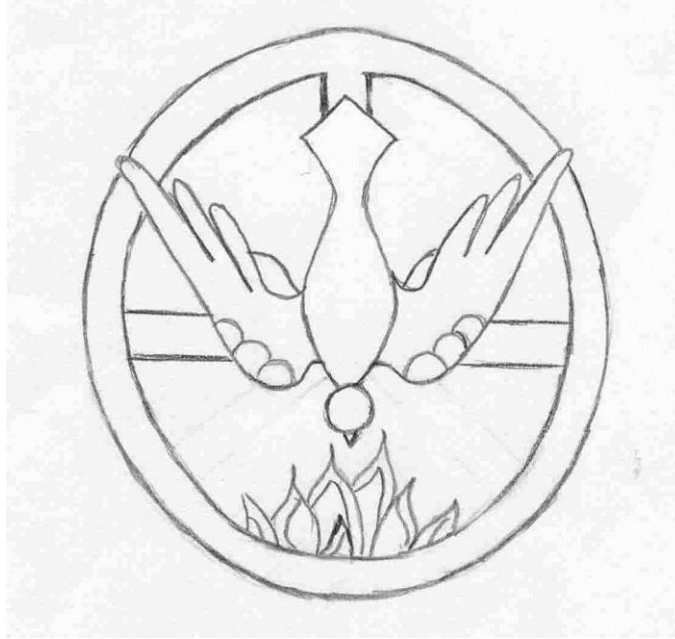


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The Day of Pentecost

May 31st, 2020

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

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THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 31, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

PREPARATION

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

GATHERING

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C Amen.

P Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of grace and glory,

C you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and + frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C Amen.

* GATHERING HYMN

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

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* GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

* **KYRIE (C - sung)**

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

* **CANTICLE OF PRAISE (In Unison)**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)**

P Let us pray...

C O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the

crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

L: Here ends the reading.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷**All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

SECOND READING..... 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for

the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (In Unison)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia.**

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

*** GOSPEL..... John 20:19-23**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter. **C Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON
SERMON

Vicar Leister
Vicar Leister

*** HYMN OF THE DAY** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Bulletin, page 10

*** NICENE CREED (In Unison)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

C 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.

SENDING

* BLESSING

P May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

* SENDING HYMN

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

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* DISMISSAL

P Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 – 6:00 PM – PPC Meeting in the Adult Sunday School Room

RETURNING TO ONSITE WORSHIP AT MESSIAH!!

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

TODAY, MAY 31, 2020

Dear Fellow Messiah Lutherans,

For eleven Sundays we have held our worship services by electronic means and participated in the safety of our homes, out of physical contact with each other. We never really closed and thanks to Vicar Sam Leister we were able to practice our faith and even expand it by listening to Sam's morning and evening daily prayers. His outstanding efforts have kept us connected with God and also to each other. We give thanks for his service and dedication to us, the Messiah congregation.

This morning, Sunday, May 31st, we are following our state guidelines and are meeting in our own church parking lot, in our vehicles to participate in our worship service by means of an AM radio broadcast in real time. We will continue to meet this way until it is deemed safe to once again meet inside our beautiful sanctuary in large groups for worship. We at least will be able to see each other.

Our service this morning is at **10:30 AM** and is being broadcast on channel **1700 AM** on your car radio. *(Please note that our summer service schedule begins NEXT week, June 7th.....when morning worship will begin at 9:15 AM).*

What follows are some procedures for you to know for today and upcoming Sundays:

- **WEAR RED TODAY, MAY 31st** – it is Pentecost Sunday!
- Park in any parking space in the church parking lot or near the church. The radio signal will extend about ½ mile from the sanctuary.
- Be mindful of the direction of the morning sun.
- Prior to 10:30 AM, a bulletin will be delivered to your vehicle by an usher wearing facemask and gloves. Please keep the bulletin when you depart.
- You may give the usher your offering by dropping your envelope into a designated box.
- Our church building will be **CLOSED**. Please plan accordingly (*ex., restroom use*)
- Vicar Leister will lead our worship service from inside our sanctuary.
- Feel free to sing along, pray and recite the liturgy as you wish.
- Please depart safely and return next week for more “PARABLES IN THE PARKING LOT”.

