

Pentecost Sunday

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Welcome to Trinity!

We're glad you're here to worship!

Please join us Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am Mondays at 6:00pm

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Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent From Heaven

(Hymn CW.723)

1. 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.

3. 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 the cleanses from sin.

Please rise

2. Holy Spirit, the fire celestial, Who on the 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.

4. Holy Spirit, the wind of great power, Source of strength and of peace and of love, Truest Comforter, plead As you bring all our needs 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 souls; By your chrism, Christ's triumph we share.

Confession of Sins:

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: *Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.*

Assurance of Forgiveness:

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated

Epistle Lesson

Isn't this exciting? We're all in a room because God promised to pour out his Spirit on us.

And it's Pentecost! Look at the parallels between the Pentecost in Acts 2 and Pentecost today.

Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the gift of the Spirit. Today, we are here because God told us to gather around his Word (Hebrews 10:25).

The Holy Spirit came to the disciples and filled them. God comes into our hearts by faith through Word and Sacrament (Romans 10:17).

The disciples were enabled to carry out God's work. The Spirit gave them abilities far beyond their own. God enables us to speak with his voice (Luke 10:16) and to gather disciples into his kingdom (Matthew 28:19-20).

The disciples used God's word to change hearts and to save souls. God is doing that right now with us. His Word accomplishes whatever God pleases and succeeds in saving souls (Isaiah 55:11).

It's exciting to be part of God's saving work. Not everybody will understand. Some will even make fun of us. But God is working. God has worked through people just like us for centuries. The disciples were people like us. Every generation of Christians is filled with people just like us. And the Holy Spirit fills us to carry his word into our families, into our communities and into every nation.

What God did through the disciples in Acts chapter 2 is miraculous. They declared the wonderful works of God. They reached thousands of people with the Gospel. They spoke with God's power and changed the world.

Now it's our turn.

Acts 2:1-21 (EHV)

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴ 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.

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

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 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.

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 sky above,

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and a rising cloud 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 this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Lesson

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples. He would change everything.

Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to us, too. The Holy Spirit teaches us everything we need to know about God, life, and eternity. He's the one who reminds us when we forget. He's the one who gives us our talents and equips us for God's service. He's the one who opens our hearts and our minds to understand the Gospel. He's the one who brings us the peace of Christ and guides us in our life.

The Holy Spirit changed the disciples from being timid and confused to courageous and authoritative. He still does. Through Word and Sacrament, he builds faith, grants wisdom, and equips his people. That's why connecting with the Word and participating in the Sacrament is so important to us. They are our connection to God. They are the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:25-27

²⁵ "I have told you these things while staying with you. ²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you.

²⁷ "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid.

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

(Hymn 176)

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!

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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!

Old Testament Lesson / Sermon

Did you ever wonder whether God's word really works? God promises that his word will give life to a dead heart and salvation into an empty life. That seems impossible. And, too often, we can't see it working.

The prophet Ezekiel had a particularly difficult ministry. God sent him to his own people when they were rebelling against God. They wouldn't listen. They wouldn't change.

God gave the prophet Ezekiel a vivid demonstration of his life-giving word at work. First, he told Ezekiel to preach to a pile of dry bones. That seemed pointless; can dry bones live?

Then, Ezekiel got to see the power of God's word at work. That pile of dry bones was completely transformed!

God still does it today. All of humanity is nothing but dry bones until God breathes his Word into them. He spoke at creation and brought all things into existence. He speaks in the gospel and conquers our spiritual death, bringing us to Jesus and Jesus to us. On the last day, he will speak again and wake all the dead, then take us to be with God in heaven forever.

We experience real, divine life only where God's Word is present. Everywhere else, there are only bones that stay dry and dead! That is why the passion, the all-consuming concern of the church is the life-giving Word of God that creates and sustains her.

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (EHV)

37 The hand of the LORD was upon me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley, which was full of bones. ² He had me pass through them and go all over among them. There were very many on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

³ He said to me, "Son of man, can these dry bones live?" I answered, "LORD God, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.'"

⁵ This is what the LORD God says to these bones.

I am about to make breath enter you so that you will live. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you. I will put flesh back on you. I will cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling, as the bones came together, one bone connecting to another. ⁸ As I watched, tendons were attached to them, then flesh grew over them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the wind. Prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind that this is what the LORD God says. From the four winds, come, O wind, and breathe into these slain so that they may live."

¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me. Breath entered them, and they came back to life. They stood on their feet, a very, very large army.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They are saying, 'Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost. We have been completely cut off.' ¹² Therefore, prophecy and say to them that this is what the LORD God says. My people, I am going to open your graves and raise you up from your graves and bring you back to the soil of Israel. ¹³ Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. I will settle you on your own land, and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.

Prayers for Our family and Friends

Melanie Bell, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Jean Harper, Anita Hemminger, Dorothy Johnson, Rose Karr, Angie Salewsky, Lisa Schmitt, Becky Schrank and Karen Schrank.

Prayers for those called to protect

Military: Jesse Adams (Sue Connor's son), **Greg Carow** (Dennis Carow's godson/nephew), **Aeron Forsberg** (Linda and Gene Erickson's grandson), **Dayton Godfrey** (Dave & Cindy Schacht's great-nephew), **Joshua Jansen** (Isaac Jansen's cousin), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth's son), **Dylan Vanko**, (Roy and Grace Chmela's grandson), and **Thomas Weirich** (Mary Bush's nephew). **Firefighter: Steve Campbell. Police: Greg Haemker, Raymond Cashaw** (Pastor Sonnemann's niece's husband) and **David Peterson** (Jamie Tesch's uncle). Ask the Lord to bless them, strengthen them, and keep them safe.

The 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.

The 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 on you with favor and (†) give you peace.
C: *Amen*

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

(Hymn 183 v.1)

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

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Shining the Light of the Gospel in our community.

John 8:12 - "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Matthew 5:16 - "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"