

Pentecost Sunday • May 23, 2021



‘And it shall come to pass
in the last days, says God,
That I will pour out of
My Spirit on all flesh

Acts 2:17

Peace Thru Christ
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor: Mark H. Bernthal • Organist: Mrs. Sarah Ude

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 145

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening prayer: Holy Spirit, end our sadness; Pierce the clouds of sinful night; Come, O source of sweetest gladness, Breathe Your life and spread Your light! Hear, O Hear our supplication, Loving Spirit, God of Peace! Rest upon this congregation, Great distributor of Grace! Amen.

Opening Hymn:

"Holy Spirit, Hear Us"229 (4-5)

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: God is light;

C: in Him is no darkness at all.

P: If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness,

C: we lie and do not live by the truth.

P: But if we walk in the light as He is in the light,

C: We have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son, purifies us from every sin.

P: Let us confess our sins:

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I have no righteousness of my own. I have sinned against You in my thoughts, words and actions. Again and again I have violated

Your majesty and therefore deserve only Your anger and punishment—here on earth and in eternity. But You promise that Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for my sins and that when I confess my sins, You are faithful and just and will forgive me my sins, for Jesus' sake, and purify me from all unrighteousness.

P: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned and has crossed over from death to life.

C: My guilt, O Father, You have laid on Christ, Your Son, my Savior. Lord Jesus, You my debt have paid And gained for me God's favor. O Holy Spirit, Fount of Grace, The good in me to You I trace. In faith and hope preserve me

RESPONSIVE READING:

P: The Spirit of the Lord fills the earth! He is the source of all life and light.

C: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

P: And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;

C: and man became a living being.

P: You sent forth Your Spirit, O Lord, mankind was created and You renew the face of the earth.

C: We thank You, Holy Spirit, for the gift of Life!

HYMN:

Come, Oh, come, Thou quick'ning Spirit, God from all eternity! May Thy power never fail us; Dwell within us constantly. Then shall truth and life and light Banish all the gloom of night.

P: The Spirit of the Lord fills the earth! He is the source of New Life in Christ.

C: Even when we were dead in our trespasses and sins He has made us alive together with Christ.

P: I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, says the Lord.

C: Then you shall be My people, and I will be your God!

P: No one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

C: We thank You Lord, for sending the Holy Spirit to give us New Life in Christ!

HYMN:

Thank You Lord, Thy Holy Spirit Thou hast sent to end our strife. Working through Thy Word forever He has given us New Life. Now the dread of sin is gone We shall live with Thee as one.

P: The Spirit of the Lord fills the earth! He will fill you with His wisdom and power.

C: The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

P: Jesus said, Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.

C: With wisdom and understanding show us our sins Holy Spirit and lead us to our only Savior from sin.

P: And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever -- the Spirit of truth... He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

C: Send us Your Spirit, Lord, to give us the knowledge and understanding of Your Word.

P: I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh...But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law...If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

C: Send us Your Spirit, Lord, to strengthen us to do Your will and live as the children You have made us.

HYMN:

**Grant our hearts in fullest measure Wisdom, counsel,
purity, That they ever may be seeking Only that which
pleaseth Thee, Let Thy knowledge spread and grow,
Working error's overthrow.**

P: The Spirit of the Lord fills the earth! May He also fill our hearts and lives and keep us forever in our Father's love.

ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit in me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

HYMN:

**Holy Spirit, strong and mighty, Thou who makest all things
new, Make Thy work within us perfect And the evil Foe
subdue. Grant us weapons for the strife And with victory
crown our life.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Joel 2:28-32

The LORD through the prophet Joel gives us the most well-known Old Testament prophecy of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

28 “And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. 29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. 30 “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. 32 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the Lord has said, Among the remnant whom the Lord calls.

The Third Article and Meaning: from Luther’s Catechism, Sydow Edition

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.

What does this mean?

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 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.

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THE SERMON:

Acts 2:1-21; 40-43

Sermon Theme:

HOW CAN THESE MEN DO SUCH GREAT THINGS?

They Were Filled With the Holy Spirit!.

2 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. 7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear,

each in our own language in which we were born? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” 12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?”

