

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Where we gather to celebrate God's love for us revealed in Jesus!

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Pentecost Sunday

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

L In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

OPENING SONG: "The Power Of Your Love"

Lord, I come to You; let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace that I've found in You
And Lord I've come to know, the weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away by the pow'r of Your love

*Chorus: Hold me close, let Your love surround me; bring me near
Draw me to Your side. And as I wait,
I'll rise up like the eagle, and I will soar with You;
Your Spirit leads me on in the pow'r of Your love*

Lord unveil my eyes; let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love, as You live in me
Lord, renew my mind, as Your will unfolds in my life
In living ev'ryday, in the pow'r of Your love *Chorus*

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L Dear friends:

L God reveals to us His love and mercy through Jesus. So come, let us confess our sin, that He may forgive and renew us. *(silence for reflection)*

L Lord God, Judge and Ruler of all,

C I come before You today in humble repentance. I have much to confess, for I have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. I do not merit Your favour; I do not deserve Your forgiveness. But I appeal to Your great mercy and to the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, my Saviour. Forgive me all my sins; take away all my guilt. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for me. **Amen.**

L The Lord has heard our prayer, seen our need, and responded to our plight with mercy. He has sent His Son to forgive our sin, renew our hope, and restore our spirit. To all who believe in His name, He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. The person who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all! **C Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE: “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
Breathe new life into my stubborn soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord,
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,

**That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.**

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. By that same Spirit, grant that we may have a right understanding in all things, and always rejoice in His holy consolation. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE FIRST READING *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

A A reading from the prophet, Ezekiel, the 37th chapter:

A The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me to and fro among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³He asked me, ‘Son of man, can these bones live?’

I said, ‘Sovereign LORD, You alone know.’

⁴Then He said to me, ‘Prophecy to these bones and say to them, “Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.”’

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹Then He said to me, ‘Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain,

that they may live.”¹⁰ So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet – a vast army.

¹¹Then He said to me: ‘Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.”¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³Then you, My people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴I will put My Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.”’

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *Acts 2:1-21*

A A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the 2nd chapter:

A When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: ‘Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?’ ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!’ ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, ‘What does this mean?’

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, ‘They have had too much wine.’

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“In the last days, God says,
I will pour out My Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on My servants, both men and women,

I will pour out My Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.”



A This is the Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

L The Holy Gospel according St. John, the 15th & 16th chapters:

C Glory to You, O Lord.

L ²⁶‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father – the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father – He will testify about Me. ²⁷And you also must testify, for you have been with Me from the beginning.

16 ‘All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. ²They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. ³They will do such things because they have not known the Father or Me. ⁴I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you,

⁵ but now I am going to Him who sent Me. None of you asks Me, “Where are You going?”

⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. ⁸ When He comes, He will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see Me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

¹² I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me because it is from Me that He will receive what He will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is Mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from Me what He will make known to you.’

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Holy Spirit, Light Divine” (*LSB 496*)



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;
2 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.
In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.
Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.
Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

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SERMON: "Thrilling us with Christ"

based on John 16:14 by Pastor Vince Gerhardy

THE APOSTLES' CREED

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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 T everlasting.
Amen.

OFFERTORY: “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Your presence,

And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

And uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition ends: L Lord, in Your mercy, C Hear our prayer.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favour and give us peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” (*LSB 650*)

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's
 realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
 ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
 min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,
 O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,
 Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,
 Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,
 ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,
 ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we
 ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -
 life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.
 mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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L Go in peace and serve the risen Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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This Week in Our Parish

Mon May 20	2:00 PM	Ladies' Sing & Share
Tues May 21		Pastor Steve back (from LBTC mtg)
Weds May 22	6:00 PM	Men's chorus (rehearsal)
Wed – Fri	9-1:00 PM	Church Office Open