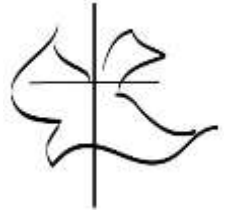


Welcome to Holy Spirit Lutheran Church!

Day of Pentecost

May 20, 2018



† STAND ELW: Red Hymnal WOV: Blue Hymnal

Please remember that the time before service in the sanctuary is for many a time of meditation and prayer. Conduct your conversations before the service in the entry and leave all refreshments there. As a courtesy to others, silence your electronic devices.

On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

† **Hymn ELW 627** "O Day Full of Grace" (vs. 1,3,4,5)

† **Greeting**

WB. 2

† **Kyrie** "Lord Have Mercy"

WB. 2

† **Hymn of Praise** "The Feast is Ready to Begin"

WB. 3

† **Prayer of the Day**

(Philipp Melancthon (1497-1560), German scholar and reformer)

P Almighty and Holy Spirit, the comforter, pure, living, true—illumine, govern, sanctify me, and confirm my heart and mind in the faith, and in all genuine consolation; preserve and rule over me so that, dwelling in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, I may behold the Lord and praise him with a joyful spirit, and in union with all the heavenly church. **Amen.**

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Hebrew word ruach means spirit, wind, or breath. This reading plays on the different meanings of the word. Just as the dry bones in Ezekiel's vision are given new life, flesh, and breath (or spirit), so God will give the exiles his spirit and will bring them home to the land of Israel.

E: Ezekiel (Carole Salowich) L: Lord (Pastor) **C: Congregation**

E The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me,

L "Mortal, can these bones live?"

E "O Lord GOD, you know."

L "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on 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."

E So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

L "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

E I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

L "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel.

C 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'

L Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all

these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon 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 upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

Special Music “Come, Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove” -Cox/Lindh
Children's Message

† **Gospel Acclamation** “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” WB. 4

† **Gospel: John 14:15-17**

Sermon “Can these Bones Live?” **Pastor Matlack**

† **Hymn ELW 401** “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”

† **Creed**

† **Prayers of Intercession**

WB. 7

† Peace	WB. 7
Prayer Before The Offering	WB. 7
The Offering <i>(Pastor prays as the ushers come forward)</i>	
† Offertory Hymn “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”	WB. 8
† Great Thanksgiving & Communion Liturgy <i>(children & teachers commune first & leave for Sunday school)</i>	WB. 8
† Song “Blessing, Honor and Glory”	WB. 9
† The Lord’s Prayer	WB. 10

All those who are baptized are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion. We believe that in the sacrament, we receive assurance that our sins are forgiven, that we are spiritually strengthened, and through our participation, we join with all Christians in an expression of faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Song “Here is Bread”	WB. 11
Communion Hymns	
ELW 405 “O Spirit of Life”	
ELW 398 “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”	
† Communion Blessing	WB. 11
Announcements	WB. 12
† Benediction	WB. 12
† Hymn ELW 400 “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”	
† Dismissal	WB. 12
Postlude	

The Worship Has Ended... Let Our Service Begin!

Thank you to the following who provided flowers for Pentecost:

- Dan & Judy Bergman Family in honor/memory of Family.
- Dennis & Barb Kunkel Family in honor/memory of Family.
- Mary Martin in honor/memory of Family.
- Bill & Sandy Thayer in honor/memory of Family.
- Cindy Ward in honor/memory of Family.
- Norm & Carolyn Werner in honor/memory of Family.

Coming Up at Holy Spirit

Mon 5/21

6:30 PM Zumba

Tue 5/22

9:00 AM Yoga

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl

Wed 5/23

7:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal

7:00 PM NA Meeting

Thu 5/24

6:30 PM Zumba

Fri 5/25

7:00 PM AA Meeting

Sat 5/26

9:30 AM Zumba

Sun 5/27

8:45 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Sunday Service

10:45 AM Sunday School

7:00 PM NA Meeting

Worship Assistants

Pastor - Rev. William J. Matlack

Greeter/Reader – Carole Salowich

Ushers - Jarrod Dexel, Jeff Parko,

Stan Samuelsen, Lukas Mattern

Counters – George & Chris Kuljurgis,

Jeanne Myers *or* Sandy Thayer

Altar Guild - Sandy Thayer, Cindy Ward

Lead Musician - Bonnie Sweda

Choir - Marinda Jenkins

Handbell Choir - Heinz Mattern

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May you find inspiration and joy in your time here. It is our hope that you feel welcomed into our community of faith. We ask that you sign our guestbook in the entry. If you live in the area, we invite you to consider making Holy Spirit your church home.

This week's Flowers are given by Andy & Charlene Meyer in honor of Brett.

This month's Sanctuary Candle is given by Ralph & Nancy Green in memory of Steven Frederick Green; and by The Sweda Family in memory of Helene Sweda, Tom's mother.

Our Mission: We are CALLED by Christ in Baptism, GATHERED into community and SENT out to share God's grace.

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