13 Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.” 14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. 15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. 18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. 21 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.’ 40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” 41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

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PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

"Holy Ghost, with Light Divine" 234 (4-5)

BENEDICTION

"O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace" ..293:1,3

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank the Lord for your presence with us this morning. We pray that the Holy Spirit speaks to your heart through His Word. May He fill our hearts with the love and forgiveness from Christ, so that we respond with humble yet confident trust in the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Come and worship your Savior with us again and please sign our guest register.

This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Jesus' Second Coming
Bible Class: Vignette 11 Not by Force: Power of the Word
10:00 a.m. Family Worship • 11:15 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Class by Zoom

Thursday 10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. Family Worship

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS:

We continue our Wednesday night Zoom Bible Class at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. We will be taking up the study of the Gospel of John.

LAST SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE CLASS:

Today is our last Sunday School and Bible Class.

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SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Franson/Williams • Counters: Kathy Dreyer & Chris Gerbitz

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE:

We begin our summer schedule with worship service at 9:00 a.m. next Sunday, May 30th

OFFERINGS

5/13 & 16 for Unified Budget: \$2,420

ATTENDANCE:

Facebook 25 / YouTube views 1 / Church 32

Bible Class: 8 S.S. 4

LAWN MOWING:

Volunteers are needed to mow and trim the areas that are not covered by the robotic mower. Mowing the ditches and trimming requires about 1 hour. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Contact John Gerbitz if you have any questions.

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CLC NEWS:

- Recently collquized Pastor Luke Willitz has been called by Redeemer. Bowdle, SD/Zion, Ipswich, SD.
- Teacher Mikkela Hammond, St. Stephen, Mountain View, CA has been called by Grace, Valentine, NE to be their 3rd -6th grade teacher.
- Mr. Caleb Noeldner, a member of Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners, WI has been called by Valley Bible Academy, Clarkston, WA to be their primary teacher and principal.

CAMPUS MENTOR:

Mrs. April Sydow, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus

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mentor, the female counterpart in the on-campus counseling program, beginning in the 2021-22 academic year. This role is to complement Mr. Steve Sydow in his current role as the part-time on-campus counselor.

CLC YOUTH CAMP:

Registration currently is open to those entering 9th through 12th grade this Fall. Registrations for 8th graders are being accepted. We will still be abiding by a lower-than-usual capacity, so it is our recommendation that you register your campers right away when it opens. Also, please note that we will not be running a bus service this year. Camp is June 13-19 in Pillager, MN. Cost is \$180 per camper. Here is the link to register: <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp/register>. Please feel free to contact the camp directors with any questions- youthcamp.clc@gmail.com

PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS YOUTH CAMP-OUT:

August 11-15, 2021; For Grades 8-12; Camp fee \$85 (from EC) or \$95 (from MN). Lodging and meals are included in this fee. We'll camp at the Union Bay group campsite on Lake Superior. Activities will include devotions, group discussions, hiking, swimming, beach time, lots of different games, and many other activities. It's okay if you haven't camped before, we'll help you learn! We have a limit of 48 campers. Registration deadline is Monday, July 5th. Transportation will be provided from Eau Claire, WI. Once registration has closed, we'll send packing lists and forms to be completed by a parent or guardian. Check out the Porcupine Mountains Camp-Out Facebook page to see pictures. Register at www.tinyurl.com/Porkies2021 Questions? Contact Adam Schmid: (608) 386-3714 aschmidy2003@gmail.com

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BRANCHES:

Time to Renew or Subscribe--The Branches magazine is a publication designed and published by women of the CLC. It's time to renew, subscribe for the first time, or purchase gift subscriptions for others in your life who may benefit. Mother's Day, confirmations, and graduations are upon us! A subscription makes a great, year-long gift. \$15 for 4, 24 page issues each year.

LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN:

The congregation again is ordering a subscription for every family of this useful synodical monthly magazine. The price is \$ 14 per copy for the year. If you would like to help out with this purchase, please place an extra \$ 14 in your offering. Thank you.

NEEDED:

One more delegate for the Convention. Please see Pastor

DELEGATE CONFERENCE:

Monday & Tuesday, June 7-8, the Great Lakes' Delegate Conference will be held at Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI. Pastor Bernthal and delegates will be attending, Lord willing.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church is a confessional Lutheran Church. We proclaim to a world dead in sin that salvation is a gift of God's grace; that Jesus Christ paid the full sacrificial price—His very life—so that gift of salvation could be ours. If you are interested in learning more, please call **Pastor Bernthal** at **608-233-2244** or e-mail him at **mbern@juno.com**



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