

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
May 23, 2021
Day of Pentecost**

Thought: *“But now I go away to the one who sent me...I have much more to say to you, but you can’t handle it now. However, when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you in all truth.”*

Your Holy Spirit has worked in our lives – prompting us, prodding us, enticing us, and giving us words to say to the world that we could not come up with on our own – we give thanks!



Prelude – O Day Full of Grace
The Concordia Choir (Moorhead MN)
<https://youtu.be/zdi7W6viRw0>

or **Lillian Pinkston**

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Pentecost Peace:
God’s Spirit be with you and speak to you!

Call to Worship

A: Across the plains and the prairies,

C: Through gorges and valleys,

A: Over mountain peaks and through sunlit skies:

C: God's Spirit is at work in the world.

A: In our hearts,

C: In our minds,

A: In our hands and feet,

C: God's Spirit is at work in us, too.

A: So let us worship God.

Gathering Music – God Is Here – River School of Worship

<https://youtu.be/kFAjft4BsA>

Invocation

Prayer of Confession

P: Can you bottle a breeze? Can you blow out a forest fire? Can you help but breathe? Let us contemplate God's Spirit in and with us.

A time of silence and reflection

P: Your gift of Spirit has been given to open our hearts and minds to the truth.

**C: For those times we stifle your Spirit, O God;
For those times we ignore your whispers and shouts;
For those times when we turn away from your wonders
and miracles;**

Forgive us.

P: The breeze is loosed on the world. The fire is consumed. We breathe deeply, for indeed, we are forgiven.

C: Alleluia! Amen.

Greeting

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

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 and Amen.

Hymn of Praise – Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling – Bethlehem Lutheran

<https://youtu.be/IGEOlbLutmQ>

Prayer of the Day

A: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world.

C: Send us this Spirit transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, open God, now and forever. Amen.

The Word

First Reading – Acts 2:1-21

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

² When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed 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.'

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth

- 24 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.
- 35 **Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.**

Second Reading – Romans 8:22-27

Praying with the Spirit

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Christ sends the Spirit of truth

<https://youtu.be/KXmxCOMFHDY>

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁶ “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷ You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

⁴ But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children of God (Pastor Barnes)

<https://youtu.be/reofZ5reYmI>

Homily – Pastor Barnes: “Come, Be Our Guide”

<https://youtu.be/qswUV5gDKqA>

Music – Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

<https://youtu.be/cSla5BhsUxM>

by Karl Digerness

Luther’s Explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed

“I Believe in the Holy Spirit”

A: What does this mean?

C: 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

P: 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.

A: 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.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: 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.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: 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.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: 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. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of love, fill this congregation 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.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: 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. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Offering and Offertory Prayer

A: Lord, you have gifted us,

C: that we may bring you gifts.

A: We offer them to you.

C: We offer them to your world.

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Lamb of God w/lyrics Catholic Mass Song

<https://youtu.be/LcgpnvQPoaQ>

Preface

P: God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast.

Grace our Table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer – Ministrants

<https://youtu.be/aLn1aFNn0w4>

The Lord's Prayer – spoken

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Distribution

Communion Music

Here Is Bread, Here is Wine; Christ is with us, He is with us
<https://youtu.be/GgysV3EZKas>

or Lillian Pinkston

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord Jesus Christ, may your good and Holy Spirit fill us, even as we are filled with the rich foods offered at your table.

C: Empower us. Unite us. And lead us, at last, to your heavenly courts.

A: For you are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction – Numbers 6

Sending Music – Come Down, O Love Divine

performed by the Riverside Choir

https://youtu.be/Z_vqw_GClAY

Dismissal

A: Give us the words to say and the heart to say them.
Be our guide and always intercede as blessing and gift.

C: Thanks be to God, we go to serve!

Postlude – Lillian Pinkston

