



*“Out of  
his heart  
will flow  
rivers  
of living  
water”*

*John 7:38*

**Sunday, May 31, 2020**  
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*The Day Of Pentecost  
And  
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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.  
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill  
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

*Pentecost Sunday*  
*and*  
*Honoring Our Graduates*  
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**AS WE GATHER**

*In this morning's worship we remember the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon His first disciples on the day of Pentecost. On this day, nearly 2000 years ago, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the power to speak before the multitudes and proclaim with great boldness the saving word of grace to people of all nations and languages.*

*We have come here also to celebrate and honor fourteen of our young men and women on this their graduation day.*

**OPENING HYMN** *"Send Us Your Spirit"*

**INVOCATION**

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

**C: Amen.**

**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

P: Let us confess our own sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We do not take Your Spirit's presence to heart, preferring to explain events by chance or the forces of nature. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not opened ourselves to the power of Your Word. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, but have sought to compete with them. Although we deserve Your punishment in time and eternity, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we ask for Your divine mercy and forgiveness. O Holy Spirit, renew us and lead us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy, has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the

Word, the Holy Spirit has created saving faith in our hearts. Now, as called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**INTROIT**

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

**C: and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

P: How many are your works, O Lord. In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**C: These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time.**

P: When you give it to them, they gather it up.

**C: When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.**

**All: 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,

**C: and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *"The Church's One Foundation"*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, on this day You once enlightened the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them Your Holy Spirit.

**C: 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;**

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

**C: who lives and reigns with You in communion with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT** *Genesis 11:1-9*

**1** Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. **2** As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. **3** They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. **4** Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.” **5** But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. **6** The LORD said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. **7** Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.” **8** So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. **9** That is why it was called Babel —because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** *Acts 2:1-21*

**1** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

**5** Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear

them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

**13** Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” **14** Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. **15** These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! **16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

**17** “ ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. **18** Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. **19** I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. **20** The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. **21** And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** “*Living Waters*”

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 7:37-39*

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

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

**37** On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. **38** Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.” **39** By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### THIRD ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED *Sanctification*

**All:** 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?

**All:** I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength 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 richly forgives all my sins and the sins of 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.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *"Life Giving Water"*

#### SERMON HYMN *"Thy Word"*

SERMON *"Your Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet and a Light for My Path"*

#### SPECIAL MUSIC *"Lift Your Wings"*

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the whole Church, that the Holy Spirit would continue to build it up through Word and Sacrament to boldly proclaim the saving Gospel, let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the nations, that both those who govern and those who are governed may be open to the work of missionaries and evangelists, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all who are in need, (especially...), that God would alleviate their fears, restore their health, and open doors of opportunity to use the gifts He has given them, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: We pray for those who grieve the loss of loved ones. Heavenly Father, You have provided blessing and life to Your servants here in this world, but we praise You for the eternal life You grant through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: We also continue to offer up prayers on behalf of our service people who are protecting our Country and the countries of this world from harm and danger. We pray that our Heavenly Father will watch over and protect our sons and daughters. May they also know the presence of their Lord and Savior who is always with them.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: We pray for the families of our congregation. Jesus, You have knit Your Church together to be one people, bound together by faith. We bring glory to You as we serve one another with the gifts You bestow. Be with all the families of our church and bless them with Your grace. Guide us as we live each day so that we may be a blessing.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: We pray for our graduates that the Lord lead your way—upholding, and sustaining you with each passing day. While you walk this new road, may God be your guide as you follow His path and with Him abide. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### CLOSING BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN *"Go My Children"*



**Prayers:** Angie Leiding, Craig Cain, Les Anderson

**Coping With Cancer:** Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Paul Overgaard, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Georgia Holtz, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol,

Roger Spiegel, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Robert Ziemer, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

**Care List:** Bev Roben, Verna Bliesmer, Taylor Antony, Dan Hanson, Marian Youngwirth, Glenna Shanley, Terri Schultz, Butch Pierson, Butch Mulso, Reinold Hagen, Ginny Ringnell, Joyce Hansen Picken, Lorraine Gagnon, Dick Lepird, Nathan Behne, Verna Bliesmer, Sammie Moeller, Whitney Kassner, Linda Chase, Lois Anderson, Adam Janssen, Helen Roebbeke, Bob Sherman, Bob Hoffmeyer, Marcella Broolsma, Bob Broolsma, and those we name in our hearts. *(Please help us keep this care list updated. We would like to know if families would like us to continue to have them on our care list, contact Pastor or the church office.)*

**Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week:** Nicole Scherer, KayLea Truesdell, Carson Freking, Audrey Amborn, Paul Troe, Cable Schumann, London Thate, Jeremy Wink, Dan Hanson, Mycah Bliesmer, Dustin House, Joan Rosen, Tim Broolsma, Connie Markquart

**Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week:** Dan & Julie Grill, John & Linda Tirevold, Jim & Cheryl Oelkers, Chuck & Marlene Kuntz, John & Jeanne Frappier, Paul & Jane Weseman, Ron & Mary Johnson, Tyler & Lauralee Nolte

**We Remember Our Graduating High School Seniors:** Leah Marie Amborn, Payton Paul Anderson, Mason Matthew Bliesmer, Genevieve Mae Clow, Jarek Brian Cutler, Katelyn Marie Ellis, Elizabeth Andrea Fisher, Dylan Mackenzie Gregory, Bryce Leland Douglas Johnson, Logan Lee Kosbab, Hudson Maelyn Ringnell, Seth Steven Ringnell, Natalie Renee Smith, Kirsten Allison Steuber

## A Spiritual Family

When I was a child, magnets fascinated me. I loved to scatter safety pins, paper clips, and nails in a shoe box and hold a magnet under the box. The magnet immediately gave order and direction to the disordered pieces of metal. The magnet's power caused the otherwise immobile objects to move.

The power of the Holy Spirit has a far greater effect. The Spirit, through the Word and Baptism, calls us to faith in Jesus; through this faith, we receive the righteousness Jesus won for us on the cross and are saved by God's grace. By the power of the Spirit, we grow in faith as we study God's Word, receive Holy Communion, and worship together with fellow Christians, members with us of the Body of Christ. The Spirit's power enables us to live out the new life Christ gives us.

This power of the Spirit acts on a disorganized variety of individuals—young, old, male, female—and pulls them together into a family, the Church. In this family, the Spirit's power initiates and sustains action: living a God-pleasing life and sharing the Gospel with others. The presence of the Holy Spirit will be seen in His fruit.

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with Your power and love. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

**About the cover:** The power of the Holy Spirit coming down upon the apostles led them out with a message that could not be contained. They could not speak of the things they had seen and heard. So Jesus' words about the Spirit were being fulfilled on that day through the proclamation of Jesus' death and resurrection to forgive sinners. That same Holy Spirit continues to well up within us like mighty rushing water that overflows into opportunities to proclaim Jesus to the world.