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Festival of the Holy Spirit
Pentecost Sunday – May 19, 2024

Order of Worship: Service of the Word

Find today's order of service printed on the liturgy insert tucked inside the front cover of the maroon *Lutheran Service Book* (in the hymnal rack). Large print copies of the order of worship and worship bulletin are on the shelf under the tract rack or speak to an usher who will be happy to share them with you. A warm welcome in Christ to all worshipers!

Serving Us Today

Organist Carly Mess

Ushers Ed Chiappetti, Bob Rankin

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 51 (pew bible, p.507)
- ◆ The Hymns: 497, 496, 503 (1-4), 503 (5)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Acts 2:1-21, John 14:25-27
- ◆ Confession of Faith: Luther's Explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles Creed (printed on page 5)

Sermon Text – Ezekiel 37:1-14

"The Pentecostal Power of God the Holy Spirit"

1. Power that is greatly needed.
2. Power that is universally experienced.
3. Power that promises life everlasting.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer / Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (503, stanza 5)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Acts 2:1-21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. 7 And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, 11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." 12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: 17 "'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; 20 the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. 21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"



Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 51

P O Lord, open my lips:

C And my mouth will declare your praise.

P You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it:

C You will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:

C A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

P Create in me a clean heart, O God:

C And renew a right spirit within me.

P Cast me not away from your presence:

C And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

P Restore to me the joy of your salvation:

C And uphold me with a willing spirit.

P Then I will teach transgressors your ways:

C And sinners will return to you.

Second Lesson – John 14:25-27

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

25 "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Sermon Text – Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel's Vision of the Valley of Dry Bones

1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. 2 And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. 3 And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." 4 Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover

you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD. 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. 11 Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ 12 Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. 14 And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

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Confession of Faith for Pentecost Sunday

Luther's Explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles Creed

I believe that I cannot by my own reasoning or effort believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, nor 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.

A Warm Welcome To Our Worship Guests. It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States and Canada, with affiliated churches in Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All of our churches confess the Bible to be the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come worship with us again.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (5/19)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (last SS Class for this year) & Bible Class
Sun (5/26)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class

Special Events Upcoming

- CLC Youth Camp: June 9-15 (on the campus of ILC, Eau Claire)
- 36th CLC Delegates Convention: June 20-23 (at ILC, Eau Claire)

"Darwyn Maas (a former member of St. Paul, and father of Sharlene) has recently moved to a memory care facility in Watertown, SD. He still remembers his friends here in Denver, and a card would make his day! He is also turning 90 years young this July 2nd. If you would like, you can send cards to Darwyn at: Edgewood Cedar View; Darwyn Maas, Room 4; 225 14th Ave NE; Watertown, SD 57201" (announcement shared by the Shar Chiappetti)

Synod News & Notes

The West-Central Delegate Conference will take place this week Tuesday through Thursday, hosted by Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE. Fred Brethauer, Don Claeys, and Pastor Schuetze will represent St. Paul at this conference. Here is the agenda:

1. A Devotional Study of a General Epistle—Pastor Delwyn Maas
2. Encouraging Faithful Church Attendance—Member of Prince of Peace, Hecla
3. Personal Prayer Fellowship—Pastor Paul Krause
4. Preparing Christian Young People for Spiritual Survival While Attending Public University—Member of Berea, Sioux Falls
5. Encouragement for Laymen who Desire to Serve the Lord within the Church but Find Themselves Discouraged by Congregational ‘Politics’—Member of Redeemer, Cheyenne
6. What is Meant by a “New Earth” Following the Last Day? —Pastor James Naumann
7. A Review of Recent Archaeological Discoveries which Support the Veracity of the Bible—Member of Grace, Valentine

Pastor Zachary Sippert will serve as the Conference Chaplin and Pastor Michael Roehl as the communion service speaker.

The CLC World Missions Prayer List for May, provided by Missionary Todd Ohlmann, is available in the tract rack. Help yourself! You may also view the prayer list at this address on the internet: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com.

Retirement: Pastor Michael Eichstadt of Messiah Lutheran Church, Hales Corners, WI, has announced his retirement from the pastoral ministry after Labor Day of 2024.

Call News: Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, has accepted the call to be the upper grade teacher of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

May 20-25

Mon John 7:37-39 Jesus pictures the rich blessings which the promised Spirit would bring as a deep spring of “living water.”

Tues Hebrews 8:8-11 Jesus, the great High Priest, establishes the new covenant, characterized by a deep knowledge of God in mind and heart, as prophesied by Jeremiah (31). It is the work of the Spirit that God’s people both know and desire what God wants.

Wed Isaiah 44:1-6 The eternal and only God (v6) speaks gently to His people(v2), and pictures the blessings of the Spirit poured upon the people like life-giving streams of water poured out upon dry ground.

Thurs John 4:19-24 Jesus brings good news to a woman of Samaria. The time has come for all to worship the Father in spirit and in truth, as the Spirit is sent to create the kind of worshipers that God desires.

Fri Acts 2:22-39 Peter preaches to the multitudes on Pentecost, telling them of Jesus’ resurrection and calling upon them to repent and be baptized in His name for forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Sat Ezekiel 36:22-28 For the sake of His holy name, God will gather His people from all the lands. He will cleanse them from their sin, give them a new heart, and put His Spirit within them. They will be His people and He will be their God!