

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Greeley, CO

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DAY OF PENTECOST – May 28, 2023 – 8:15 & 10:40 A.M.

We rejoice in your presence with us today at this service of Holy Communion.

Please silence cell phones and pagers during worship.

*ELW = red EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP hymnal
Hymn numbers (#) refer to the main hymn section
The congregation's response is printed in **BOLD type***

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

GATHERING

PRELUDE (8:15)

"O Day Full of Grace"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

GATHERING MUSIC (10:40)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,

**for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,

making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.**

Shower us with your Spirit,

and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

* HYMN (8:15)

"O Day Full of Grace"

ELW # 627

* SONG (10:40)

"Come As You Are"

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*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

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

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

Steve Hendricks / Cindy Kinlund

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.

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:

¹⁷In 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.

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b (read responsively with leader)

NEW LIVING translation

²⁴ O LORD, what a variety of things you have made!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ **Here is the ocean, vast and wide,
teeming with life of every kind,
both large and small.**

²⁶ See the ships sailing along,
and Leviathan, which you made to play in the sea.

²⁷ **They all depend on you
to give them food as they need it.**

²⁸ When you supply it, they gather it.
You open your hand to feed them,
and they are richly satisfied.

²⁹ **But if you turn away from them, they panic.
When you take away their breath,
they die and turn again to dust.**

³⁰ When you give them your breath, life is created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

³¹ **May the glory of the LORD continue forever!
The LORD takes pleasure in all he has made!**

³² The earth trembles at his glance;
the mountains smoke at his touch.

³³ **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live.
I will praise my God to my last breath!**

³⁴ May all my thoughts be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

³⁵ **Let all sinners vanish from the face of the earth;
let the wicked disappear forever.**

**Let all that I am praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD!**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:3-13

Cindy Ververs / Cindy Kinlund

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the

manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to 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. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For 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. ¹³For 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL** John 20:19-23 (SPARK Bible page 492)

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

Response after the announcement: "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."

Response after the reading: "Praise to you, O Christ!"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"Come Holy Spirit that We Might Remain Exactly as We Are?"

Rev. Cindy Wolf

Silence for reflection

***HYMN (8:15)**

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

ELW # 400

***SONG (10:40)**

"Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying"

ELW # 752

***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 again 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 (each petition concludes:)

... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Prayers for healing and strength for: Clare Werking, Arden Stromberger, Mary Fromm (mother of Pam Adair & Lori Valencia), Meg Spencer.

Prayers of sympathy for the families of: Donna Mae Turechek (mother of Cheryl Quammen).

Prayers of celebration for: birth of Linnea Kay Natwick (granddaughter of Sharon & Mike Simonds), birth of Camry Lee Dusch (granddaughter of Del & Marlene Miles).

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

***OFFERING / 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.

***THE GREAT 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.**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Communion is open to all who receive it as the presence of Christ. Come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles. For those who wish to abstain from alcohol, white grape juice is available in the center cups. Gluten-free wafers are available by mentioning your preference to the pastor or server. Adults and children who are not communing may come forward for a blessing.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC: (8:15) “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”

ELW # 401

(10:40) “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”

ELW # 401

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

ELW # 479

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

SENDING

***BLESSING (response: “Amen!”)**

***SENDING HYMN**

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

ELW # 890

***ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL (response: “Thanks be to God!”)**

***POSTLUDE (8:15)**

“Ceremony”

Peter Racine Fricker

Please contact the church office at 970-352-4816 if you have specific needs or prayer requests, or if you can help in any way.

Assisting in worship

Pastor: Rev. Cindy Wolf
Acolyte: Brayden Pearson (10:40)
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Mandolin: Pat Kelly
Guitar: Kirk Vogel
bass: Mike Adams
Sound technician: Grey Conderman

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Communion assistants: (8:15) Cindy Ververs, Vernell Hill, MaryJo Voss, Michell Weymouth
(10:40) Mary Adams, Mary Robertson, Arlene Geary
Ushers: (8:15) Barb & Steve Hendricks
(10:40) Barb Schneiders, Doug Sogge, Cindy Kinlund

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Scripture readings next Sunday: Genesis 1:1; 2:4, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20.

Gather in Grace, Grow in Faith, Serve in Community, Glorify Christ!