

The Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024



HOPE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

On the Border of Land O'Lakes, WI and Watersmeet, MI
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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Divine Service: Sunday 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Bible Study: 8:15 AM
Wednesday Children's Ministry Classes: 4:00 PM

"Come, Holy Spirit! Kindle in us the fire of God's love."

PRAYER UPON ENTERING

Holy Spirit, hear us
On this sacred day;
Come to us with blessing.
Come with us to stay. Amen.

WELCOME to all who worship with us on The Day of Pentecost! We pray you will be strengthened through the proclamation of the Good News of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you are without a church home, we invite you to prayerfully consider Hope. Worship with us again soon!

TODAY we celebrate the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon His first disciples on the Day of Pentecost. On this day, nearly 2000 years ago, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the power to speak before multitudes and proclaim with great boldness the saving grace of God to people of all nations and languages. We too have been empowered by the Spirit and given the charge to proclaim the Good News to all the earth.

"Come, Holy Spirit! Kindle in us the fire of God's love!"

WELCOME

HYMN "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid" # 500

INVOCATION

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, Holy Spirit, inspire us with Your Word ever anew!

P: Come, Holy Spirit, bring renewal to Your church once more!

C: Come, Holy Spirit, unite Your faithful people. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: As Your disciples once gathered to await the Holy Spirit on that first Pentecost, so we gather now in expectation.

We confess our sins as we await the power of Your Spirit.

For our reluctance to believe all that the Lord has told us:

C: Forgive us, Holy Spirit.

P: For our proud self-sufficiency to the exclusion of God’s help in our lives.

C: Forgive us, Holy Spirit.

P: For our contentment with silence when the Spirit would lead us into making a bold confession concerning Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Forgive us, Holy Spirit.

P: For our hollow worship, routine prayers, and apathetic hearing of the inspired Word of God.

C: Forgive us, Holy Spirit.

P: For our failure to believe that the Spirit works through the lives of other believers.

C: Forgive us, Holy Spirit.

P: For our deafness in hearing the Spirit speak to us through the Law and Gospel.

C: Forgive us, Holy Spirit.

P: People of God, hear the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, after He breathed His Spirit on His followers: *“Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven. If you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”*

Trusting His promise, I announce to you the full forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Be at peace. You are free in the Spirit.

C: Come, Holy Spirit; renew us by Your coming! Amen.

THE INTROIT (Insert)

COLLECT OF THE DAY (Insert)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel’s vision of the valley of the dry bones.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-21

The presence of the Holy Spirit is revealed to the believers.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to guide His people.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel Reading . . .

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH – Third Article of the Creed

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 the 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 my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the last day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true!

HYMN "Holy Spirit, Light Divine" # 496

SERMON "Can Dry Bones Live Again?" Ezekiel 37:1-14

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Come, Holy Spirit, as once You came to Your followers on that first Pentecost. Enliven this gathering and empower Your people for witness. Open our ears to hear Your Word of power and our lips to proclaim it boldly and unashamedly.

C: Come, Holy Spirit as once You came upon Your followers who were fearful. Come upon those who are discouraged and disheartened by life's sin and sadness.

P: Come upon families where anger and misunderstanding have left no room for love. Come upon children and youth who struggle for love and acceptance. Come upon the aged who have lost all hope and joy. Come with Your power, O Spirit!

C: Come, Holy Spirit, upon a world broken by sin and riddled with evil. Where there are threats of violence and oppression, raise up wise and godly messengers of peace and justice, and come upon us all that we too might be peacemakers. Come, Holy Spirit, with Your peace.

P: Special Intercessions . . .

THE GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE COMMUNION PRAYER OF BLESSING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (All)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI (All)

O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world; Have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (All)

Almighty and everliving God, Your Son has fed us with His most precious body and blood, and You have assured us in this holy sacrament that we are living members of the body of Your Son and heirs of You eternal kingdom. And now Father send us out to do the work You have given us to do: To love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ, our Lord. To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

TABLE PRAYER (All)

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of food You provide and for all those whose labor brings Your blessings to our table. Thank You for the fellowship of those with whom we share this meal. May we be strengthened for Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

HYMN "There Is a Redeemer" (Insert)

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PENTECOST

This day, ask yourself: What gifts has God given me that I can celebrate and use in my witness and, what gifts can I return to God in grateful response to His great love toward me?

Serving in God's House Today

Our Pastor: Rev. Gary Albert
Acolyte: Isaiah Perlewitz
Elder on Duty: Jim Holbrook
Greeter: Gary Chapman
Bulletin Sponsor: Rick Johnson
Reader: Ellen Minchik

CALL TO WORSHIP: Before the service speak to God in prayer. During the service let God speak to you through His Word. After the service speak to one another.

New Sunday Morning Bible Study - *Christ at the Center - A Study of Colossians* - Paul's presentation of Jesus in Colossians is as exalted as any in the New Testament, presenting Christ as both the Creator and Reconciler of the universe. Paul makes these lofty claims because the church in Colossae was under attack. They didn't deny Christ; they dethroned Him. We also live in a society that subtracts from Jesus and adds to the Gospel. Join us beginning **Sunday, May 26, 8:15 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.

Precepts Bible Study: We will be studying the third section of the book of John, beginning on Tuesday, May 21st. The class will meet from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Please come with first lesson completed. The workbook is available from Pastor. If you have any questions, call Jane Reilley at 847-212-1026.

June Newsletter Deadline - Please have any information for the June newsletter to Pastor by Tuesday of this week. Thank you!

Seasonal Visitors: Church Directory updates are available on the ushers' shelf. If you have a directory, please pick up the updates to keep your directory current. The next update will come out in November. Thank you!

A Very Special Birthday - Florence Ninko will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Sunday, May 26. Florence and her family joined Hope in 1974. If you would like to send Florence a birthday card, her address is: Iron County Medical Care Facility, 1523 U. S. Hwy 2, Crystal Falls, MI 49920.

Birthday wishes go out this week to Will Johnson (Thursday, May 23). May God bless you in the coming year!

Prayer List – Please keep the following in your prayers: Kenzie Beer, Junko Hoessel, Donna Johnson, MacKenzie Moore, Lisa Smith, Jean Trispel, Christine & Scott Beattie, Sallee & Gary Gehrt, Jeff Bartlett, Tom Behling, Ken Boksa, David Gunderson, Rick Hojan, Roger Sauter, Paul Schultz, Dave Steffen, & Morris Wise. Our homebound members: Florence Ninko, Jill James, & Augusta Santy Specht. Please keep our congregation in your prayers as we seek the Holy Spirit's guidance to provide for our pastoral needs now and in the future. For our mission partners: the Bakers in Mongolia, the Olivers in Taiwan, the Lehmanns in Puerto Rico, the Cundiffs & Bombaros in Latvia.

A Measure of Our Love

Attendance at May 11th Worship Service: 65 Bible Study: 14
Offering Envelopes: \$2,500.00 Loose Plate: \$283.00
Faith/Hope/Love Campaign: \$350.00

In case of emergency or hospitalization, please contact Pastor Albert at home in Marshfield at 715-384-2855, or on his cell phone at 715-323-8874. You may also e-mail him at gmalbert@charter.net. Please inform us if you are going to be homebound for a period of time.