

Pentecost



Come  
Holy Spirit

Sunday, May 31, 2020



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We want to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending this worship service! Especially to you who are guests and visitors, WELCOME!

We at St. Paul's Lutheran share a common belief in **Jesus as our Savior** from sin and as the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, revealed in the Bible. We want to share God's Word with as many people as possible because we know that Jesus lived, died and rose from death to save us and all people. We're happy to have the opportunity to share the saving truths of the Bible with you and yours!

**We hope that you will worship with us again!**

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

**Coronavirus situation:** Since we can't all gather in one room for worship this weekend, our service can be viewed online through links from our website, [stpaulshowardsgrove.org](http://stpaulshowardsgrove.org). There will also be a limited range radio broadcast throughout our church parking lot on Sunday morning at 8:00 and 10:30 am on FM 88.3.

**Communion:** With the State Supreme Court ruling and new guidance being laid out for our county, please watch for more information in the coming days about our plans for Communion, office hours, and offering options for the week ahead.

**DVDs:** There will be a small number of DVDs of this weekend's worship service available to be picked up from the office. They will be ready by Monday afternoon. In order to ensure cleanliness, you do not need to return a DVD. Please consider a small monetary donation (\$2) to cover the cost of the DVD if you take one.

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# The Day of Pentecost

*Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in Acts 2. Fifty days had passed since Christ's resurrection, and the promised Holy Spirit was poured out upon the Bride of Christ. The once-hidden gospel was no longer the possession of a chosen few. For the Spirit enables the message of salvation to kindle hearts for bearing witness to the ends of the earth.*

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## WELCOME

## HYMN

*Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling* | 182 v. 1, 3

- 1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light,  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night,  
Holy Spirit, ever raising those on earth to thrones on high,  
Living, life-imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify.
- 3 Holy Spirit, ever working through the Church's ministry,  
Teaching, strength'ning, and absolving, setting captive sinners free,  
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul  
In communion never ending, you we worship and extol.

## INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## RESPONSES ADAPTED FROM PSALM 104

M: Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow!

C: The day of Pentecost has come and we have gathered together in this place.

M: Praise the Lord who sends forth his Spirit! Praise the Lord who renews the face of the earth.

**C: Praise the Lord! Praise the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; praise the Lord!**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (*Acts 2:21*)  
Come, then, let us confess our sins to the one who is faithful to forgive.  
Come, then, let us adore the one who is mighty to save!

**C: Merciful and gracious God, our hearts cry out for you to make us whole again. Even as we celebrate that you have come to dwell within us, we have sinned against you and abandoned your commandments. We have been jealous, possessive, ambivalent, and impulsive. We have not heeded your Word and we have not cherished or trusted your promises. Forgive our many wrongs. Help us to glorify you in all times and in all places, that we may be sent forth to fill the world with your mercy and grace. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit who is at work within us, Amen.**

## HYMN

*Holy Spirit, Light Divine* | 183 v. 1, 2

1 Holy Spirit, Light divine,  
Shine upon this heart of mine;  
Chase the gloom of night away;  
Turn the darkness into day.

2 Holy Spirit, Love divine,  
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;  
In your mercy pity me;  
From sin's bondage set me free.

M: After his resurrection "Jesus came, stood among [the disciples], and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord."

In the same way, Jesus brings us the peace of forgiveness and equips us with the power of the Holy Spirit to share the message of his grace with others.

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you.’ After saying this, he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Whenever you forgive people’s sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.’”  
(John 20:19-23)

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**HYMN**

*Holy Spirit, Light Divine* | 183 v. 4, 5

**4 Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine,  
Dwell within this heart of mine;  
Cast down ev'ry idol throne;  
Reign supreme and reign alone.**

**5 See, to you I give my heart;  
Cleanse my life in ev'ry part;  
Your own temple I would be  
Now and for eternity.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Let us pray. O God, on this day you taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant that by the same Spirit we have the right judgement in all things and always rejoice in his holy strengthening; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

*Acts 2:1-21*

*The Holy Spirit was poured out on Pentecost for proclaiming the wonders of God and salvation from the Lord.*

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. <sup>7</sup> They were completely baffled and said to each other, “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” <sup>12</sup> They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. <sup>15</sup> These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> This is what God says will happen in the last days: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions. Your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the sky above, and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

## ANTHEM

## *Abide, O Spirit of Life*

We stand firm here before you, with our weakness and longing for you; we are bound to love one another. Abide, O Spirit of life! We ask you to guide all our actions, and to show the path we should walk; we desire to know what will please you. Abide, O Spirit of life.

*Refrain:* Let peace fill our hearts, let love fill our minds. Make loving disciples of Christ, so we may be one, so may we be yours. Abide, O Spirit of life!

May you be our sole inspiration, may you see whatever we do. May we act in your name forever; abide, O Spirit of life! *Refrain*

May we walk together in justice, teach us wisdom, unite all our hearts. May your grace be here now to guide us; abide, O Spirit of life! *Refrain*

United in your name forever, may our work reflect your desires. May your mercy and love always fill us; abide, O Spirit of life! *Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

## *1 Corinthians 12:3-11*

*The Spirit leads us to faith and gives each of us gifts for the common good.*

<sup>3</sup> Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "A curse be upon Jesus," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone.

<sup>7</sup> Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one person a message of wisdom is given by the Spirit; to another, a

message of knowledge, as the same Spirit provides it; <sup>9</sup> by the same Spirit, faith is given to someone else; and to another, the same Spirit gives healing gifts. <sup>10</sup> Another is given powers to do miracles; another, the gift of prophecy; another, the evaluating of spirits; someone else, different kinds of tongues; and another, the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them to each one individually as he desires.

**HYMN**

*Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest* | 177 v. 1, 5, 6

**1** Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,  
And make our hearts your place of rest;  
Come with your grace and heav'nly aid,  
And fill the hearts which you have made.

**5** Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And you, from both, as Three in One  
That we your name may ever bless  
And in our lives the truth confess.

**6** Praise we the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
And may the Son on us bestow  
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

**GOSPEL**

*John 7:37-39*

*Jesus foretold that the Spirit would bring living water and flow from within us.*

<sup>37</sup> On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and called out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink!" <sup>38</sup> As the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from deep within the person who believes in me." <sup>39</sup> By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were going to receive. For the Holy Spirit had not yet come, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

- 1 **Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!**  
May all your graces be 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,**  
And 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!

## THE THIRD ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

**C: 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.**

M: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. 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. In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. 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.**

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING

*Online giving options available*



In thanks for the sending of the Holy Spirit to grant faith and forgiveness, we bring the Lord a generous portion of all we receive. Offerings may be dropped in the box under the canopy during “drive-in worship”, or brought to the office during the hours listed in our weekly congregational announcements. If you are looking for further office needs or requests, please call ahead to schedule so that we can appropriately follow room capacity guidelines.

### SPECIAL PRAYERS AND 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.**

M: Almighty God, who on this day opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of the Holy Spirit: shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING ANTHEM**

*Peace to You*

“Peace to you, my peace be with you. As the Father sent me, now I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. My peace I give to you, now and forever.”

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