 8 am to 11:30 am and finished clean-up by 1 pm. A special thanks to Marge Garbo, for keeping everything running smoothly and Dawn & Keith Kellen for printing the labels.

LIFETOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY will be here August 15-18 to take pictures for our new church directory. Schedules will be available as we come near to those dates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

“NO BAKE” BAKE SALE

We are having a bake sale but with a twist. Instead of baking anything, just figure out what you would bake, how much it would cost and put that amount in an envelope marked “No Bake” Bake Sale beginning June 1. Why? Because we will give the money raised to local food shelves so that they can supply food to needy families. Oftentimes when the holidays are over, the donations to food shelves decreases and they don’t have the resources to take care of everyone in need. We want to make sure that doesn’t happen. Checks can be made to “Bethesda WELCA” and placed in the “No Bake” Bake Sale envelopes.

LAWN MOWERS NEEDED: If you enjoy the outdoors, we have an opportunity for you. Please sign up to help mow the church lawn. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Training on use of mowers is available if **needed**. Contact Lee Forrester.

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God,

Fall fresh on me;

Spirit of the living God,

Fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,

Move among us all;

Make us one in heart and mind,

Make us one in love;

Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.

Spirit of the living God,

Fill our lives with love.

Spirit of the living God,

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall fresh on me.