

**Sunday, May 23, 2021**

*Pentecost: Fruits of the Spirit*



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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.*

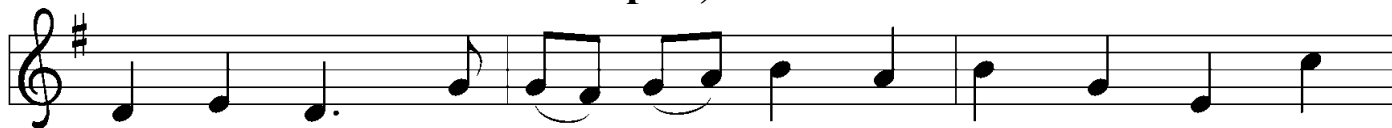
**INTRODUCTION:** In Galatians, God sends the Spirit so that those who receive it may address God in the most intimate of familial terms (“Abba, Father”) and know God as Jesus knows God. Our cry, “Abba, Father” captures our cry for help in the midst of our deepest anguish and, our confidence that the God who loves us also abides with us.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HYMN

### “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

#400 ELW



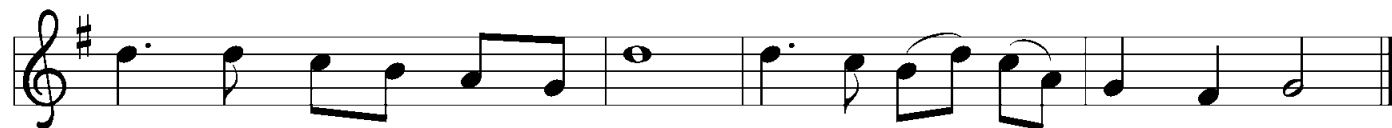
1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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## 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!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

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

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Abba, Father,

**You have adopted us as heirs of your kingdom and we have inherited the gift and presence of the Holy Spirit. Through the fire of the Spirit make us generous givers of all that you have bestowed upon us, for the sake of the one whose fire brings light and life to all the world, Jesus Christ. Amen**

### **SCRIPTURE**

#### **FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-4 & Galatians 4:1-4**

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

*Galatians:* 4 <sup>1</sup>My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; <sup>2</sup>but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. <sup>3</sup>So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL: Luke 11:11-13

<sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

## SERMON

### HYMN:

### “O Day of Rest and Sadness”

#521ELW



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;  
3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n-ly man-na falls;  
4 New grac-es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:  
on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;  
to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum-pet calls,  
we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.



on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,  
on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;  
where gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams  
We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



sing, “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” to the great God tri - une.  
and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three-fold light was giv'n.  
and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh-ing streams.  
the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

**AFFIRMATION of BAPTISM:** Savannah Elliott, Mark Vossen, Will Vukelich  
(on Screen)

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** **We are Called** **Dakota Road**

### **PRAYERS of INTERCESSION**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you give the Holy Spirit to your church, filling it with many and varied gifts. In the church throughout the world, strengthen us in our visioning and dreaming, that it may discover anew the Spirit's creative work. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of life, your mighty works are too numerous to count. The earth is full of your creatures, living things both great and small. Open your hand and give them the necessities of this life. Send your fresh Spirit over the face of the earth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, at the sound of the rushing wind, people speaking different languages proclaimed and heard together your deeds of power. Fill the leaders of nations with your Holy Spirit, so that they exercise your gracious will in the lives of people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of faithfulness, you tend to the needs of your people, even the sighs of our hearts. Hear those who cry out to you in distress. Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of love, fill this congregation (*name*) with gratitude for the gifts we have received from you. Renew our ministries, heal our divisions, and open us to the needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of hope, those who have died in you raise their eternal song of praise. We give you thanks for the many gifts of your people and rejoice in the witness of your saints (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of love,

**you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

## **PRAYER after COMMUNION**

Wellspring of joy,

**through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **BLESSING**

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**HYMN:****“O Day full of Grace”**

#627 ELW



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
 cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
 life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
 lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
 stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
 lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
 mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.  
 gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
 mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Response to God's Word Last Week:

Sunday, May 16, 2021 - In Person: 47 Virtual Attendance \*: 20*\*Virtual attendance is based on a matrix from the NEMN Synod.*

**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda****May 24, 2021 – May 30, 2021**

May 24	Monday	11:30am	Pinochle
		7:00pm	AA/Alanon Meetings
May 26	Wednesday	9-Noon	Moderna Vaccination Clinic
		10:00 am	Spring Clean – Everyone Welcome!
May 29	Saturday	7:30-11:00	Veggie Stand Opens
May 30	Sunday	8:30 am	In-Person Worship & Fellowship
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship
		1:00 pm	Malmo Cemetery-Graveside Service
		2:00 pm	Lakeside Cemetery-Graveside Service

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LAWN MOWERS NEEDED** If you would like to help with the lawn mowing, there is a signup sheet in the Narthex. We can use your help. If you have any questions call Lee Forrester at 651-271-2186.



**SPRING CLEAN-UP** A spring clean-up is scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. We hope to clean the windows at that time. All are welcome to join in and help.

**MODERNA VACCINATION CLINIC** to be held at Bethesda on May 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-12:00. Second clinic will be on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, same times. Pre-registration is preferred but walk ins are welcome. Use below link to pre-register or call: 218 927-7200.

<https://prepmo.health.state.mn.us//reg/4061305792>

**VEGGIE STAND OPENS!** Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 - 11:00am. We encourage people to bring plant seedlings as well as rhubarb, bulbs, perennials, and baked goods to be sold. WELCA has made 200 jars of jelly to sell at the stand this summer! The stand will be closed the month of June and then reopen the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend thru Labor Day weekend.

**FIRST LUTHERAN** in Aitkin invites you to special worship services this summer. Outdoor Maria Chapel Worships June 9, July 21 & August 18 at 6:30pm. Also; Worship on the Water June 13<sup>th</sup> Farm Island Lake & July 11<sup>th</sup> Cedar Lake, both at 3:00pm. See flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information.

**GLEN 4TH OF JULY PARADE** Is on for this summer! If you're interested in representing Bethesda in the parade, give the office a call.

**MALMO LIONS COMMUNITY PICNIC** June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00pm at the Mille Lacs Snowmobile Club. Adult Junk Bingo! Games for Kids. Free meal with good will donation. All proceeds go to local food shelves.



**ACTS OF KINDNESS CARDS** let someone know we care by taking a business card and paying it forward to let them know that our church welcomes all. See ideas on display on the back table.