



MAY 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, LARIMORE, ND

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(inspired by Acts 2:1-13)

LEADER: Come, sing a new song of worship.

***ASSEMBLY:* Come, sing a new song of praise.**

LEADER: Today is a day of a promise fulfilled.

***ASSEMBLY:* With joy we celebrate Pentecost.**

LEADER: Pentecost – a day when power and comfort flowed.

***ASSEMBLY:* Pentecost – a day of hope and inspiration.**

LEADER: A day when the Holy Spirit was revealed in flaming glory

***ASSEMBLY:* and the glory was given to the people.**

LEADER: The fire of the Holy Spirit lives on in us. Sing praises!

***ASSEMBLY:* We sing praises, indeed!**



*GATHERING HYMN

“*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*” ELW 800

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860
Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-189

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Gracious God, have mercy on me. I confess that I have turned from you and given myself into the power of sin. I am truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive me of my sins, known and unknown, things I have done and things I have failed to do. Turn me again to you, and uphold me by your Spirit, so that I may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **Amen.**

***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 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.

WORD

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-21 PB pg.885

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 people 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, “Fellow Jews^[a] 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.’ *WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

²⁴O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. ²⁵ **There 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,^[g] 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. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 12:1-13

¹⁻³ What I want to talk about now is the various ways God’s Spirit gets worked into our lives. This is complex and often misunderstood, but I want you to be informed and knowledgeable. Remember how you were when you didn’t know God, led from one phony god to another, never knowing what you were doing, just doing it because everybody else did it? It’s different in this life. God wants us to use our intelligence, to seek to understand as well as we can. For instance, by using your heads, you know perfectly well that the Spirit of God would never prompt anyone to say “Jesus be damned!” Nor would anyone be inclined to say “Jesus is Master!” without the insight of the Holy Spirit. ⁴⁻¹¹ God’s various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit. God’s various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit. God’s various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God himself is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful:

- wise counsel
- clear understanding
- simple trust
- healing the sick
- miraculous acts

proclamation

distinguishing between spirits

tongues

interpretation of tongues.

All these gifts have a common origin, but are handed out one by one by the one Spirit of God. He decides who gets what, and when. ¹²⁻¹³ You can easily enough see how this kind of thing works by looking no further than your own body. Your body has many parts—limbs, organs, cells—but no matter how many parts you can name, you're still one body. It's exactly the same with Christ. By means of his one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives. We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which *he* has the final say in everything. (This is what we proclaimed in word and action when we were baptized.) Each of us is now a part of his resurrection body, refreshed and sustained at one fountain—his Spirit—where we all come to drink. The old labels we once used to identify ourselves—labels like Jew or Greek, slave or free—are no longer useful. We need something larger, more comprehensive.

WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“O Savior, Precious Savior” ELW 820 vs.3



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.

L: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL: John 20:19-23** PB pg.883

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, 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.”

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Reflection Questions:

1. Spirits—good or bad—do you believe they exist?
2. How does the Holy Spirit take what belongs to Jesus and declare it to us?
3. How do you notice the Holy Spirit at work in your life?

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Day Full of Grace” ELW 627

vs.1,3,5

O Day Full of Grace



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing,
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing,
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.
Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842
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***APOSTLE'S CREED** pg.105

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 into Hell. 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.

***OFFERING** *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* vs.1

We give Thee but thine own, what e'er thy gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray... You are an abundant God and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it, we worship You and give our whole selves to You. May it be used for Your kingdom and Your glory. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Ever living and ever loving God, We praise you for your loving presence with us.

Come, Holy Spirit,

SING: Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Take and transform our societies—that broken people find healing; that lonely people find love; that bitter people find peace; that fearful people find hope.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Take our world's leaders and governments and bring renewal—that communication can be open; that relationships between hostile people and hostile nations will evaporate; that a hunger for justice addresses the hunger for food felt by so many.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Fill your church—that our worship will be ever more pleasing to you; that prayers will change our minds instead of trying to get you to change yours; that our lives will make a real difference to real people in the real world.

Come, Holy Spirit,

SING: Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Fill our lives with your presence—so that more and more every day, all that we do and say and hope will be an act of worship to you and an expression of love to others, to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray the prayer our Lord 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.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2:00pm—LHS Graduation

Monday, 5/29/2023—Memorial Day

Memorial Day Service @ 11am

Next Sunday, 6/4/2023—service starts @ 9am!

OSLC VBS (Vacation Bible School): July 18-20.

***BLESSING—let us stand, and turn to your neighbor and bless one another...**

May the love of God create in you new life. May the power of God transform your old habits into new hope. And May the Spirit of God grant you wisdom and vision, emboldening you to proclaim the good news of God's love to all. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind” ELW 400

vs.1,2,4



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

*DISMISSAL

Let us joyfully go forth into the world to love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **We will!—Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today! If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Wayne Knudson (church president) at 218-779-3594 -or- Camilla Stover at 218-791-2678.

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| <p><u>Serving this Sunday</u> <i>Ushers:</i> <i>Reader:</i> <i>Prayer:</i> <i>Communion:</i> N/A <i>Fellowship:</i> OSLC Men's Club</p> | <p><u>Serving Next Sunday (6/4/23)</u> <i>Ushers:</i> <i>Reader:</i> <i>Prayer:</i> <i>Communion:</i> N/A <i>Fellowship:</i></p> |
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Our Savior's Mission Statement:

"Excited by faith, we are called to *serve all*; gathered to WORSHIP, inspired to teach, we are our Savior's!"

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Family of Rita Carew (Julie Mutch's mom), Ashley Johnson (daughter in-law to Mike & Stephanie Johnson), Pr. Rena Peterson, OSLC Call Committee, Cindy Olson, Bonnie Olson, Marv Jemtrud, Clint & Sandie Lein, David Barnett (relative of Robert Stover), Arlene Lilja, Donna Willoughby (daughter of Gordon Peterson), LaVonne Jacobson, David Sletten (cousin to Camilla Stover), Robbie Leake

CALENDAR

Today, 5/28/2023—Pentecost Sunday!

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—Fellowship

2:00pm—LHS Graduation

Monday, 5/29/2023—Memorial Day

Memorial Day Service @ 11am

Next Sunday, 6/4/2023—service starts @ 9am!

9:00am—Worship

10:00am—Fellowship

Every day:

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mission of the Month for: May-June:** Grounds
- **Noisy offering** will be collected on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- **Sunday, June 4th:** Worship Service time changes to 9:00am
- **OSLC VBS (Vacation Bible School):** July 18-20.

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4

Choose the word that best matches the definition.
Answers can be found in Acts 2:1-13 (NIV).



- ___ 1. To say words, to use the voice
A. wind B. sound C. speak D. fire
- ___ 2. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
A. spirit B. language C. speak D. wind
- ___ 3. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
A. speak B. spirit C. heaven D. holy
- ___ 4. Something that can be heard
A. wind B. sound C. language D. fire
- ___ 5. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
A. holy B. heaven C. fire D. speak
- ___ 6. A destructive burning
A. holy B. spirit C. fire D. speak
- ___ 7. The place where God lives
A. fire B. wind C. heaven D. language
- ___ 8. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
A. sound B. holy C. language D. wind