

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

June 8 & 9, 2018

5:00 pm & 8:15 am



AS WE GATHER

Many people seek wise counselors. The Holy Spirit is the world's best counselor. In today's Gospel, Jesus promised that the Father would send the Holy Spirit in His name as Counselor. In this ministry, the Holy Spirit both honestly convicts us of sin and tenderly comforts us with good news of forgiveness for Jesus' sake. We gather to hear God's Word and receive the Sacrament, which together have been called "the Means of the Spirit" through which the Holy Spirit applies the Law and the Gospel in our lives.

PRELUDE

Organ

RINGING OF THE BELLS - *We Prepare our hearts and minds for worship*



WELCOME

✠ **PREPARATION** ✠

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

LSB 496

**Holy Spirit, light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.**

**Let me see my Savior's face, Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me Which are only known to Thee.**

**Holy Spirit, pow'r divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.**

**Holy Spirit, joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.**

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

(Please Stand)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *John 3:8*

*(If you would like private confession and absolution,
please call the office (314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark)*

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, God sends His Holy Spirit as He promised to work true contrition and sorrow over our sins and the gift of the repentance of faith in His forgiveness. In this truth we make our confession together.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. By the power of Your Word, we confess our sin and need of Your grace. We confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions, both in what we have done and in what we have failed to do. For the sake of the mighty work of our Lord Jesus, His death and resurrection for us and the whole world, grant to us Your forgiveness and new life.

Pastor: “The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Receive the Holy Spirit. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

[OR]

Seminary Student: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1:12, Philippians 1:6

People: Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

HYMN OF PRAISE “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

LSB 650, v. 1 & 3

**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 of earth to thrones on high;
Living life imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.**

**Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church’s ministry;
Quick’ning, 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.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: 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;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)



OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 11:1–9*

(The tower of Babel: one language confused and many people scattered)

¹ Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” ⁵ And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶ And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸ So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



SECOND READING *Acts 2:1–21* (The Holy Spirit fills Jesus’ gathered followers, energizing them to tell of God’s mighty works.)

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested^[a] on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴ But 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. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But 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; ⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)



HOLY GOSPEL *John 14:23–31*

(Jesus promises that the Father will send the Holy Spirit as the Counselor.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

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

²³ Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. ²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



NICENE CREED

LSB 191

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please Be Seated)



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “Jesus Loves Me This I Know”

LSB 588

**Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.**

Refrain: **Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Church of God, elect and glorious, Holy nation, chosen race;
Called as God’s own special people, Royal priests and heirs of grace;
Know the purpose of your calling, Show to all His mighty deeds;
Tell of love that knows no limits, Grace that meets all human needs.**

**God has called you out of darkness Into His most marv’lous light;
Brought His truth to life within you, Turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you That God’s name is glorified
And all find fresh hope and purpose In Christ Jesus crucified.**

**Once you were an alien people, Strangers to God’s heart of love;
But He brought you home in mercy, Citizens of heav’n above.
Let His love flow out to others, Let them feel a Father’s care;
That they too may know His welcome And His countless blessings share.**

**Church of God, elect and holy, Be the people He intends;
Strong in faith and swift to answer Each command your Master sends:
Royal priests, fulfill your calling Through your sacrifice and prayer;
Give your lives in joyful service Sing His praise, His love declare.**



SERMON



COMMISSIONING OF 2019 VBS VOLUNTEERS

(Please Stand)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, on this day we praise You for sending the light of Your salvation to the whole world by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit. Cause the light of Your saving Word to shine in our hearts and throughout the world that we with many may be brought to true repentance and strengthened in saving faith in Christ. Lord, on this Day of Pentecost,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Even among the nations and those placed in the authority of government, cause Your light and Your truth to guide in the way of truth, both to the punishing of the ugliness of evil and to the praise of the beauty of all that is good. Give them wisdom to lead all people in the way of righteousness and peace. Lord, on this Day of Pentecost,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: By Your Spirit, bring Your Word and assurance of deliverance, health, and healing to all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [*especially* ..]. Deliver, O Lord, especially those who are most helpless and those to whom death draws near. Lord, on this Day of Pentecost,

People: **hear our prayer.**

(Special Petitions)

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

People: **Amen.**

(Please be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Your tithes and offerings shape the lives of people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ for now and eternity. Thank you for your generosity! "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7



✠ SACRAMENT ✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christian to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. [2 Timothy 4:22]

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor : Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [Psalm 136]

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

LSB 913

**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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

HYMN VERSE “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

LSB 913, v. 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.**

(Please Be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “Come Down, O Love Divine”

LSB 501

**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.**

**O let it freely burn, Till worldly passion 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.**

**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 short-comings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong, With which the soul will long,
Shall far out-pass the pow'r of human telling;
No soul can guess His grace Till it become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.**

“Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ”

LSB 769

**Eternal Spirit of the living Christ, I know not what to ask or what to say;
I only know my need, as deep as life, And only You can teach me how to pray.**

**Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day; Help me to see Your purpose and Your will---
Where I have failed, what I have done amiss; Held in forgiving love, let me be still.**

**Come with the strength I lack, bring vision clear Of human need; O give me eyes to see
Fulfillment of my life in love outpoured, My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.**

**O day full of grace that now we see, Appearing on earth’s horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be Replete in His joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts emblazon.**

**O day full of grace, O blessed time, Our Lord on earth arriving;
Then came to the world that light sublime, Great joy for us all retrieving;
For Jesus all mortals did embrace, All darkness and shame removing.**

**For Christ bore our sins, and not His own, When He on the cross was hanging;
And then He arose and moved the stone, That we, unto Him belonging,
Might join with angelic hosts to raise, Our voices in endless singing.**

**God came to us then at Pentecost, His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from Him be lost, All darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface, And bring to us all His healing.**

**When we on that final journey go, That Christ is for us preparing
We’ll gather in song, our hearts aglow, All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God’s own place, With angels His name adoring.**

(Please Stand)



BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN “Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven” *LSB 502*

**Holy Spirit, the dove sent from heaven, Ever one with the One who is Three,
From the Father You came, Words of peace to proclaim, Come and comfort us, speak tenderly.
You, the fragrance of life we are seeking; Fill Your temple, Your altar make clean.
Joyous shelter of love, Gracious friend from above, In Your care we are resting, serene.**

**Holy Spirit, the fire celestial, Who on Pentecost came as foretold,
To descend from on high And the church occupy As the cloud filled the temple of old;
All the baptized You seal with Your promise, All believers Your gift there receive,
So that all the elect All in Christ may expect To enjoy what by grace they believe.**

**Holy Spirit, the unction of blessing, Sacred oil of the green olive tree,
Giving heat, giving light, As the tent lamps ignite And as Aaron praised God joyfully.
Blessed living and life giving water, Now preserve us, from evil within,
For in Jesus, God’s Son, All believers are one In this washing that cleanses from sin.**

**Holy Spirit, the wind of great power, Source of strength and of peace and of love,
Truest Comforter, plead, As You bring all our need To the throne of God’s glory above.
Be the light that enlightens the Scriptures; Keep our feet from each devilish snare;
Only You can make whole All that troubles our soul; By Your chrism, Christ’s triumph we share.**

POSTLUDE

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