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+ First Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

*Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the pew rack.*

(\*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

**Prelude**      "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"      Grieg/Smith      Nadine Berg

### Welcome and Announcements

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn***"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

#800 (ELW)

1. Spirit of God, descent upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weak-ness, strength to me impart,  
An make me love you as I ought to love.
2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
No an-gel visitant, no op'ning skies;  
But take the dimness of my soul away.
3. Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
All, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
4. Teach me to love you as you're angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame:  
The baptism of the heav'n descended dove,  
My heart an altar, and your love the flame.

**\*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**

p.203 (ELW)

1. Have mercy on us, Lord, and here our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
2. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
3. Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

**\*Hymn of Praise***Glory to God*

p. 204a (Vs. 1 &amp; 3)

1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
We exalt you, we adore you we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord above, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

**O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **\*Reading**

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.*

A reading from Acts 2:1-21.

1When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

14But 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. 15Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16No, 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.  
18Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
19And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
20The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
21Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

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

**Special Music**-(Solo Roy Berg) "Song For The Unsung Hero" Joseph & Pamela Martin

**\*Childrens Message**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

p. 205a (ELW)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**\*Gospel**

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**John 20:19-23**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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

**\*Sermon**

Brian Birk

**Refrain: Spirit, of gentleness, blow through the wilderness  
calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
Stir me from placidness, wing on the sea.**

1. You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
And over the eons you called to each thing:  
"A-wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." **Refrain**

2. You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
And you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
And when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. **Refrain**

3. You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
And down in the city you called once again,  
When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. **Refrain**

4. You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With . . . bold new decisions your people arise. **Refrain**

**\*Apostles' Creed**

Along with the church, we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you (*especially*). As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

### **\*Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Reception of Offering**    "O Land of Rest"    Turner/Wilson    Nadine Berg

**\*Offertory**    "This is My Father's World"    #824 (vs.2 ELW)

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the  
Morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
Rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'ry-where.

### **\*Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, **O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\* Lord's Prayer**

p. 154b (ELW)

**\*Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**     "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

#400 (ELW)

1. God of tempest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pente  
Cost descend! Drive us out from sheltered comfort;  
Past these walls your people send! Sweep us in-to costly service,  
there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!

2. God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your  
Purpose, purge! Through your church, Christ's living Body  
Let your flaming Spirit surge! Where deceit conceals injustice,  
Kindle us to speak your truth, kindle us to speak your truth!

3. God of earthquake, God of thunder, shakes us loose from  
Lethargy! Break the chains of sin asunder,  
For earth's healing set us free! Crumble walls that still divide us;  
Make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!

4. God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's  
Restlessness! Where the people cry in anguish,  
May we share your heart's distress. Rouse us from content with evil;  
Claim us for your kingdom's work, claim us for your kingdom's work!

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

"Chorus of Praise"

Randolph Johnston

Nadine Berg

## Assisting with Worship Today

Leading Worship: Pastor Brian Birk

Acolytes: Spencer Ruzich

Choir Director: Roy Berg

Organist: Nadine Berg

Ushers: Todd & Amy Rice

Tellers: Fred Fawkes & Donna Hoag

Videographer: Dustin Davidson, John Law

Altar Guild: Mary Ann Rasch & Kara Ronning



### **Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

**A very Happy Anniversary to Larry & Linda Schmelzer, celebrating 45 years!**

**The Happiest of Birthdays to: Margaret Schlosser!**

### **RADIO BROADCAST**

**Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Chuck Johnson in loving memory of Sue Johnson**



On Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> the NE MN Synod Women of the ELCA will hold their annual meeting at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids. We are looking for one delegate and one non-voting member to attend, in which registration and meals will be paid for. I will pay my own expenses as I would like to get more OSLC women involved. We will return Monday evening and go again Tuesday morning. I will need to know by May 21<sup>st</sup> who is interested as there is deadline for meal ordering due to the meals being catered.

This is also the time all the quilts and kits made by OSLC for Lutheran World Relief are to be taken to the semi truck for shipment to the warehouse in So. St. Paul. Many thanks to Halvor Lines. For the kits we are requesting new unused medical supplies, plus clean ace bandages which will then be taken to Global Health Ministeries in Minneapolis. Please check out their web site for more information. Sue Schock 218-929-1892

## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

### **Today, 28th**

9:00 Worship

10:30 Radio Broadcast  
1240 AM WMFG

### **Monday, 29th**

Closed

### **Tuesday, 30th**

9:00 Quilting

### **Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 TV Broadcast  
Chanel 805

8:30 Bible Study

10:00 Staff Meeting

