

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 19, 2024

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service can be found in the blue hymnal beneath the chair in front of you. Projections are also provided on the front wall.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

THEME: THE FESTIVAL OF HOLY PENTECOST

The three major Christian festivals are Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Christmas celebrates the work of God the Father. Easter celebrates the work of God the Son. Pentecost celebrates the work of God the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost marks the “birthday” of the New Testament Church. It is the Holy Spirit who creates believers. He brings us to faith through Word and Sacrament. His work is called Sanctification.

Just as God the Father created us without our help, and just as God the Son redeemed us without our help, so also God the Holy Spirit sanctifies and saves us without our help. Therefore, all glory goes to God for saving us entirely!

PLEASE RESPECT OUR PRACTICE OF “CLOSE COMMUNION”

Christ says the Sacrament is an expression of unity (1 Co 10:16-17). We WANT to be unified with you on the basis of Christ and His doctrine! Honesty compels us to ask you to WAIT before communing with us: 1) until you’ve had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) until you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Regular classes are conducted for this purpose (837-5346). WELS & ELS guests please sign a Connection Card and give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service – Setting Two pg. 172 in the blue hymnal

Hymns

Opening Hymn	589:1-3	<i>Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid</i>
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 104	page 104 in the blue hymnal
Hymn of the Day	680	<i>Baptized into Your Name Most Holy</i>
Communion Hymns	585	<i>Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord</i>
	591	<i>O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace</i>
Closing Hymn	589:4	<i>Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Ezekiel 37:1-14
Second Lesson	Acts 2:1-21
Gospel Lesson	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-11

Sermon

Ezekiel 37:1-14
From dry bones to Life

WHY A BAPTISM HYMN?

Why is hymn #680 “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” the Hymn of the Day? Because for most of us, that is when the Holy Spirit gave birth to our faith in Jesus and made us Christians. Jesus is very clear about this in John 3: *I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.*

On this final day of Sunday School for the 23/24 year, the Sunday School children will sing before the opening hymn.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider Rev. Shaun Arndt
Keyboard Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr (Sunday); Mrs. Cathy Gresens (Monday)
Projection Slides Amy Larson & Brittany Kuehl
Sunday School Choir Andrea Kratz, dir.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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. ²He had me pass through them and go all over among them. There were very many on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

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

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

I am about to make breath enter you so that you will live. ⁶I 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.

⁷So 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. ⁸As I watched, tendons were attached to them, then flesh grew over them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.

⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the wind. Prophesy, 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."

¹⁰So 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.

¹¹Then 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.' ¹²Therefore, prophesy 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. ¹³Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I 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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 104A

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-21

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

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

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

¹⁷This 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.

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 sky above,

and signs on the earth below,

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

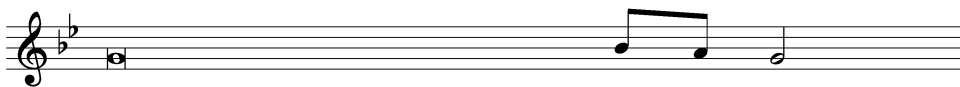


Refrain



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Tone



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful peo - ple,



and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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GOSPEL

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-11

“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷And you also are going to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

^{16:4}“...I did not tell you these things from the beginning, because I was with you.

⁵“But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶Yet because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth: It is good for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

THE THIRD ARTICLE (SANCTIFICATION)

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Please be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Holy Spirit of the Triune God, we praise you for giving birth to our faith in Holy Baptism. We thank you for giving us a perfect and errorless Scripture. We thank you for filling us with the peace of Jesus and with love for our heavenly Father. Please strengthen our faith in Him. Enlighten us to understand your Word better and better. Pour out on us every spiritual gift so that we may be a blessing to your Church on earth. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

O Spirit sent by Christ, let us be never convicted for unbelief. Help us never to seek our righteousness in ourselves but only in the ascended Christ. Save us from ever falling under the same judgment as this world or its ruler, the devil. Speak to us through your Word. Sanctify us by your Sacrament. Save us in your grace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Intercessory prayers

Hear our prayers and grant them according to your will for Jesus sake.

Amen.

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