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Day of Pentecost

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PRE- SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS PROCESSIONAL

AS WE GATHER

The arrival of the Holy Spirit is a day of celebration. This is a day to rejoice in promises kept and anticipate greater things to come. Today's festival is a bridge for the church. It connects the commemoration of the life of Christ (through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter) to the season centered on our life in Christ, beginning with Pentecost. The festival's signature red color reminds us of the fiery arrival of the Spirit, the Spirit's ongoing work as the heartbeat of Christ's church, and the blood shed by believers past and present as they proclaim the crucified, risen, and ascended Christ.

PREPARATION

HYMN: 913 O HOLY SPIRIT, ENTER IN

1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts Your work begin,

Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be
Truly living,
To You giving
Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.

2 Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,
That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity
We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us
By Your teaching;
Let our preaching
And our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our
neighbor.

3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and
strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace
On us shower;
By Your power
Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the
✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Romans 8:16–17*

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

P The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

C and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

John 16:7–8;

Romans 10:13; 1

Corinthians 12:3

P Jesus said, “I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.”

C “And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.”

P So we pray to the Spirit, our Helper and advocate, who intercedes on our behalf. Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, Your presence among us unifies us as one Body.

C Yet, too often we neglect, belittle, or attack our brothers and sisters.

P You have been poured out that we might bear witness to Christ, our Savior.

C Yet, too often we remain speechless.

P You were sent that You might produce in us the fruit of righteousness.

C Yet, too often we display our pessimistic, discontented, selfish nature. We plead to God, our Father, to forgive us for the sake of Christ. Holy Spirit, grant us power to testify to our Savior, Jesus, in what we say and do. Bring to bear in us the fruit of righteousness and hold us united in faith unto life everlasting.

P “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,” and “no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit.” Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of us, our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

WORD

INTROIT

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

C O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

P These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

C When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

P When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

KYRIE

P In peace, let us pray in the fellowship of the Spirit.

G Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray for the blessing of the Spirit.

G Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray as we are united by the Spirit.

G Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray as we rejoice in the Spirit.

G Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, O Holy Spirit, for You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 170*

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

G Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

**We worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1–14

The Valley of Dry Bones

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son

of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel.

¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall

live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 25:1-15

Teach Me Your Paths

P ¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C ²**O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.**

L ³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C ⁴**Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.**

L ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

C ⁶**Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

L ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

C ⁸**Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

L ⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

C ¹⁰**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

L ¹¹For your name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.

C ¹²**Who is the man who fears the LORD?
Him will he instruct in the way that he
should choose.**

L ¹³His soul shall abide in well-being,
and his offspring shall inherit the land.

C ¹⁴**The friendship of the LORD is for those
who fear him,
and he makes known to them his
covenant.**

L ¹⁵My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the
net.

SECOND READING *Acts 2:1–21*

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived,
they were all together in one place.

²And suddenly there came from heaven
a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it
filled the entire house where they were
sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire
appeared to them and rested on each
one of them. ⁴And they were all filled
with the Holy Spirit and began to speak
in other tongues as the Spirit gave them
utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem
Jews, devout men from every nation
under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the
multitude came together, and they were
bewildered, because each one was
hearing them speak in his own language.
⁷And they were amazed and astonished,
saying, “Are not all these who are
speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that
we hear, each of us in his own native
language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and

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, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Peter’s Sermon at Pentecost

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷““And in the last days it shall be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit on 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 on my male servants and
female servants

in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the
heavens above

and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of
smoke;

²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes,
the great and magnificent day.
21And it shall come to pass that
everyone who calls upon the name of
the Lord shall be saved.'"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Liturgical Text

C **Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 7:37–39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John,
the seventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Rivers of Living Water

37On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" 39Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN: 497 COME, HOLY GHOST, GOD AND LORD

1 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,
With all Your graces now outpoured
On each believer's mind and
heart;
Your fervent love to them impart.

Lord, by the brightness of Your light
In holy faith Your Church unite;
From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue
This to Your praise, O Lord, our God,
be sung:
Alleluia, alleluia!

2 Come, holy Light, guide divine,
Now cause the Word of life to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright
And call Him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free;
Let none but Christ our master be
That we in living faith abide,
In Him, our Lord, with all our might
confide.
Alleluia, alleluia!

3 Come, holy Fire, comfort true,
Grant us the will Your work to do
And in Your service to abide;
Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Your pow'r prepare each
heart,
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may
contend,
Through life and death to You, our
Lord, ascend.
Alleluia, alleluia!

