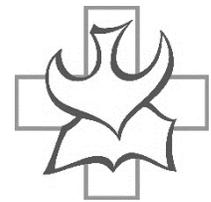


The Day of Pentecost

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church Hermiston, Oregon

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Opening Prayer

sung by Pastor Adams

To God the Holy Spirit let us pray
For the true faith needed on our way
That He may defend us when life is ending
And from exile home we are wending.
Lord, have mercy!

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Call to Worship

John 7:37-39 and Liturgical Text

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

C: Amen!

P: “On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood up and proclaimed in a loud voice, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, “streams of living water will flow within him.”

By this He meant the Spirit, Whom those who believed in Him were later to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

**C: Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of the faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

Alleluia!

Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, Who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: 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 power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 25:1-15

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

- ⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.
- ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.
- ⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
- ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
- ⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- ⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.
- ¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- ¹¹For your name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.
- ¹²Who is the man who fears the LORD?
Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.
- ¹³His soul shall abide in well-being,
and his offspring shall inherit the land.
- ¹⁴The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,
and he makes known to them his covenant.
- ¹⁵My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

The Collect of the Day

P: O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn #768 vv. 2-4 "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

O sweetest Love, Your grace on us bestow;
Set our hearts with sacred fire aglow
That with hearts united we love each other,
Ev'ry stranger, sister, and brother.
Lord, have mercy!

Transcendent Comfort in our ev'ry need,
Help us neither scorn nor death to heed
That we may not falter nor courage fail us
When the foe shall taunt and assail us.
Lord, have mercy!

Shine in our hearts, O Spirit, precious light;
Teach us Jesus Christ to know aright
That we may abide in the Lord who bought us,
Till to our true home He has brought us.
Lord, have mercy!

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 11:24-30

Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

Gradual for The Day of Pentecost

recited by all Joel 2:28a & Romans 10:10

**I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.
With the heart one believes and is justified,
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But 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; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson

John 7:37-39

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

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Pentecost Dialog

from Martin Luther's Large Catechism

P: Neither you nor I could ever know anything about Christ or believe in Him and receive Him as our Lord if it were not first offered to us and laid on our hearts by the Holy Spirit through the preaching of the Gospel. The redemptive work has taken place and is finished, for Christ has purchased and won the treasure for us through His suffering, death and resurrection.

C: But if that saving action stays hidden and no one knows about it, then it would all be for nothing, wasted.

P: In order that this treasure might not remain buried but be taken up and enjoyed, God has let the Word go forth and be proclaimed.

C: In the Word He has given us His Holy Spirit to lay the treasure of redemption on our hearts and make it our very own.

P: Thus to sanctify, or make holy, is nothing else than to bring us to Christ our Lord to receive this treasure, which we could never have obtained by ourselves.¹

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

P: Regarding this last Article of the Creed: What does this mean?

C: I believe that by my own reason or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in true faith,

just as He calls, gathers,
enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth
and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.
In this Christian church He daily and abundantly forgives all my sins,
and the sins of all believers,
and on the last day He will raise me and all the dead
and will grant eternal life to me and to all who believe in Christ.

This is most certainly true.²

Hymn #496 "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

Holy Spirit, light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn the darkness into day.

Let me see my Savior's face,
Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me
Which are only known to Thee.

Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me,
From sin's bondage set me free.

Holy Spirit, joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace,
Let it grow and still increase.

Holy Spirit, all divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne,
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

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Sermon

The Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

P: Thou Who dost proceed from the Father and the Son,

C: have mercy on me.

P: When Thou didst first hover over chaos,

C: order came to birth,

beauty robed the world,

fruitfulness sprang forth.

P: Move, I pray Thee, upon my disordered heart;

Take away the infirmities of unruly desires and hateful lusts;

C: Lift the mists and darkness of unbelief;

Brighten my soul with the pure light of truth;

P: Make it fragrant as the garden of paradise,

C: rich with every goodly fruit,

beautiful with heavenly grace,

radiant with rays of divine light.

