



PENTECOST

The Gift of the Holy Spirit

8:30 ~ Sunday, May 15, 2016

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

CALL to WORSHIP

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Your faithful people!

C: Come, bring Your life to Your Church once more!

P: Come, Holy Spirit, inspire us with Your Word, ever new!

C: Come, bring Your renewal to Your Church once more!

P: Come, Holy Spirit, unite Your faithful people with a tongue of praise!

C: Come, bring Your unity to Your Church once more!

P: No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,”

C: except by the Holy Spirit.

P: Come, Holy Spirit:

C: Jesus is Lord!

P: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in faith, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. Come, Holy Spirit.

C: Jesus is Lord!

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful;

C: and kindle in us the fire of Your love.

P: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world!

C: Alleluia! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” [LW 164]

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Almighty God, You poured Your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of Your Spirit among us. We do not listen for Your word of grace, speak the good news of Your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of Your Spirit and fill us with passionate desire to be Your faithful people, doing Your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed your sins and guilt. Now you can stand in His gracious presence without fear. You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

PRAYER of the DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: By the fire of Your Spirit, O God, forge us into one church, many and different people, together in Christ's embrace. Set our hearts aflame with a love for the truth and the desire to do Your will, that our witness to Christ may burn brightly in lives of joyful discipleship. Keep us faithful in Your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all Your saints in the joy of Your eternal realm. Through Christ, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:1-21 [NIV 84]

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now they were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL VERSE “Jesus Shall Reign” [LW 312, v. 1 & 3]

HOLY GOSPEL John 14:15-26 [NIV 84]

¹⁵“If you love me, you will obey what I command. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”

²²Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?” ²³Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. ²⁵“All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

APOSTLES' CREED

SERMON HYMN “O Sing to the Lord” [LSB 808]

SERMON “HAPPY BIRTHDAY”

SERMON RESPONSE “Spirit of the Living God”

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

•**Peace, comfort and healing** to Jerry (neighbor of John and Suzanne Whitsell)-recovering from heart surgery.

•**Wisdom** and **courage** to our Elected Officials and Military

•**Mission of the Month:** Lutherans for Life

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

AGNUS DEI

OFFERING

(Before Communing, please take time to read our statement of faith found in the pew rack in front of you; fill out and place your attendance card and offering in the basket as you come forward.)

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine” [LW 166]

“Come Down, O Love Divine” [LW 162]

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In” [LW 160]

CLOSING HYMN “Now Thank We All Our God” [LW 443, v. 1 & 3]

CONNECT

- **Congregation Voter’s Meeting | Today @ Noon | Budget & Board Nominations**
- **Spring Fling | Sunday, May 22 | 5pm | RSVP online @ PeaceChurch.org**
- **Summer Series Sermon Prep | Tuesday @ Noon | Fellowship Hall | Begins May 17**
- **NEO Concert | Friday, May 20 | 7:30pm | More info @ northeastorchestra.org**
- **Graduation Sunday | May 22 | Send graduation info/pics to Laura@PeaceChurch.org**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

arr. Charles Ore



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