Pentecost Sunday May 28/31, 2020



Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

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Acts 2:12

WORSHIP NOTES We're glad that you're here today to share this time of worship with us, to finally be able to gather together and receive the Lord's Supper, to come into the presence of God and cry out for his support. Luther, in his catechism, picked up on the question of our text today, asking the critical question, "What does this mean?" So we learn again about how the Lord opened the door to the world and let the wind of the Holy Spirit rush out and into human hearts. We are children of God, born again by the power of the Spirit in the Word of God. He calls us to true repentance and then he gives us the confidence of faith to believe that in Christ we are forgiven, completely re-created.

HOLY COMMUNION Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper to assure us of forgiveness and provide us a "Holy Communion" with him and with one another. That communion includes an understanding that Jesus' body and blood are given us with bread and wine, and it means that receiving the sacrament together is an expression of oneness in belief. Out of love for our guests we ask that they speak to a pastor or staff minister before receiving the sacrament, to discover whether they share the convictions of this Lutheran congregation.

PRAYER OF THE DAY Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

GUESTS Welcome to our visitors!

Restrooms: In the Lower Lobby, to the south side.

Large Print Hymnal: Contact an usher.



OPENING HYMN

"From All that Dwell below the Skies" (p. 12)

Christian Worship, # 250

ORDER OF WORSHIP CW, p. 26

- **P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- **P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

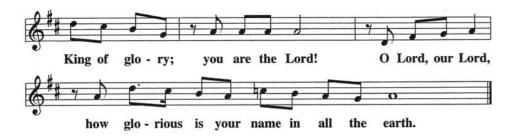


P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. . .



EPISTLE LESSON Acts 2:1-21

In fulfillment of Jesus' promise and Joel's prophecy the Holy Spirit comes upon the apostles and disciples in Jerusalem on Pentecost. Boldly and with a miraculous gift of language the apostles preach the wonderful works of God in Christ Jesus to the crowd that assembles to hear and see what is happening. Peter, speaking for all the apostles, preaches a bold sermon of repentance and faith in Jesus.

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

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." 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. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"'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. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people,

C: and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 16:5-11

How could Jesus' departure be advantageous for the disciples? Only when Jesus had finished his redemptive work and returned to the Father would he send the Counselor. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit fulfilled this promise of Jesus as the Counselor who would work on the world by dwelling in his disciples. His great work is to convict the world in regard to sin, righteousness and judgment. As the Holy Spirit prompted the disciples to preach the Gospel, both believers and unbelievers heard and were convicted in regard to sin—resulting in either repentance or obduracy. The Holy Spirit convicts the world in regard to righteousness, because the purchase price for righteousness had now been paid, ("I am going to the Father"), and the world would either receive it by faith or reject it in unbelief. The Holy Spirit convicts the world in regard to judgment, because although the world has not yet been judged, its ruler has (Revelation 20). The preaching of the Gospel never leaves hearts the same: by either quickening or hardening, the Spirit convicts mankind.

"Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.



HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost" (p. 14)

CW, #190:1-3

WHAT PENTECOST MEANS FOR US

NICENE CREED CW, p. 31

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

Offerings will be collected in the plates in the gym entry way. Please feel free to drop them off on your way in or way out.

SERVICE CONTINUES WITH PRAYER, concluding with THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



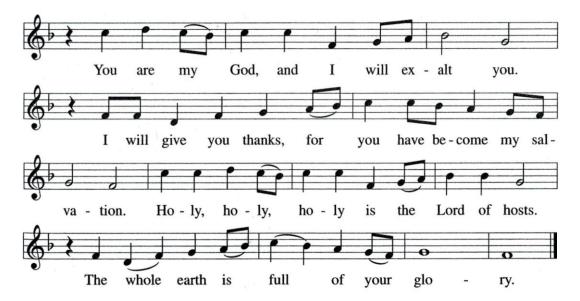
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



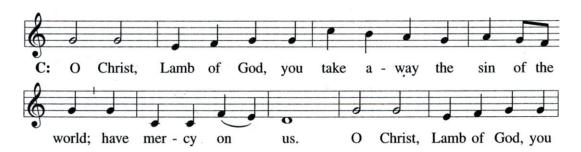


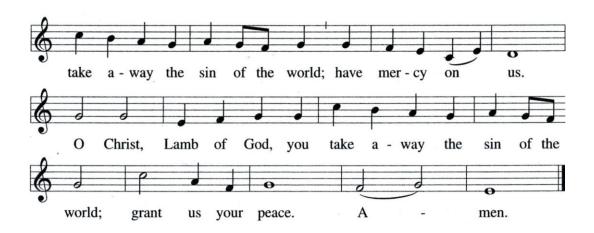
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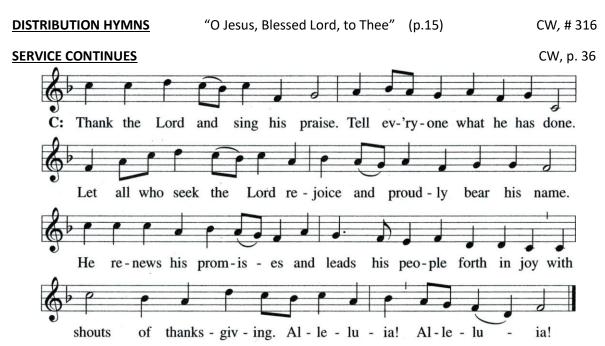
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD







P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

"We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost" (p. 14)

CW, #190:4



SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

From All that Dwell below the Skies







190 We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost



Text: German hymn, c. 13th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, st. 2-4; tr. composite. Tune: NUN BITTEN WIR (99 11 10 4) Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, Wittenberg, 1524, alt.

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

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THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (5/31) 8:00 AM Worship Service w/Communion Worship Service w/Communion 10:30 AM Thursday 7:00 PM Worship Service w/Communion Saturday 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Sunday (6/7) Worship Service w/Communion 8:00 AM Worship Service w/Communion 10:30 AM

Next Week's Readings

First Lesson Zechariah 9:9-10
Second Lesson Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm Psalm 24

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THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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FIRST LESSON:

Acts 2:1-21

GOSPEL:

John 16:5-11

THE SERMON:

Acts 2:1-21

WHAT PENTECOST MEANS FOR US