Sincerely,

Messiah PPC (Parish Planning Council) and Board of Worship & Music

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Carole Baker
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Lindsey Barton
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Linda Clark
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Guy Dillman
Fred & Dot Dowling
Renee Dzikowski
Neil Fisher
Jerald (Jerry) Foltz
Ed Fraker
Bentley Fulkroad
Joan Fulkroad
Terri Gayer
Edie Kay Gill
Paul Goss

Jeanette Gross
Sue Henderson
Jason Hockenberry & Family
Josh Hohol
Curt & Judy Houtz
Jennifer Hutchinson
Matt Hutchinson
Brenda Imes
Denny King
Kevin Kint
Carol Lyter
Carlen McClure
Charlie, Amanda, & Isabel Meinsler
Tami Metz
John Miller
Larry Miller
Shirley Miller
Jim Minick
Landon Musser
Madison Norman
Austin Parker
Noel Peachey
Dave Phelan
Butch & Sandy Pines
Father of Cheryl Pinkerton

Steve Pontius
Betty Ranck
Keith Ranck
Mary Sanders
Mackenzie Shearer
Ronald Shearer
Tim Smith
Mike Sparks
Bob & Jeanette St. Clair
Dorothy Towsey
Rich Walters
Tim Weston
Erma Williamson
Dottie Wilson
Diana Wise
Jim Woltman
Mackenzie Wray
Barbara Yocum
Dorothy Zeiders
Linda Zimmerman
The Family of Bobbi Ellis
The Family of Bob Cameron
The Family of Curt Kint

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

Ray Bramm
Ruth Cisney
Max Ernest
Margaret Guss
Gail Henderson
Mona Lawson
Jane Marhefka
Minnie Minick

Edith Nipple
Esther Rhine
Carol Simonton
Sieber & Ona Stoner
Ken & Kay Stuck
Velma Suloff
Kitty Walters
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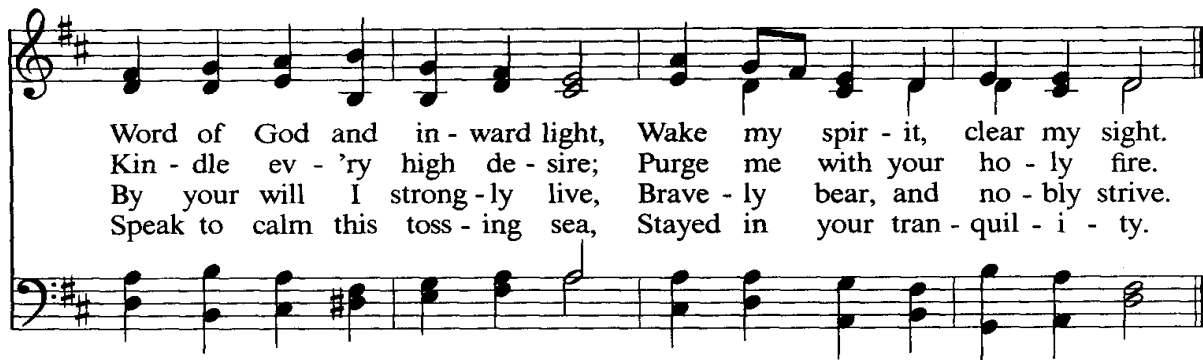
REMINDER:
Summer Worship Service Schedule
resumes next Sunday.
Worship for June-July-August
begins at 9:15 AM.
See you here!

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

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1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, Dawn up - on this soul of mine;
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, Glow with - in this heart of mine;
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, For - ti - fy this will of mine;
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, Still this rest - less heart of mine;



Word of God and in - ward light, Wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
 Kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; Purge me with your ho - ly fire.
 By your will I strong - ly live, Brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
 Speak to calm this toss - ing sea, Stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.

- 5 Holy Spirit, right divine,
 King within my conscience reign;
 Be my guide, and I shall be
 Firmly bound, forever free.

DURHAM (DOVER). S. M.

Williams' *Psalms*, cir. 1770

Moderately slow

SECOND TUNE

1. Sol - diers of Christ, a - rise And put your ar - mor on,
2. Strong in the Lord of Hosts, And in his might - y power;
3. Stand then, in his great might, With all his strength en - dued;

Strong in the strength which God sup-plies Through his e - ter - nal Son;
Who in the strength of Je - sus trusts Is more than con - quer - or.
And take, to arm you for the fight, The pan - o - ply of God.



Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

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1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er dwell-ing in the ho - liest realms of light;
 2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er liv - ing as the church's ver - y life;
 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er work-ing through the church's min - is - try;

Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through us in a cease - less strife;
 quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;

Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul

liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 you we praise with end - less wor - ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.
 in com - mu - nion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.

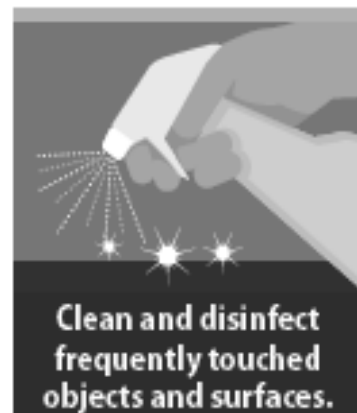
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