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The Day of Pentecost



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

Liturgical Text

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

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

These all look to you,

to give them their food in due season.

When you give it to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

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.

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

and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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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.

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (ESV)

The 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. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me,

"Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And 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."

So 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. And 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. Then 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." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then 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.' Therefore 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. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And 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."

Gradual

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.

With the heart one believes and is justified,

and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Epistle Reading: Acts 2:1-21 (ESV)

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where

they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

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. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

" '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; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Holy Gospel: St. John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (ESV)

[Jesus says] "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, 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. And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, for he will take what is Mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that he will take what is Mine and declare it to you."

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

O Lord, pour out Your Spirit,

that all who call on the name of the Lord may be saved.

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In our thoughts and prayers,

† Our sick & recovering: Elsie Buchmann, Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber), & Lowell Zuther (brother of Clare Renner);

† Dorothy Dschaak & Family, as they mourn Delmar's death;

† For rain and favorable weather, that all agricultural endeavors may produce a bountiful harvest.



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 119 Offerings: \$1,711.00

"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place." Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival: a time of thanksgiving, bounty, and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that in the New Testament it takes on the meaning of harvest the ripe fields of the nations, bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing the Lord's praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase, that harvest calls for thanksgiving.

We are the North Dakota District – It is true, our partnership with Kenya has been a little tricky these past few years, but God never said it would be easy. You can ask your pastor or call Bill Sharpe for more information, but the January Convention resolved to re-designate \$75,000 of funds raised to improve the facilities of three existing rescue centers connected with Project 24 in Kenya. In order to re-designate these dollars, donors will be contacted, asking them to release restrictions on building brand new rescue centers in order to accomplish the above. President Baneck

Welcome to worship on the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost, which is 50 days after Easter Sunday, is the crowning close of the Easter season. On this day, the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, was poured out on the apostles for the purpose of creating our Lord's church on earth. The Spirit is the Comforter, the One promised by our Lord, who comforts us by bringing us to Jesus Christ, so that we trust, rejoice, and find comfort in Him alone. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Thank you Marc Schriefer for leading worship this morning.

Pastor Heller will be on vacation through May 26. Please note that this is a change from the May calendar. In case of emergency, please call Jamey Backus, 873-7673.

Camp Discovery Vacation Bible School will be held at the Church May 31-June 4 from 5-7:30 pm. All children from ages 3-6th grade are invited to join us. Registration forms are on the table in the social hall. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please let Anne Rosenow know.



LWML Walk: Four Concordia LWML members will be traveling by bus to Des Moines, IA, to attend the National LWML Convention June 25-28. They will be participating in the Motion/Mission Pledge Walk which supports LWML mission grants. Anyone wishing to make a donation to missions may contact Nona Blaisdell, Kristi Stevens, Mary Jo Larson or Kim Senske.

Roofing Project Updates

- The voters at the November meeting approved the borrowing of up to \$65,000 for a new roof for the Church. The roof work will require 200 squares of shingles at a cost of \$300 per square (please keep in mind these are approximate estimates). Donations of any amount are welcome to help with this expense. Please clearly mark all donations for roof project.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday 8:30 am Worship Service

Monday Church Office Closed

Thursday 9:00 am Deadline for June calendar
information

Sunday 8:30 am Divine Service
11:00 am Worship @ Glen Ullin
5-7:30 pm Vacation Bible School

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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