

PENTECOST
May 24th, 2026 – 9:30 AM

WELCOME



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.

- ✝ Preacher – Brian Griswold
- ✝ Officiant – Pr. Rudy Schneider

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit on gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we many times hold back the force of your Spirit. We often do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit on us for the forgiveness of sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

OPENING HYMN: ELW#400 – God of Tempest

Prayer of the Day - 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.**

GOD'S HOLY WORD

FIRST READING: John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent



me, so I send you.”²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 104: 24 – 34, 35b

²⁴ How 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.**

²⁶ There 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.**

²⁸ You 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.**

³⁰ You 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.**

³² You 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.**

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

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



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL

A Reading from Acts 2: 1- 21; **Glory to You, O Lord!**

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

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ In 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.

⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

SERMON – When the Holy Spirit comes, the Church becomes

Brian Griswold

HYMN: Yet Not I, But through Christ in Me

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer, There is no more for Heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "all is mine", Yet not I but through Christ in me.
2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken, For by my side the Savior He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need His power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome, Yet not I but through Christ in me.
3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing "I am free". Yet not I but through Christ in me.
4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus, For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day, I know He will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, All the glory evermore to Him When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat. Yet not I but through Christ in me.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

† *We recognize all joining us virtually and give voice to any greetings or prayer requests.*

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. *A brief silence.*

O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name. Grace those from our families and community that we now name silently in our hearts, or out loud, with our prayers and your blessings. *(Please name silently or out loud).* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious Father, we seek Your divine wisdom and guidance in our search for a shepherd to lead us with humility, love, and grace. Lord, bless our search process, our call committee and open doors to reveal the right candidate to us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

(Additional Petitions may be offered.)

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessings. We give you thanks for the gifts that you shower upon us each day. Receive our offerings that they may be used to help those in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

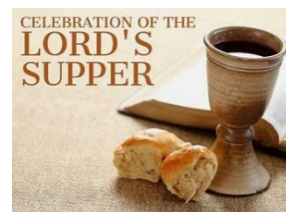
Today we remember, that our Lord, true to his promise sent the Holy Spirit ...

..... 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.

Invitation to Communion – Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

OUR TIME OF COMMUNION WITH THE LORD!



COMMUNION HYMN 1: Stir My Spirit

Stir my spirit, O Lord, I pray
Tune my ear that I might hear Your word.
Take pleasure in, be glorified by every step I take,
Build my life a temple for You, Lord.
Build my life a temple for You, Lord.

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COMMUNION HYMN 2: Spirit of the Living God

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| 1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. | 3. Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear,
Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear,
Shield me, free me, call me, lead me,
Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear. |
| 2. Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
Soul of heaven heart of God, wash over me.
Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me,
Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me. | 4. Spirit of the living God move among us all,
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love.
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing,
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love. |

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COMMUNION HYMN 3: Lord, Be Glorified

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| 1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In my life, Lord, be glorified today. | 3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In your church, Lord, be glorified today. |
| 2 In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In our song, Lord, be glorified today | 4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In your world, Lord, be glorified today. |

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Closing Prayer - Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

Blessing - God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: ELW#888 -O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Dismissal: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



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