

“Clothed with Power”
Celebrating Pentecost – The “Birthday” of the Church

PRESERVICE

“Power of the Cross”

WELCOME

P: Long ago on this day, one of Jesus’ followers, Peter, spoke of how from even in the days of King David, the resurrection of the Messiah would take place, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. He said, “God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.” What we hear and say and do this morning is also because Jesus has poured out his Spirit on us!

C: O Holy Spirit, enter in, and in our hearts Your work begin!

P: Your dwelling place now make us!

Please stand

OPENING SONG

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

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INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

*P: As we gather together this morning, to celebrate the birthday of the Church, we are reminded that we are called and gathered by the Spirit of God. And it is good to remember what the Scripture says about the Spirit: “**The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.**” What God has freely given us is His love and His mercy. He has given us the gift of Jesus and has made Him known to us by the Holy Spirit. So, as Spirit-led people, let us search our own souls and lives, and take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:*

C: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Take a moment for personal reflection and confession

P: Almighty God,

C: have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

FORGIVENESS OF SINS

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

C: Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

C: and uphold me with a willing spirit. (Psalm 51:10-12)

SONG OF PRAISE

“Holy Spirit”

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:8-12; 24:44-49

⁸ “And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, ⁹ but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God. ¹⁰ And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. ¹¹ And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, ¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.” ...
⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”
⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:1-21

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 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; ¹⁸ 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.’”

E: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**



APOSTLES' CREED - 3rd Article with Explanation from Luther's Small Catechism

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.

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; 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

OFFERING SONG

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

MESSAGE

Pastor John Davis

PRAYERS

- parents of a Houston Lutheran Chorale member who were diagnosed with Covid
- a friend of Ron Holten whose ability to enjoy life is limited by back trouble
- Pat Ramsey's father, Walt, hospitalized with a broken pelvis following a fall and for those caring for him and Molly
- thanksgiving for Rachel Pinkley's 14th birthday
- healing in our community and around the world during the Covid scare; wisdom for all leaders
- retired pastor Bob Kitson, completed last chemotherapy treatment for lung cancer last week
- blessings for Lily and Julia Mitchell
- Jackson and the preschool graduation; thanksgiving for his teacher, Brenda Davis
- Sieg and Dale Leland, blessed with their third great-grandchild, Courtney Johnson
- Debbi Lewis' nephew, David, continuing his PhD studies at Concordia
- Kathy Moran's aunt, Joan, who is terminally ill
- Megan Doherty and her family at the passing of their great-aunt Zellah
- Allison, daughter-in-law of Damian and Rachel Peckenpau, recovering from elective surgery and that the surgery will be successful with full healing
- all those who gave their lives for our country as we celebrate Memorial Day
- George Lowe, neighbor of Rich and Linda Husfeld, hospitalized with lung cancer
- Laverne Behrend, that medication will work; also, relief from continuing leg pain
- Molly Nash, thankful for God always being by her side especially during recent hospitalization; guidance for finding right doctor(s) to help with ongoing problems

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.

(Matthew 6: 9 – 13)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

P: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

C: Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.” (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

P: The Lord's Supper is a way in which believers in Jesus Christ proclaim the Lord's death and resurrection until He comes, and we look forward to the day when we will join in the feast that has no end. Today, that proclamation is one that resounds here and in your homes and brings the blessings of Holy Communion to you wherever you are. Let us proclaim what we are about to receive, speaking together the words with which our Savior instituted this sacred meal.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ALL: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

ALL: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

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

C: Amen.

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“Fall Afresh”**

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BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

*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. (Numbers 6:24-26)*

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

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