

Day of Pentecost

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Mission Statement

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

God who moved over the deep in a holy breath,

Come to us this day - Pentecost.

Arrive in the wind.

God who spoke in a bush that was burned but not consumed,

Come to us this day - Pentecost.

Arrive in a holy flame.

God who is present each time we gather, in person or through technology,

Come to us this day - Pentecost.

Arrive in comment threads and virtual greetings, in conversation and connection.

Pour out your Holy Spirit.

Set us aflame, but do not consume us.

Fill us with holy nourishment.

We have arrived this day - Pentecost.

We have come to worship.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 400 “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind,
as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service,
there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!

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- 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,
shake 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!

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending us your Holy Spirit. May your breath of life in us lead us to seek fullness of life for all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 804 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

- 1 Come down, O Love divine;
seek thou this soul of mine
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near;
within my heart appear
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2 Oh, let it freely burn,
till worldly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- 3 Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing-
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
- 4 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
no soul can guess Love's grace
till it become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

OFFERING MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

***SENDING: God blesses us and sends us into the world to
love and serve our neighbors.***

BLESSING

**Go out into the world,
and labor to bring forth new life.
Dream dreams, pursue visions
and speak of God's goodness
in the words of those who would hear.**

**And may the God who breathed life into creation be your delight.
May Christ Jesus give hope to your dreaming,
and may the Holy Spirit, your advocate and supporter,
set your hearts ablaze with a passion for peace.**

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 807 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.

- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Message: Pastor Steve Sathre

Liturgy: Pastor Beth Walch

Musicians: Janine Johannes and Aleisha Schock

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May 31, 2020 Day of Pentecost - 1 Corinthians 12:13

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.

A “new normal” emerging from the COVID-19 crisis might resemble the early Church. Imagine one unified body, all people welcome and affirmed, with the Holy Spirit activating our faith and equipping us to be better stewards of all God’s gifts.

~ Rob Blezard

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**Worship & Spring Congregational Meeting
Sunday - June 14, 2020 - 9:30 am
Outdoors in the FLC Parking Lot**

**Please bring your own chair/blanket and remain
six feet apart from other households at all times.
Can't wait to see you!**

** Note: Parking will be limited due to the use of part of
the lot for the meeting. Please consider parking
farther away if you are able.*



be with you.
As the Father has
sent me,
so I send you.”

John 20:21