



**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
May 31, 2020
The Day of Pentecost**

Thought: The Holy Spirit is given without partiality to every one of us, every day, a message of faith, hope, love, justice for the whole world. Life would be easier if the Holy Spirit only troubled other people, but God tells us that it is poured out on all of us, in languages that were meant to be understood. Do we listen, even when it sounds odd or uncomfortable? Then, do we share it? There is no avoidance, Jesus breathes and says, "here, take it."

May the peace and spirit of God, keep your hearts and minds in and through Christ Jesus our Lord!

Call to Worship

(as a family, have men & women split and if by yourself, celebrate God's Spirit)

L: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Men: Set your daughters on fire with good news!

Women: Teach your sons new languages of peace!

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

L: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Women: Open your sons' eyes to new visions!

Men: Open our daughters' hearts to new hopes!

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, Holy Spirit! Come again here; come now; come.

Gathering Hymn – "God Is Here" – River School of Worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kFAjft4BsA>

Invocation

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Confession

Holy Word,
We confess that we often know what to say and remain silent.
Holy Breath,
We confess that we are often inspired and ignore it.
Holy Fire,
We confess that we often receive enlightenment and refuse it.
Holy God,
Turn our hearts from self to other, from fear to love, from denial to acceptance.

A time of Silence for Reflection

Strengthen us to give voice to your news, give hope in despair, and give light in the shadows.
We ask this in the name of the one who came to bless, teach, and guide. Amen.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen, Amen!

Hymn of Praise – “Sandi Patty – Love in Any Language”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JzNLUaGtaCU>

Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit.
Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Word

First Reading – Acts 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

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

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

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

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

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

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

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

**O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

²⁵ Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.

²⁶ **There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.**

²⁷ These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;

²⁸ **when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

³⁰ **When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.**

³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—

³² **who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

³³ I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
³⁴ **May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.**

^{35b} Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Praise the Lord!

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to 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. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For 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. ¹³ For 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.

Holy Gospel – John 20:19-23

¹⁹ When 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.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Children’s time – Fred and Fiona Frog – Pastor Barnes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ba3W2AyIPqo&feature=youtu.be>

Homily – “Veni Sancti Spiritus” – Pastor Barnes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4G3KLG2XDw&feature=youtu.be>

Hymn of the Day – “Come Holy Spirit (Veni Sancti Spiritus) John Michael Talbot

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHZ_mRvXLZM

Apostles’ Creed – 3rd Article

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort
believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts,
and sanctified and kept me in true faith.

In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole
Christian church on earth, and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church day after day he fully forgives my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the last day he will raise me and all the dead and give me and all believers in Christ eternal life.
This is most certainly true.

Prayers of Intercession

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.

A brief silence.

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, mid-wives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for comfort. 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.

Offertory Prayer

With the sending of your Spirit, O God, you announced the arrival of new gifts –
Spirit-given gifts.

Accept the gifts we offer in gratitude.

They are the fruit of your Spirit.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

“In The Breaking of Bread”

This is not communion, but it's a way to remind us that as we break bread together, that Christ Jesus is with us in and with and under the bread we share every day.

Pastor Barnes:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=escSESUwcyY&feature=youtu.be>

Luke 24:28-31

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

The Breaking of the Bread

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.

Silence for Reflection

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” (Holy Manna)

First Plymouth Church, Lincoln Nebraska

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sREgP7LbTO4>

Luke 24:32-35

³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us^[a] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

As you break bread this week, stop for a moment – pray – ask the Lord to open your heart to His presence in others and anew, as you hear, read and study His Word.

John 6:35 “Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger; and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

Closing Prayer for Pentecost

God of Pentecost, pour out your power upon us. Pour out the words we need to speak truth to each other. Pour out the love we need to care for each other. Pour out the respect we need to welcome each

other. Pour out the joy we need to celebrate each other. Pour out the glorious light and warmth of your commonwealth of glory and set us afire with a yearning for all that is holy and just and merciful. Amen.

Benediction

Now, may the Lord bless and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you and lift up his Countenance upon you and give to you His peace. Amen.

Sending Song – “O Holy Spirit, Enter In” – Robert Hobby

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jyd8kvlVqrg>

