

Sunday, May 24, 2015

Day of Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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INTRODUCTION

On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

OPENING HYMN: **“My Lord, What a Morning”** **ELW #438**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful and just God,

we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

8:30AM SERVICE:

Today a new brother in Christ will join us in baptism. Ben William Mason

FIRST READING:

ACTS 2:1–21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

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

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But 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.

¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

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

¹⁷In 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.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

PSALM (ELW): PSALM 104:24–34, 35B

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

²⁴How 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.**

²⁶There 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. R**

²⁸You 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.**

³⁰You 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. R**

³²You 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.**

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

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

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:26–27; 16:4B–15

When speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and described the difference the Spirit would make in their lives and in the world.

Chapter 15

²⁶When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

Chapter 16

^{4b} "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

SERMON HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

ELW #733

SERMON: "Have You Had Your Caffeine Today?"

OFFERTORY HYMN: "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

ELW #890

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For the church as it receives your Holy Spirit and shares its hope in Christ. For advocates of truth and forgiveness and for perseverance in prayer. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For the creation as life takes root and grows. For the earth and all planets, for the sun, moon, and stars, for the natural wonders in, among, and beyond us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For the nations as they seek guidance. For government and tribal leaders, for international organizations, for translators and interpreters, for prophets and peacemakers. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those who suffer as they long for healing. For those who are lonely or forgotten, for those who are ill (*especially*). For veterans, military personnel, and those who advocate on their behalf (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For this worshiping community: For acolytes and ushers, readers and intercessors, musicians and artists, for all ministries of hospitality, and for those who cannot be with us this day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember saints led by your Spirit (*including scientists Nicolaus Copernicus and Leonhard Euler, whom we commemorate today*). Open our eyes to your work in the world and inspire hope for the world to come. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

Amen.

Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

CLOSING HYMN: "O Beautiful For Spacious Skies"

ELW #888

It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Marlys Beavers

Greeters: Lee & Barb Forrester

Ushers: 8:30 am — Bill and Cheri Johnson

10:00 am – Marilyn Andrews

Lector: 10:00 am — Laurina Tofteland

Hospitality Hosts: Dave & Linda Lundahl, Maynard & Kathy Berland

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, May 17, 2015

8:30am: 99

10:00am: 36

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda May 24 through May 31, 2015

Today	5/24	2:00 pm	Service of Remembrance-Malmo Cemetery
		3:00 pm	Service of Remembrance-Lakeside Cemetery
Monday	5/25	7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	5/26	8:00-10:00am	Pastor's Text Study
		9:00 am	Quilters
Wednesday	5/27	8:30 am	Bible Study
		9:30 am	Hardanger
		11:00am	Bible Study
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	5/28	8:00 am	Romeos
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers (at the home of Cathy Bauer)
Friday	5/29	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Saturday	5/30	2:00-4:00pm	Pie and Ice Cream Social
Sunday	5/31	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance Registry Please sign and pass the new attendance registry folders which you will find in the pew. This is a new process we are trying. This will replace the green cards. Information will be gathered for Evangelism.

Coffee Servers Needed for Sunday, May 31st and beyond. Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn.

Memory Garden Bricks Orders will be taken for Memory Garden paver bricks through the first week of June. Messages engraved on the bricks can be worded to honor anyone important to you life...whether they be living on this green earth or in Heaven with the Lord. Order forms can be found in office for standard size (\$46) or large (\$75) bricks and payment is due upon delivery at summer's end. Turn completed order forms into Val Benton or place in Nature Trail/Memory Garden office mailbox.

Pie & Ice Cream Social Saturday, May 30. New items are needed for the live auction that is part of the event. Direct questions to Pastor Jim.

Lawn Mowing Schedule is on the entry table. Please pick a week to mow. Thank you!

Praise Team will be performing outdoors the second Sunday of June. Bring a lawn chair if you want.

Malmo Free Church 2015 Summer Outdoor Gospel Concert Schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Every Saturday at 7:00pm. Jct. of Hwy 18 & 47. Bring a lawn chair if you like, refreshments served, free will offering taken.