

PENTECOST

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WELCOME!

If you are a friend who's been here before, welcome back. If you are a first-time visitor, welcome! We'd appreciate it if you would leave your name and address in one of our guest books located in either entry way. Children's bulletins and crayons are available on the counter beneath the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. If we can serve you in any way, please let us know God bless your worship!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

AS MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, OUR MISSION IS TO PROCLAIM GOD'S GOSPEL OF SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST TO WIN SOULS FOR CHRIST, NURTURE BELIEVERS, AND EQUIP THEM FOR LIVES OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

The time before worship begins is a sacred time for meditation, prayer, and worship preparation. As we gather in the sanctuary, lets quietly reflect on God's blessings and direction in the Scripture readings included in the worship folder.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Service of the Word – page 38 in the front of the hymnal

HYMNS: 183, 181, 598, 392

ORGANIST: Sandi Lietzau

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 183: Holy Spirit, Light Divine

**1 Holy Spirit, Light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the gloom of night away; Turn the darkness into day.**

**2 Holy Spirit, Love divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In your mercy pity me; From sin's bondage set me free.**

**3 Holy Spirit, Joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Fill me with your heav'nly peace; let it grow and still increase.**

**4 Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne; Reign supreme and reign alone.**

**5 See, to you I give my heart; Cleanse my life in every part;
Your own temple I would be Now and for eternity.**

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION

Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Congregation: Amen

Pastor: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Congregation: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness continues forever.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

PRAYER

Pastor: 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.

Congregation: Amen

THE FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-14

1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. 3 He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “O Sovereign LORD, you alone know.” 4 Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! 5 This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. 6 I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.’” 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet — a vast army. 11 Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up

and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.

14 I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.’”

THE PSALM: Psalm 51b

Pastor: Create in me a pure heart, O God

CONGREGATION: Renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Pastor: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

CONGREGATION: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

CONGREGATION: And my mouth will declare your praise.

Pastor: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

CONGREGATION: A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

THE SECOND LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. 5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs — we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” 13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” 14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 “‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men

will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. 21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

THE VERSE

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

Congregation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:25-27

25 “All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Congregation: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN 181: Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit

- 1. Come, oh, come, life-giving Spirit, God from all eternity.
May your power never fail us; dwell within us constantly.
Then shall truth and life and light banish all the gloom of night.**
- 2. Show us, Lord, the path of blessing; when we trespass on our way.
Cast, O Lord, our sins behind you and be with us day by day.
Should we stray, O Lord, recall; work repentance when we fall.**
- 3. With our spirit, Lord, bear witness that we are the saints of God
who rely upon him solely when we’re chastened by the rod;
For we know, as children should, that the cross is for our good.**
- 4. Prompt us, Lord, to come before him
with a childlike heart to pray;
Sigh for us, O Holy Spirit, When we know not what to say.
Then our prayer is not in vain,
and our faith new strength shall gain.**
- 5. Grant our hearts in fullest measure wisdom, counsel, purity,
That we always strive to please you, working for you willingly.
Let the gospel spread and grow, bringing Satan’s overthrow.**

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Our Greatest Teacher

1 Why was Jesus willing to leave his disciples?

2 How do we all benefit from the Holy Spirit's impact on Jesus' disciples?

3. How is the Holy Spirit impacting our lives?

1 Corinthians 12:3 Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession — to the praise of his glory.

Romans 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Consider also Romans 8:26-27.

Romans 8:13 For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, 14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Galatians 5:16 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature...22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control.

1 Corinthians 12:4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit...7Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed, page 41 in the front of the hymnal

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

OFFERING

The offering will be received as you are ushered out after the service in the fellowship hall so that offering plates are not passed.

PRAYER

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.

HYMN 598: My Maker; Be with Me

1 My Maker, be with me The light of life to give,
And guide me patiently While here on earth I live.
To you my heart I tender And all my pow'rs surrender;
Make it my one endeavor To love and serve you ever.
Help me your loving care to see; My Maker, be with me.

2 My Savior, wash me clean with your most precious blood,
That takes away all sin And seals my peace with God.
My soul will rest securely, For you still love me dearly;
Now I find full salvation And freedom from damnation.
Without you, lost, defiled by sin, My Savior, wash me clean.

3 My Comforter, give pow'r That I may stand secure

When in temptation's hour The world and sin allure.
The Son to me revealing, Inspire my thought and feeling,
His Word of grace to ponder Nor let me from him wander.
On me your gifts and graces show'r: My Comforter, give pow'r.

4 O Holy Trinity, To whom I all things owe,
Your presence graciously Within my heart bestow
Though I am weak and lowly, I am your temple holy.
My praise shall rise unending For grace so condescending.
Oh, heav'nly bliss, your own to be, O Holy Trinity!

PRAYER

BLESSING

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
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.

Congregation: Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 392: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.

Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.

**2 Thanks we give and adoration For the gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of your salvation In our hearts and lives abound!
Ever faithful, ever faithful To your truth may we be found.**

**3 So when-e'er the signal's given Us from earth to call away,
Borne on angel's wings to heaven, Glad the summons to obey,
May we ever, may we ever Reign with Christ in endless day.**

Announcements

1. Bible Hour meets after worship this morning.

In adult Bible hour we continue our study of Proverbs and our focus on outreach as we continue the Bible Study "One By One" Part 6 – The Starfish Story. Join us!

2. Online Bible Class Continues.

The Format:

I send out weekly study guides in a congregational email on Mondays.

You have an opportunity to work through the study guides at home.

I post an online video in which I work through the weekly study guide on Wednesdays. This video is sent out as a congregational email.

This week, we begin the study of Revelation.

4. Thursday morning Bible class meets at 10:00 am. We are continuing our study of Judges. Join us!

5. Coffee hour resumes on June 6th. A new sign up sheet for coffee hour treats is posted on the counter next to the coffee pots in the fellowship hall.

6. The new Christian Worship Hymnal will be released this Advent Season. If you would like to learn more about this new hymnal, we have booklets entitled "Christian Worship Preview" on the counter beneath the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. You can also go to the hymnal website: christianworship.com.