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Day of Pentecost

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Communion

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP (written by AnnMarie Kneebone)

Come, sing a new song of worship.

Come, sing a new song of praise.

Today is a day of a promise fulfilled.

With joy we celebrate Pentecost.

Pentecost – a day when power and comfort flowed.

Pentecost – a day of hope and inspiration.

A day when the Holy Spirit was revealed in flaming glory

and the glory was given to the people.

The fire of the Holy Spirit lives on in us.

Sing praises!

We sing praises, indeed!

Let us worship.

THANKSGIVING FROM BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.
In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.
Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.
Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.
Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Baptized in Water– Evangelical Lutheran Worship #456
Sing Along: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_PuSfLmvg

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 – ELW p. 184

CANTICAL OF PRAISE – ELW p. 187

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

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

Amen.

FIRST READING – Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"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.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

PSALM – 104:24-34, 35 (NRSV)

How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.

There go the ships to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you to you

to give them their food in due season.

You give it them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are terrified;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;

and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

O Lord, rejoice in all your works.

You look at the earth and it trembles;

you touch the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will promise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Hallelujah!

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 12:3-13 (NRSV)

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.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 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. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. 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. 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.

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING – John 20:19-23 (NRSV)

The holy gospel according to John

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.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If 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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove – Evangelical Lutheran Worship #577
Sing Along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muxpqb6kmFU>

APOSTLES CREED

**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.

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.**

Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, EAL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, gracious and eternal God; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also, with you.**
Let's share a sign of peace with one another.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine

pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving One, compassionate Three,
we offer our praise and thanksgiving:
for your good creation,
for your presence in our brokenness,
for the stories of the ancestors,
and the hope your companionship inspires.

On this day,
as we turn to you in public worship,
we remember:
the coming of Jesus in poverty and oppression,
the feeding and healing he shared,
the stories of ordinary things which point us to you,
and his embrace of the suffering and the dying.

We especially remember
on a night of betrayal and desertion,
that Jesus took bread and gave thanks,
broke it and gave it to those he was with, saying,
Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

And he took the cup after supper,
again gave thanks,
and gave it for them to drink saying,
This is the covenant, renewed in my blood,
poured out for you and for all,
for forgiveness and reconciliation.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Therefore, loving One, compassionate Three,
we do remember, and we proclaim again:
his life of service and solidarity,
his dying and rising,
and his promise of new life,
given and renewed each day.

By the coming of your Spirit,
in this meal, in our gathering,
and in every daily interaction:
strengthen our faith in your promise,
inspire our grateful response,
and fire us with hope for the world.

By the promise and presence of Jesus,
break open our hearts to share the love you are;
pour us out in service to your hurting world;
bring creation to fulfillment, and make us new.

We offer these prayers in the name of the Loving One,
trusting the faithfulness of the compassionate Three, now and always.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

CHARGE & BLESSING

Go out into the world in peace;

Have courage;

Hold onto what is good;

Return no evil for evil;

Strengthen the fainthearted;

Support the weak, and help the suffering;

Honour all people;

Love and serve God,

Rejoicing in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

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

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling - Evangelical Lutheran Worship #582

Sing Along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j0Uq-vkiAio>

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit is with you.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- St. John's will be hosting a **Penny Auction** on Saturday, June 10 from 10 am – 1 pm. A variety of new, "like new" items, crafts, and baked goods will be up for auction.
- **Walking Group:** Please join Pastor Brooklynn Wednesday mornings at 9:30. Meet at the front of the church for a leisurely walk and fellowship. Coffee break afterwards at the Barn for 10:15 a.m. All are Welcome!
- Anyone wishing to place a **Father's Day memorial** please contact the church office by Thursday, June 15.
- The **NS Provincial Music Festival** is being held in Lunenburg on June 2 & 3, 2023. This is a wonderful opportunity to see some of Nova Scotia's best young talent, selected from their local Festivals, to compete in this annual event. Venues include LAMP, Central United Church, St John's Anglican Church, and Lunenburg Opera House. The full schedule can be viewed on the festival website @ fmfns.ca. All events are open to the public and admission is by donation, with the Gala concert scheduled for 7:00 pm on Saturday, June 3 at St. John's Anglican Church.

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