#### Pentecost Sunday

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# PENTECOSTSUNDAY



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#### PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Ten days after His ascension Jesus poured out His Holy Spirit, as He had promised. Why? So that His disciples, then, now and until He comes again, might not be alone. The "Spirit of Truth," the "Comforter" (literally, the One Who puts His arms around us) was sent to create, strengthen, and encourage faith in Christ by means of the Gospel in Word and Sacraments.

On this special day of the Christian Church-year we give thanks and praise to God the Holy Spirit for all His spiritual gifts! O Lord, open my heart to hear, as to Your Word I draw near! Amen.

# **Order of Divine Worship**

#### ALTAR PRAYER:

O Holy Spirit, "give to Your word impressive power,

That in our hearts, from this good hour,

As fire it may be glowing;

That we confess the Father, Son,

and You – Three in One –

Your glory ever showing.

Stay, guide now our souls ever,

That they never may forsake You,

But by faith their Refuge make You." Amen.

#### THE READING OF ACTS 2:1-4:

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Hymn: TLH #230

"Holy Spirit, God of Love"

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

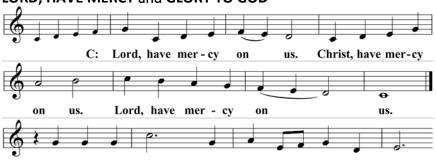
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#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

- Pastor
  Congregation
- P You who are loved by the Lord, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truths is not in us. If we confess our sins, He (God) is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1John 1:8-9)
- Our Lord Jesus has ascended past the heavens to the right hand of His Father, and our Father, where He ever lives to make intercession for us! Hear, O Lord, when we cry with our voices!.
- ▲ O Lord, Holy God, I know how You hate sin. I confess that by many transgressions in thought, word, and deed, I have truly deserved Your wrath and punishment both now and forever. But for the sake of Your glory, pardon my iniquities. Turn me, O Lord, and I shall be turned! Enlarge my heart by the message of Your Spirit in the Gospel Word, that I may walk the way of Your commandments in love for You. This I ask in the Name of my Redeemer, Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.
- Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name, He gives the power to be the sons of God, and bestows on them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized, shall be saved! Grant this, O Lord, unto us all!
- C Amen.

#### INTROIT FOR PENTECOST

- P The Spirit of the Lord fills the world!
- C Hallelujah!
- P Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God:
- **C** Yes, let them exceedingly rejoice. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!



### LORD, HAVE MERCY and GLORY TO GOD



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O Lord God, You taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. By that same Spirit give to us a right judgment in all things, and cause us always to rejoice in the Truth of our salvation with which He has comforted us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord Who lives and reigns through all eternity with You and the Holy Spirit.

#### C Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Ezekiel 36:22-32** "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord God: "I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. 23 And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord," says the Lord God, "when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. 24 For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. 25 Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a

heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. 28 Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God. 29 I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you. 30 And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations. 31 Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and your abominations. 32 Not for your sake do I do this," says the Lord God, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel!"

NEW TESTAMENT READING - Acts 2:5-39 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. 7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs-we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." 12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" 13 Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine." 14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. 15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. 18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. 21 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.'

22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— 23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; 24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. 25 For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the Lord always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. 27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. 28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.' 29 "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, 31 he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. 33 Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit. He poured out this which you now see and hear. 34 "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, 35 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." ' 36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." 37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** The Third Article of the Apostolic Creed and its meaning from Martin Luther's Small Catechism:

**A** I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength, 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 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 richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the last day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

Hymn: TLH #227

#### "Come, Holy Ghost, in Love!"

**SERMON – 1 Corinthians 2:10-12** 10) But God revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11) For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so, no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit Who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

Note: The theme of today's Pentecost message rhymes.) The Greatest Treasure Is \_\_\_\_\_ ! The Spirit Makes It Known to \_\_\_\_\_ !

#### OFFERTORY

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In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

#### HYMN: TLH #234 v.1,5,6 "Holy Ghost with Light Divine" – OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING: TLH #442:2 "Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us"

G rant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

#### **GENERAL PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts!

#### G We lift them up to the Lord!

# The Order of Holy Communion



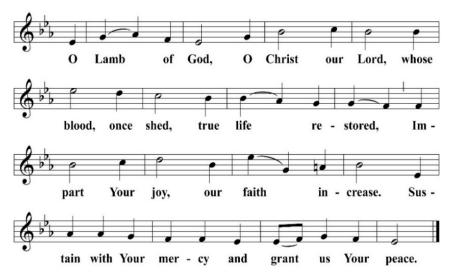
It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God: Who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

☑ A Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabbaoth, adored; Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." And the peace of the Lord will be with you always!



#### Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

THE DISTRIBUTION

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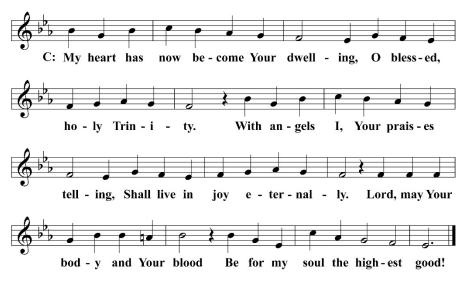
● Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.



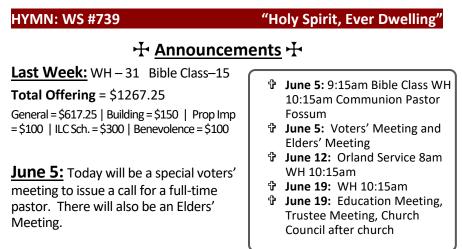
P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



#### **PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-26

- The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
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## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Peace Thru Christ, Middleton, WI

To the pastor and members of Peace Thru Christ – Middleton, Wisconsin: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, the Lord of the Church,

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1) For half a century your God has used His Word to make you "like-minded toward one another," enabling you thereby to glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with one mind and one mouth (Rom. 15:5-6) We join you today in giving glory to our Lord with the same confessional mind and mouth as your own.

As you celebrate, you look not only backward with thanksgiving, but

forward with confidence in Christ's promise to another faithful group of Christians 1900 years ago: "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it, for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. (Rev. 3:8)

We wish you renewed zeal and confidence as you continue forth with Christ's saving Gospel. Remember what happened before the last Passover Jesus celebrated with His disciples. Jesus directed His disciples to go into Jerusalem and follow a man who would meet them carrying a pitcher of water. This man, Jesus said, would lead them to a house where they would find a large upper room furnished and prepared for the celebration of the Supper. The disciples were sent off with only the Lord's Word, just like Abraham, and every one of our spiritual fathers of faith. What happened? We are told that the disciples "went forth and found it just as He had said unto them." It is the very nature of true faith in Christ that it marches on His word. As you continue to go forward by faith in your Savior's Word, you will not be disappointed. For His Word will prove true over and over again: It will prosper where He sends it (Is. 55:1ff.); give life where He plants it (1

Peter 1:22 ff.); peace to those who believe it (Rom. 5:1), and eternal freedom from the power of Sin, Death, and Satan to those who continue in it (John 8:31).

So may the Lord of the Church, continue to bless your kingdom-labor to His glory and your everlasting joy!

Pastor Em., Vance Fossum

On behalf of your fellow laborers in the Lord,

Immanuel Lutheran – Winter Haven, Florida

#### Cleaner (6/11): Bernthal | Acolyte (6/12): Seth Berntal

#### Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; June 6-June 11, '22

**Mon Genesis 11:1-9** About 100 years after the flood, people who knew how to built lasting structures, both physically and politically, saw no need for the Lord's care or His desire that they should "fill the earth" (9:1). How easily the Lord thwarts their ambition, as without a fight or even a show of force, He confuses their language and so "disperses them over the face of all the earth" (v9).

**Tues Acts 2: 1-4** The fiftieth day after Passover was Pentecost, the Jewish harvest festival, and the Lord used it to begin the greatest harvest the world will ever see. The sound of wind caused the people to gather and the fiery tongues focused them on the disciples, but the greatest event was not seen: "they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." This is the Spirit who still comes and speaks to us today in the Holy Scriptures.

**Wed Acts 2:5-13** A foreign language can sound like babble, but the wonderful works of God that the Spirit gave the disciples to declare was understood by the various people of many different language

backgrounds. It was the Tower of Babel in reverse, as God gathered people who had been dispersed, and gave them understanding about the Christ and His kingdom, which shall last forever and ever.

Thurs Acts 2:14-21 All were wondering, "What is this?" and of course some made fun of it. But filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter stood with the eleven, briefly answered the mockers and quoted an entire chapter (in the Hebrew Bible) from the prophet Joel. What they were witnessing was the fulfillment of that Word: "In the last days... I will pour out my Spirit..." (v17).

**Fri John 14:23-24** Jesus was asked why the world would not see Him, but that His disciples would see Him. He points to the word. Those who love Him keep His word, and the Father and He will come to them. The unbelieving world neither loves Him, nor treasures His word, nor receives the Spirit of Truth (v17). Those who treasure His saving word today also know both the Son and Father through that word.

**Sat John 14:25-27** Before He goes to the cross, Jesus promises that the Spirit will teach His disciples all that they need to know, and remind them of all that He has told them. And the peace that He leaves with us is not the world's kind of shaky cease-fire, but peace within – "Let not your hearts be troubled" – no matter what the outward circumstances of our life may be. "How Do You See Your Life?"