

May 19th, 2013
Day of Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will grow spiritually and in numbers as we serve Christ. We will reach out and address the hurts and hopes in our community. We will maintain a church home that is reverently joyous and extend a welcome to all who seek to join us in our mission.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1–21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'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.

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

PSALM: Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

Refrain: Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.
There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.
All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. R
You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works. R
You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.
May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.
Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah! R

GOSPEL: John 14:8–17 [25–27]

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

HYMN:

"One Bread, One Body"

710 WOV

SERMON

OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Filled with the promised Holy Spirit, let us pray in confidence for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A time for silent prayer.

Pour out your Spirit upon the church, that we may be filled with the proclamation of your grace for the sake of the whole world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out your Spirit upon the earth to renew the face of the ground, that all may be fed and nourished by the abundant resources you provide for all your people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out your Spirit upon the nations, that leaders, judges, and peacekeepers may stand against oppression and seek peace throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out your Spirit upon those who suffer, that they may know healing, hope, and joy (especially). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out your Spirit upon this congregation, that we may keep your commandments and reveal your grace through ministries that serve this community and the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Pour out your Spirit upon all who mourn, that your promise of everlasting life and peace make our hearts sing even in the face of death. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In resurrection hope we commend to you all for whom we pray, trusting in the promise of new life; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and grant you his peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

731 WOV

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOLF starts Monday, May 20th at 10:00 a.m. at the Wealthwood Golf Course. Come join us!

Weather permitting we will be **planting the Memorial Garden** on Wednesday, May 22nd at 10:00 a.m.

DITCH CLEAN UP on Thursday, May 23rd at 1:00 p.m. Meet at church for picking up your bags & vests.

VEGGIE STAND will be open the morning of **Saturday, May 25th**. Donations welcome: If you have plants or baked good you would like to donate, please drop them off at the veggie stand early Saturday.

THE 2013 SUMMER OUTDOOR GOSPEL CONCERTS start Saturday, June 1st and continue throughout the summer at the Malmo Evangelical Free Church. See the Community Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall for a listing of who will be playing this summer.

THANK YOU TO ALL for the many birthday and get well cards I received. And thank you to everyone for everything you have done for me since I fell. God Bless You All! *Irene Long*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF MAY 19TH, 2013

Organist: Marlys Beavers
Greeters:
Ushers: 8:30 Les Bolke & Nancy Hansen, 10:00 Jerry & Carolyn Morris
Lectors: 8:30 Char Berg, 10:00 Sue Samuelson
Coffee Servers: Jim & Donna Metteer, Tom & Judy Forester

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK (5/12/13)

Attendance: 8:30 – 103 10:00 – 49
Offering: \$ 2,471.00 Building Fund: \$ 335.00

\$ 3,077.00 – Weekly amount needed for operating expenses.

\$ 580.00 – Weekly amount (building fund) needed for mortgage payment.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA MAY 19TH THUR MAY 25TH, 2013

Mon., May 20 th	7:00 p.m.	AA & Alanon
Tues., May 21 st	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
	9:30 a.m.	NO Bells
Wed., May 22 nd	8:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Hardanger
	10:00 a.m.	Plant Memorial Garden
	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team
Thurs., May 23 rd	8:00 a.m.	R.O.M.E.O.S.
	1:00 p.m.	Funtimers
Fri., May 24 th	10:00 a.m.	Bone Builders
Sat., May 25 th	9:30 a.m.	Bell Choir Practice

TRUTHFUL LIVING

Our 50-day feast of the resurrection culminates in Pentecost, when we pray for the Holy Spirit to sweep into our midst and propel us into ministry in the name of Christ. Images for the Spirit abound in today's readings. Acts likens the Spirit to a violent, surprising windstorm that blows through the house where the disciples are meeting. Fire is also associated with the Spirit--a symbol of the passion and energy given to the disciples to witness to Christ's resurrection. The Spirit brings a lasting relationship with God based on adoption and love rather than fear.

To these images of the Holy Spirit, the Gospel of John adds one more that is not always highlighted. Speaking to his disciples on the evening before his crucifixion, Jesus calls the Spirit "truth," an "Advocate to be with you forever." The Spirit is the dynamic, life-enhancing connection between Jesus and his followers, keeping them in the truth of God's loving purpose revealed in Jesus. This truthful Advocate continues to form and re-form the whole church, bestowing peace where there is fear, reminding us of Christ's dying and rising.

Spirit-filled truth is not primarily doctrinal or emotional; it is incarnational. The Spirit of truth will live with us, and in us, just as Jesus has become truly human and lives among us. The Spirit brings forgiveness and renewal as we confess our failings at the baptismal font, honestly and humbly acknowledging the truth about our broken lives. The Spirit fills us with peace and abundant life as we eat the truth of Christ's body broken for the wholeness of the world. The Spirit sends us to make known the one who is Truth, the Word made human, Jesus Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with us with the truth of your loving will and presence in our lives.

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