P: Fulfil in me the glory of Thy divine offices;

C: Be my Comforter,

Light,

Guide,

Sanctifier;

P: Take of the things of Christ and show them to my soul;

C: Through Thee may I daily learn more of His love,

grace,

compassion,

faithfulness,

beauty;

P: Lead me to the cross and show me His wounds,

C: the hateful nature of evil,

the power of Satan;

P: May I there see my sins as

C: the nails that transfixed Him,

the cords that bound Him,

the thorns that tore Him,

the sword that pierced Him.

P: Help me to find in His death the reality and immensity of His love.

Open for me the wondrous volumes of truth in His,

C: 'It is finished'.

P: Increase my faith in the clear knowledge of

C: atonement achieved,

expiation completed,

satisfaction made,

guilt done away,

my debt paid,

my sins forgiven,

my person redeemed,
my soul saved,
hell vanquished,
heaven opened,
eternity made mine.

P: O Holy Spirit, deepen in me these saving lessons. Write them upon my heart, that my walk be sin-loathing, sin-fleeing, Christ-loving;

C: **And suffer no devil's device to beguile or deceive me. Amen.** ³

Final Words from Luther's Large Catechism

P: What do you mean by the words, "I believe in the Holy Spirit"

C: **I believe that the Holy Spirit makes me holy,
as His name indicates.**

P: How does the Spirit do this? In what manner? By what means?

C: **Through the holy Christian Church,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting."**¹

Blessing

Romans 15:13

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

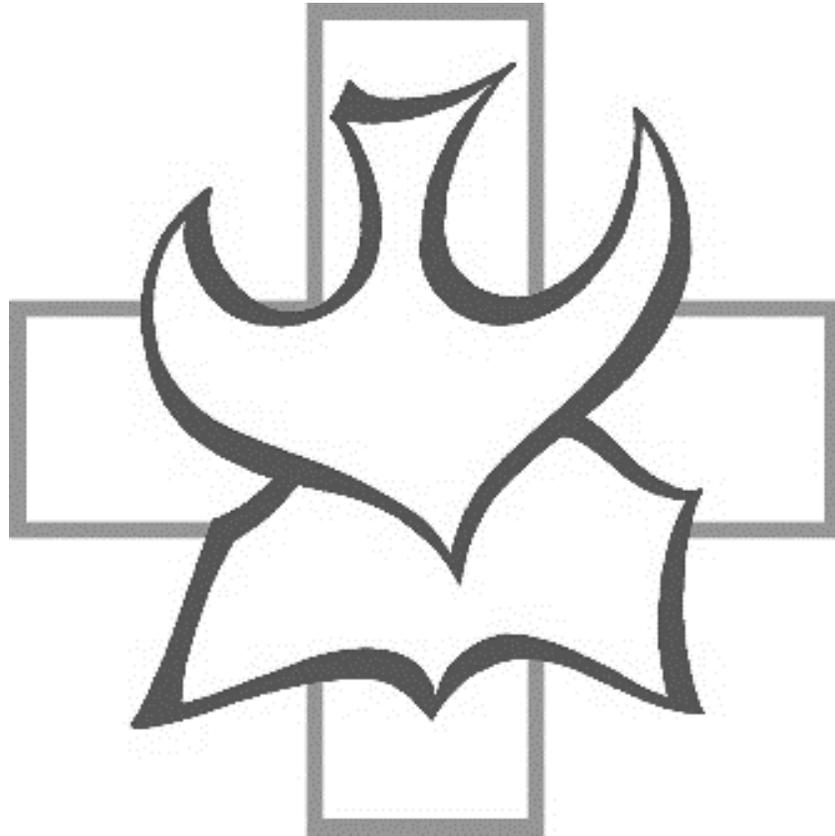
Hymn #650 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit,
You we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living
As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship
For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working
Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,
Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending,
You we worship and extol.

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