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SERMON: ENERGIZED WITH LIFE

Ezekiel 37:1-14

CATECHISM

The Third Article

**☑ I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
Christian Church, the communion of**

saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him;**

P but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

C **In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

P In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

C **On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Gathered from many tribes and nations, but made to drink of one Spirit, we pray for the whole Christian Church on earth, and for all people according to their needs:

Spirit of power and life,

C **ignite our hearts with holy fire. Compel us to speak of Your mighty deeds and display Your heart for the nations.**

P Spirit of power and truth,

C **drive Your church to where unchanging truth can be found, that we might drink deeply of Scripture's message.**

P Spirit of power and peace,
C **extinguish the hidden hatreds that turn us against one another, and kindle brotherly concern within all people.**

P Spirit of power and justice,
C **shape our legal system with fairness, and look with compassion on everyone impacted by crime.**

P Spirit of power and consolation,
C **comfort those who feel lost or alone, and bring tender mercies to the grieving.**

P Spirit of power and encouragement,
C **grant patience and faith to all who wait for direction, reconciliation, or healing.**

P Spirit of power and wisdom,
C **guide parents, teachers, and those in earthly authority to speak kindly and act responsibly.**

P Spirit of power and gentleness,
C **pursue the hearts that are far from You, and bring home Your lost lambs.**

P Spirit of power and holiness,
C **set Your church apart for service, and raise up new servants who teach, preach, and lead Your people.**

P Faithful God, as Your people awaited the day of the Spirit's outpouring, by the same Spirit, hold us in faith as we await the day of Christ's return, for He lives and reigns with You and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: 795 VOICES RAISED TO YOU WE OFFER *st. 5*

5 How can any praise we offer
Measure all the thanks we owe?
Take our hearts and hands and
voices—
Gifts of love we can bestow.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Triune God, to You we sing!

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LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

BENEDICTION

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ
and the love of God and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with
you all.

C Amen.**HYMN: 489 HAIL THEE, FESTIVAL DAY** (ref-p and p are Pentecost vs.)

ref-p Hail thee, festival day!

Blest day to be hallowed forever;
Day when the Holy Ghost
Shone in the world with His grace.

1p Bright and in likeness of fire,
On those who await His appearing,
He whom the Lord had foretold
Suddenly, swiftly descends: *Refrain*

2p Hark! For in myriad tongues
Christ's own, His chosen apostles,
Preached to the ends of the earth
Christ and His wonderful works: *Refrain*

3 God the Almighty, the Lord,
The ruler of earth and the heavens,
Guard us from harm without;
Cleanse us from evil within: *Refrain*

4 Jesus, the health of the world,
Creator of all and redeemer,
Son of the Father supreme,
Only-begotten of God: *Refrain*

5 Spirit of life and of pow'r,
Now flow in us, fount of our being,
Light that enlightens us all,
Life that in all may abide: *Refrain*

6 Praise to the giver of good!
O Lover and Author of concord,
Pour out Your balm on our days;
Order our ways in Your
peace: *Refrain*

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STUDY: God's Word is our source for life. Through deeper study of the Gospel of John, we will see the bigger picture of God's plan for our lives. If you crave more intentional, comprehensible, and practical application study of God's Word, you will appreciate the Life by His Word study of the Gospel of John. Whether you are new to the church, a life-long member, or studying on your own, this study will connect you with the full story of God's work in your life and lead you to see His promises anew. Each lesson is divided into easy-to-use one-page handouts. Join us on Tuesday mornings **at 10:00!**

WORSHIP SERVANTS May 24, 2026

Acolyte: Matthew Groellar

Elders: Gareth Fix

Service Leader: Bill Hertel

Organist: Heidi Swanson

Special Music:

Altar: Barb Yek and Athena Reister

Counting: Dan Krueger and Walt Reister

Ushers: Dan and Joanne Krueger

Greeters: Janice Lasko and Lorraine Laible

MINISTRY CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun May 24

9 am – Adult Bible Study Matthew

9 am – Children's Sunday School

10 am – Day of Pentecost

Mon May 25

Tues May 26

10 am -- Adult Bible Study

11 am -- Prayer Warriors

Wed May 27

Thurs May 28

10:30 am – Christian Art Class

7 pm – Stewardship and Evangelism

Fri May 29

Sat May 30

Sun May 31

9 am – Adult Bible Study Matthew

9 am – Children's Sunday School

10 am – Holy Trinity

Sermon Notes:

"Energized With Life"

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Principles Concerning The Work Of The Spirit:

1. You cannot pin the work of the Spirit down.
2. He always operates through the power of the Word.
3. He always represents Jesus Christ.
4. He energizes one with the Quantity of life--Eternal Life.
5. He energizes with the Quality of Life