

Sunday Worship
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PENTECOST

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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR LORD!

We pray that our worship this day will be an inspiration to every one of us.

If you are a visitor or the guest of someone, please sign our Guest Book at the round table in the Foyer. Requests for prayers in this morning's service may be made by writing them on the Prayer Request form in the entryway of the church.

A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in Room 4 on this level.

Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:34-35



The Order of MORNING WORSHIP

TO OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at this congregation is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive into our mouths, not just bread and wine, but as our Lord promises His true Body and Blood "through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins". If you are not a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we kindly ask that you arrange for a time to speak with Pastor Riley if you are interested in receiving Holy Communion.

AS WE GATHER: Earth, water, wind, and fire—the primordial elements of creation—provide a finite structure for our access to the infinite God descending for us through Word and Sacrament. From dust of earth our bodies have been created, and to dust we shall return. Nevertheless we are the bearers of God's presence in the world. In the waters of Holy Baptism we are washed and sealed as divine sons and daughters. The breath of God hovering over the waters at creation hovers also over baptismal waters, where new life in Christ begins. That Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire was foretold by John the Baptist. This fire is the consuming love of God, a crucible through which the dross of sin and death is removed and the gold of faith and life is refined. Come, Holy Spirit!

✠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. **497**: *"Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"*

✠ INVOCATION, CONFESSION, and ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love,

C: for in You I trust.

P: Make me know the way I should go,

C: for to You I lift up my soul.

P: Teach me to do Your will,

C: for You are my God!

P: Let Your good Spirit lead me

C: on level ground!

P: Creator Spirit,

C: we confess our alienation from You both by nature and by choice. We have not allowed Your love to have free reign in us, and so our love for You, for ourselves, and for other people keeps on faltering. Dishonesty and image-protection often characterize our way of being, and we forget who we are and where we belong. Kindle within us the fire of Your love. Blow over us with Your wind of transformation. Heal us with forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

P: Come, Holy Spirit! Breathe over and ignite the love of God both within and among us! Our dear Holy Trinity in mercy has given the Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

✠ SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: 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. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Be Seated)

✠ OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 11:1–9

(The tower of Babel: one language confused and many people scattered)

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore, its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

✠ SECOND READING: Acts 2:1–21

(The Holy Spirit fills Jesus' gathered followers, energizing them to tell of God's mighty works.)

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because

each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

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. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

"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; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

† GOSPEL PROCESSION

† HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:23–31

(Jesus promises that the Father will send the Holy Spirit as the Counselor.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

† STATEMENT of FAITH: Nicene Creed

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.

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)

† HYMN of the DAY NO. **768**: *“To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray”*

† SERMON: *“Why Do I Need the Holy Spirit?”* Acts 2:1-21

(Please Stand)

† PRAYER of the CHURCH

P: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs. Counselor Spirit, thank You for Your ministry among us through Your Law and Gospel. Use them to convict Your people of all the ways we turn away from Your love and to comfort us with healing forgiveness through Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Fire of Love, pour out the love of Jesus into the hearts of Your people. Inspire all who speak Your Word among us with wisdom and faithfulness. Create a receptive spaciousness in all who attend to Your Word that Your people hear and gladly follow Your voice. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Spirit of Peace, there is much violence and turmoil in this world. Grant to the leaders of our communities, regions, and all nations courage to serve all who are marginalized, impoverished, and outcast; to listen to the voices of the voiceless; to put an end to warfare and violence; and to protect life in all its forms; that all people live in peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Breath of God, breathe Your healing presence among all people who suffer any affliction of body, mind, or spirit. Lift up the downcast, restore the fallen, strengthen the weak, and fill the hungry with good things. Help all who suffer to trust in Your abiding presence and to rest in Your love that surrounds us all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Spirit of Jesus, the Table is set for the feast of Communion in Jesus' own body and blood. Give to all who partake of the Lord's Supper today the willingness and humility to follow Jesus' example of other-centered, self-giving love for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Spirit of Unity, You call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the people of God in every tribe, kindred, nation, and language throughout the many diversities of this world. Help us to live with our families, neighbors, fellow students, and co-workers with the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Keep us in Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life until that day when we dwell together under God's reign of love among all the saints in light. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

✠ SHARING of the PEACE

(Be Seated)

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering

We respond to God's love with our OFFERINGS

Choir Anthem: *"Give Me Oil in My Lamp"*

(Please Stand)

Service of the Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ WORDS of INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

✠ 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.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

(Be Seated)

At the time of DISTRIBUTION, all those wishing to receive Holy Communion will come forward as the ushers direct. The bread/Body of the Lord will be served in your hand. If you wish to receive the Lord's blood from an individual glass rather than from the common cup, indicate so when Assistant comes to you and he will hand you a glass from which you then drink and place back in the tray carried by the acolyte.

(Please Stand)

✠ **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ **BENEDICTION**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: 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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

C: Amen.

✠ **RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 913: “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”**

SERVING US AS WE WORSHIP TODAY:

Assisting Elders – Paul Brose & Bill

Schneeloch

Acolyte – Mason Quinn

Lay Reader – Linda Slozak

Guest Organist – Ron Shepherd

Altar Care – Jane McClure

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Genesis 11:1–9, Acts 2:1–21, John 14:23–31

The Holy Spirit Gives Peace

Following the flood, Noah's descendants failed to spread out and fill the earth as God had spoken. Rather, they exalted themselves; with *“one language and the same words”* (Gen. 11:1), they spoke proudly and arrogantly. The Lord humbled them by confusing *“the language of all the earth,”* dividing and dispersing the people (Gen. 11:9). That dispersal was reversed on Pentecost Day (the 50th day of Easter), when God caused the one Gospel of the Lord, Jesus Christ, to be preached in a multitude of languages. *“At this sound the multitude came together”* (Acts 2:6), for the preaching of Christ is the primary work of the Holy Spirit, whereby He gathers people from all nations into one Church. The Holy Spirit teaches and brings to our remembrance the words of Jesus, which are the words of the Father who sent Him. These words bestow forgiveness and peace to those who keep and hold on to them in love for Jesus. *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid”* (John 14:27).