



GOD IS NEAR

Pentecost May 20, 2018

Welcome to Worship

How wonderful it is to gather with fellow Christians! May our praises proclaim God’s glory, and may our souls be comforted and refreshed as we hear God’s Word today.

GUESTS

- You’re our guest, so if there’s anything we can help you with, ask any of our friendly members.
- We love having children in our worship services! If your child becomes restless and you need to regroup, you are welcome to use any part of the building.
- Finally, everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin, and hymns are in the red hymnal.

TODAY’S FOCUS

The day of Pentecost saw a miraculous filling of Jesus’ promise to send the Holy Spirit. Jesus continues to send the Holy Spirit to us to grow our faith.

SEASON’S FOCUS

On the day of Pentecost, Jesus fulfilled his promised to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples. The season of Pentecost focuses on the Holy Spirit’s work with Christians to strengthen faith and grow in Christian living through the means of grace.

The red paraments symbolize the work of the Holy Spirit who kindles the fire of faith.

HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament is offered today to members of this congregation and our fellowship. God teaches in 1 Cor 11:28 that self-examination prior to Holy Communion is vital; one helpful tool is found on page 156 in the hymnal.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

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The Divine Service

HYMN

Holy Spirit, Light Divine | 183

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19 The trinitarian invocation expressly reminds us that the God we meet here is the one true God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

M In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C **Holy and Merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

God is gracious and merciful. He forgives us for Christ's sake. This assures us that we can receive the rest of his gifts through the service and return thanks for those gifts, having been set free from the burden of sin.

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ 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.

DIALOGUE FOR PENTECOST

M In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Genesis 1:1-2

C **The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.**

Job 33:4

M Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

C **If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

Psalms 139:7-8

M The Lord said, “My Spirit will not contend with man forever.” *Genesis 6:3*

C **O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.**

M Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in agony.

C **Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.**
Psalm 6:1,2,4

M Jesus said to his disciples, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”
John 20:22-23

C **No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** *John 3:5-6*

M The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.
Isaiah 61:1

C **There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.**
Romans 8:1

M Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
2 Corinthians 3:17

C **Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*

M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

*The Kyrie
Eleison (Lord,
Have Mercy)
asks God to help
us and to hear
our prayers.*

M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C **Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD *Gloria*

234 (1,5)

M In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord.

**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!**

The Gloria is replaced by a song of praise.

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, 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!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray:

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

This greeting, the salutation, marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section of the service.

The Word

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

God promises his Spirit to bring life to his people.

The hand of the LORD was upon me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley, which was full of bones. ²He had me pass through them and go all over among them. There were very many on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

³He said to me, "Son of man, can these dry bones live?" I answered, "LORD God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.'"

⁵This is what the LORD God says to these bones.

I am about to make breath enter you so that you will live. ⁶I will attach tendons to you. I will put flesh back on you. I will cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling, as the bones came together, one bone connecting to another. ⁸As I watched, tendons were attached to them, then flesh grew over them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.

⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the wind. Prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind that this is what the LORD God says. From the four winds, come, O wind, and breathe into these slain so that they may live."

¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me. Breath entered them, and they came back to life. They stood on their feet, a very, very large army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They are saying, 'Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost. We have been completely cut off.' ¹²Therefore, prophesy and say to them that this is what the LORD God says. My people, I am going to open your graves and raise you up from your graves and bring you back to the soil of Israel. ¹³Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. I will settle you on your own land, and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD."

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

In our worship services, one reading comes from the Old Testament, one from a New Testament letter (epistle), and one from the four Gospels. All three focus on a united theme for the day.

PSALM OF THE DAY

pg 87 | 51b *The psalms are the ancient hymns of the Jews. Many were written by King David.*

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-21

The Holy Spirit comes with power on the day of Pentecost.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely baffled and said to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God." ¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocked them and said, "They are full of new wine."

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: "Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. ¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷This is what God says will happen in the last days:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.
Your young men will see visions.
Your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the sky above,
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness

One of the two mountain-tops of the Divine Service is the Word, read and preached. In the Scripture readings, we hear the very words of God.

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

This response to the Verse of the Day comes from the end of John’s Gospel, where he explains the purpose of writing the book, which is the purpose for the entire Bible.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ – his life, his words of law and gospel, his suffering, his death, his resurrection, his ascension, his assignment to his Church, his promise to return – is the center of the Gospel. We stand in reverence.

GOSPEL

John 14:25-27

Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit.

²⁵“I have told you these things while staying with you. ²⁶But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you.

²⁷“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid.”

M The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Hauptlied*

Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord | 176 CW 176

*This hymn traces
its roots to the
11th century.*

SERMON

John 14:25-27

“God Is With Us”

CREATE IN ME

471 (3-4)

**Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey your Word.
Oh, let your will be my desire
And with new life my soul inspire.**

**Grant that I only you may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold you face to face,
O Light eternal, through your grace.**

*In response to the
Word of God read
and preached, we
pray in this song
that the Holy
Spirit would not
let his Word be
wasted on us, but
affect our hearts,
minds, and
attitudes and
bring them into
line with his will.*

OFFERING

Amazing Grace | 379 (1-2)

*We bring our offerings to the Lord to thank and praise him. These offerings support
Our Redeemer's and Rock of Ages as well as our synod's mission efforts around the
world. Guests need not feel obligated to give, but are welcome to do so.*

**Amazing grace-how sweet the sound-That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.**

**The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.**

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament

PREFACE

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Recorded as early as AD 200, this dialogue begins the liturgy of the Lord's Supper.

M

Lift up your hearts.

C

We lift them up to the Lord.

M

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C

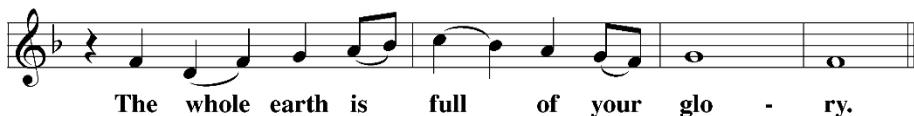
It is good and right so to do.

M

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Sanctus*



This canticle uses the words of the angels in Isaiah 6 (holy, holy, holy) to acknowledge Jesus' presence in, with, and under the bread and wine.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us. By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Verba*

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

As Jesus gave thanks before he instituted the Lord's Supper, we also give thanks, remembering Jesus' saving work on our behalf.

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. This is why he stands behind the altar during this portion of the service. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death, which is necessary for this Sacrament.

LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*

This song is based on John the Baptist's proclamation, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

As the Bible teaches, our congregations practice close communion. Therefore, ask that only members of this congregation and our fellowship (WELS and ELS) partake of the sacrament. If you are a member of another Lutheran denomination or Christian church and would like to commune with us in the future, please speak with our pastor after the service and he would be delighted to explain what that entails.

Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.

SONG OF THANKS



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Using the words of King David as the Ark of the Covenant was placed in the Tabernacle, we thank and praise God for what he has done. He sustains us in this precious service with His very body and blood for the forgiveness of all our sins (1 Chronicles 16:8-10).

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

M O Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C And His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 107:1

M Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Cor 11:26

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we

*The service both
begins and ends
with the name of
the Triune God.*

C

willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*This blessing has
been used to bless*

BLESSING

*God's people
since God
instructed Aaron
to bless the*

M

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

*Israelites this
way, about 3,500
years ago.*

C

Amen.

HYMN

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God | 186





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