

Sunday, June 8, 2014

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

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Praise Team

INTRODUCTION

Today's festival derives its name from the Jewish festival of Pentecost, observed fifty days after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites. In the reading from Acts, images of wind and fire describe the Spirit poured out on disciples of all nations. In John's gospel the risen Christ breathes the Spirit on his followers on Easter evening. In the one Spirit we are baptized into one body, and at the Lord's table the Spirit unites us for witness in the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP: **"Seek Ye First"** **#783**
WOW

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OPENING HYMN: **"Mighty to Save"** **Insert** **CCLI#4591782**

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord + Jesus Christ, by whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Amen.

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life,
by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new.
Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear.
We have not listened to voices that challenge us.
We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions.
Our hearts are slow to believe your promises.
Forgive us, O God,
and renew us to embrace without fear
the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

People of God:

Christ is alive, and death has lost its power.

Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God.

Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.

Amen.

GREETING

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God:
grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

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.

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM:

“Trading My Sorrows”

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FIRST READING:

Acts 2:1-21

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.

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 20:19-23

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

When 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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

SERMON:

"Waking the Spirit"

OFFERING & OFFERTORY SONG: "Change My Heart, Oh God" #801 ELW

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION

Made alive in Christ and filled with his Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Your Spirit gathers the church. With your grace, enliven bishops, pastors, teachers, and artists, that they proclaim the gospel of peace in their own languages. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Your Spirit animates the creation. By your power, renew the earth. Fill us with wonder for your handiwork, that we be partners with you in restoring land, skies, and seas. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Your Spirit enlightens the nations. By your wisdom, direct governments and international organizations, that your peace frees those held captive by misunderstanding and violence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your Spirit revives body and soul. In your mercy, soothe the afflicted, uplift the sorrowful, comfort the grieving, and heal the sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your Spirit energizes this faith community. Spur on young and old alike to use their creative talents for building up the body of Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Your Spirit raised Jesus from the dead. Baptized in his name, help us trust the Spirit's power now and in the life to come with all the saints. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, merciful God, and dwell in us richly, through Jesus Christ, our life and our redeemer.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER –

BLESSING

The God of all grace,
who has called you to eternal glory in Christ,
restore, support, strengthen, and + bless you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN:

“Do Lord”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PERSONAL CARE KITS, CLOTHING AND PRAYER SQUARES- for Lutheran World Relief will be packed up TODAY for delivery to the NEMN Synod Women of the ELCA Summer Convention June 13 & June 14. Thank you to all who contributed. Cheri Johnson and Marilyn Andrews are the delegates from Bethesda and will present all our donations when they attend the conference.

CHURCH CLEANING- come on Tuesday, June 10 at 9:00 am to help clean the church. It is time to clean the church pews and wash windows and.....It would be great to get this church sparkling for our Celebration on June 22 at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcomed!

CHURCH COUNCIL- meets this week Tuesday, June 10 at 5:30 pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- starts June 16-20, 9:00 – 11:30 am. We are still looking for someone to lead music and teach. Contact Joanne Stueven, Elsa Carlson or Barb Forrester. Please check the bulletin boards for things to purchase or loan to VBS. They even need mouse traps and 2 rat traps! I know they want “unused,” clean traps. So if you have been thinking about buying some new traps, that donation slip is for you. Any item that is borrowed will be returned. Just label it with your name and phone number. Set up for VBS will be Sunday after services, June 15, 2014. Many helpers are needed to take down the tables and chairs and set up “the Village.”

SCHEDULE CHANGES- please check your Newsline calendar and the bulletin for changes in activities at the church during Vacation Bible School week.

MORTGAGE BURNING CELEBRATION- mark your calendar for June 22, 2014 9:00 am. If you have considered joining Bethesda as a member; this would be a good time to join. New Members will be accepted during the Mortgage Burning Celebration. Contact Pastor or Joanne Stueven, Mission & Evangelism Chair. Her number is 218-678-2778 .

THOSE SERVING THIS SUNDAY JUNE 8 , 2014

Music: Praise Team

Greeters: Jerry & Pat Becker

Ushers: 8:30 am Lee & Barb Forrester 10:00 am Dick & Sue Stebbins

Lector: 8:30 am Lynn Hansen 10:00 am Val Benton

Coffee Servers: Gale & Warren Rolek and Joyce Rimer

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday June 1st 8:30 am - 108 10:00 am - 72

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda June 8 thru June 14, 2014

Monday 06/09 9:00 am Women's Devotions
9:00 am Golf

7:00 pm AA & Alanon

Tuesday 06/10 8:00 am Pastor's Text Study, Onamia
9:00 am Quilter's
9:00 am Church Cleaning
5:30 pm Church Council

Wednesday 06/11 8:30 am Bible Study
9:30 am Hardanger
11:00 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Choir
7:00 pm Praise Team

Thursday 06/12 8:00 pm R.O.M.E.O.S
12:30 pm Fun Timers

Friday 06/13 10:00 am Bone Builders
6:00 pm NEMN Women of the ELCA Summer Convention

Saturday 06/14 5:00 pm Saturday Night Service