

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

“Church is not a place; it is who we are. Once we realize this, we can be the church anywhere.”

We gather to worship together, at this time, in different places. Bottom line, we are worshipping God, TOGETHER! This worship service has been pre-recorded. Worship materials have been published online at blcmalmo.org. If you are able, please watch the service via Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo’s youtube.com page, find the link on Facebook, or visit our website to find the link.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!

Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.

Cause the winds of change to blow away doubt and alienation.

Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our lives with your love and free us to reach out to others with the good news of your eternal presence. Amen!

SONG - Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.
One day every knee will confess you are God.
One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains for those who
gladly choose you now. (REPEAT)

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come, come, come.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life. We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Spirit of wind and fire,

come to us this day, freeing us from our fears. Lift us up when we have fallen.

Dust us off and set us squarely on the path to hope you have set before us.

Remind us that we are never far from your presence. Get us ready for the great adventure and opportunities that lie before us. Help us to be good and willing workers for you. In Christ's Name, we pray. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

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, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, 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.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to 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.

¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For 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. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit..

Word of God, Word of Life.

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Gospel: John 20:19-23

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

MESSAGE

SONG – I am the Church

CCLI Song# 18510

(Chorus)

I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together.

All who follow Jesus. All around the world. Yes we're the church together.

The church is not a building. The church is not a steeple

The church is not a resting place. The church is a people (chorus)

We're many kinds of people. With many kinds of faces.

All colors and all ages too. From all times and places (chorus)

And when the people gather. There's singing and there's praying

There's laughing and there's crying sometimes. All of it saying (chorus)

At Pentecost, some people received the Holy Spirit.

And told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it (chorus)

THE APOSTLES 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 THE CHURCH

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We call on your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your church, that they reveal your love for all. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of life, present in air, wind, humidity, storms, and oxygen in our atmosphere, breathing energy into all things. Heal with your breath the whole creation, especially those who struggle to breathe due to air pollution.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Give each one of us a heart for justice and empathy. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for comfort especially all those we name in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of friendship. As Elizabeth welcomed Mary to her home, give us a spirit of welcome to those whom we meet in this congregation and outside these doors. Surprise us daily with unexpected grace, that we rejoice in every blessing you send. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of hope. As you have led your saints in all times and places, stir in us the desire to follow their example, leading us from death to new life in you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Invitation to Communion: Come to the banquet. Behold the risen Christ.

*You may now partake of the bread and wine in your own home. Speak the words
"The body of Christ, given for you" and "The blood of Christ, shed for you."*

You may then respond "Amen."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,

you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us. Through this meal you have opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SONG - This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine let it shine

Hide it under a bushel, NO!
I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel, NO!
I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel NO!
I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Won't let Satan, blow it out,
I'm gonna let it shine
Won't let Satan, blow it out,
I'm gonna let it shine
Won't let Satan, blow it out,
I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All around Isle, I'm gonna let it shine
All around Malmo, I'm gonna let it shine
All around my neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Dismissal

Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Response to God's Word Last Week

May 24th, 2020 - Virtual Attendance*: 128

**Virtual attendance is based on a matrix from the NEMN Synod. We determine the number of unique views per week and multiply by 2 – assuming there are two people per household watching the youtube video service.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU for your continued financial support during this time during this time of social distancing. You can submit your weekly offerings by mail to: 21590 State



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TASK FORCE MEMBERS NEEDED



Coordinating the reopening of the church is a greater job than just one committee or council. We will be forming a Task Force to coordinate the process. We suggest that at least one member from every committee be part of the Task Force. All members of the church are invited to join the task force.

The first meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 9th at 10:00am at the church. Contact us if you wish to join through a Zoom Meeting. Wear your facemasks, please.

LAWN MOWERS NEEDED If you would like to help in the mowing, please contact Mary at the church (320-684-2123) to get on the signup sheet. We can use your help. The tractors and equipment will be ready each week (serviced, sanitized, and gassed) for your enjoyment. Please do not mow if not needed. If you have any questions call Lee Forrester at 651-271-2186.



Join the team!

Sign up to mow the church lawn!

CANCELLED ACTIVITIES

- **Veggie Stand** - until further notice.
- **Vacation Bible School** - we are putting together an online session that will be available later this summer. Please email us if you are interested in receiving the information.
- **Glen 4th of July Parade**