

Worship in the Home
Day of Pentecost
May 31, 2020



In this time of world-wide crisis, congregations throughout this church are not able to gather for worship as the body of Christ. While we cannot be together in person, we can hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

ELW # 400



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jewish-born and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “You Judeans and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, 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 youth shall see visions, and your elders shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

P The word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *Psalm 104:24-34, 35b*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Gospel: *John 20:19-23*

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Judeans, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflection

There are certainly spirits abroad in the world and even in our own lives that do not work for the common good. There are certainly people — and perhaps we have been among them — who think that only their own language and culture can speak the truth and that people unlike them cannot have visions of hope that matter: “they are just drunk.” But this attitude does not mark the Spirit of God, the Spirit given us when we are drawn into the word of God and into faithful prayer. God’s Spirit comes from and bears witness to the risen Christ. It enables forgiveness — God’s forgiveness of us, our forgiveness of each other, and our ministry of forgiveness to all the world. That Spirit gives us all differing abilities to use for building each other up. It gives vision and wisdom for all. In our baptism into Christ, God’s Spirit has formed us into one body, and that body is quite alive even in our present distance from each other. Now we, in turn — even in this time — are to bear witness to our neighbors and greet the world with peace.

On this day of Pentecost we unite in prayer, asking God to send the Holy Spirit on the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church around the globe:

For the Eastern Orthodox churches, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

For the Roman Catholic church, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

For Protestant and Anglican churches, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

For Pentecostal churches, we pray, **Come, Holy Spirit!**

For evangelicals and independents, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

For our own congregation, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

And for everyone who searches for you, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Restore with your breath the whole creation, especially the lands and waters laden with pollution and the animals whose habitats are threatened. For your earth, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Send your Spirit on the leaders of nations, on legislators, and on judges, that the people of the world will benefit from your justice and your peace. For the nations of the world, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Visit all who are suffering, all who feel hopeless, and all who face death. Send healing to those we name here before you (*especially*) For all who are in need, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Restore to health those who have contracted the virus. Uphold health-care workers, grant jobs to those who are unemployed, and assist researchers in discovering a vaccine. For all who are confronting the coronavirus, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Bless those who are graduating from schools and universities. Give our youth hope for their future. For our graduates we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Show our nation and our churches how to connect with those whose language we cannot speak. For the speakers of every language under the sun we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

As Elizabeth welcomed Mary to her home, give us ways during this time to share with one another the faithfulness we receive from you. Surprise us with unexpected grace. For family members and friends, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Hear also the cries of our own hearts. For ourselves, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!** Receive our praise for all who for centuries have gone before us in the faith, from the first Pentecost, throughout Christian history, and up to this week. That at the end we and all the saints will rejoice in your presence, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. The God of all grace † bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Send forth your Spirit, O God, **and renew the face of the earth.**

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Hymn

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

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1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;
2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;
quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab-solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.
you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un-priced.
in com-mu-nion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

Readings for the Week:

Monday (Visit of Mary to Elizabeth, transferred; commemoration of Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165) Luke 1:39-57. **Tuesday** Romans 8:26-27. **Wednesday**

(commemoration of the Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886; John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963) John 7:37-39. **Thursday** Psalm 8. **Friday** (commemoration of Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 754) 2 Timothy 1:12b-14.

Saturday John 14:15-17. **The Holy Trinity** (commemoration of Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866) Genesis 1:1—2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20.

Reflection material: Gordon Lathrop. Intercessory Prayer: Gail Ramshaw

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Worship Schedule

Monday: Hymn Devotions, 9AM & 9PM (pre-recorded)

Tuesday-Friday: Morning Prayer, 9AM

Tuesday-Friday: Kids' Devotions & Otto Sings Camp's Greatest Hits, Midday

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: Night Prayer, 9PM

Wednesday: Holden Evening Prayer, 7PM

Tuesday: Camp Sequanota Holden Evening Prayer, 7PM (Zoom link on Camp's page)

Study Schedule

Wednesday: 10AM Bible Study on Zoom

Thursday: June 11th will start the new Book Study: "Awaken Your Senses: Exercises for Exploring the Wonder of God" by Bill & Booram 3PM & 7PM

Committee Chairs: Remember to get meeting dates and times to Lori via email (stmatthewluth@aol.com) so they can be on the weekly schedule.

Weekly Bulletins and Messengers are available on the **NEW** website (stmatthewlc.com) for viewing or printing.

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Shirley Acker, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, Jim Calvert, Clyde Claycomb, Betty Helsel, Doris Henderson, Gene Henry, Jere Hess, Gerald Hoover, John Klepser, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Nancy Uber, Joy Williams.

Prayer Concerns: John Aljets, Jerry Allen, Pastor Denise Arpino, Randy Barrett, Elaine Buchart, Jim Calvert, Dwight Ciccotelli, Greg Comer, Jeff Farabaugh, Brian Fleck, Sarah Frederick, Shari Gilbert, Dan Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Amber Itle, Jillian, Connie Kensinger, Dan Kensinger, Anna Klepser, Janet Kreider, Darren Kreutzer, Bill Lively, Kristen Malloy, Matt McCready, Ryder McDermitt, Betty McDowell, Aunt Mica, Ray Overdorff, Deb Peters, Alana Rhodes, John Russell, Paul Ruth, Dan Sinal, Barbara Smith, Luther Steele, Jim Stoudnour, Cindy Thomas, Joey Tremmel, Carol Weyandt, Pete Williams, Robert Winston, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries:** **Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

Those Serving Overseas: Kyle Guyer & Colin Guyer – Middle East

Young at Heart Dinner due to Covid-19 the dinner is postponed indefinitely.

Congratulations to Our 2020 Graduates!

Olivia Day – Graduated from Hollidaysburg High School. Throughout her school years she has been involved in many activities such as Treasurer of many clubs and organizations. She played tennis, was a member of the school swim team and played Bocce ball. She also currently serves on the Allegheny Lutheran Synod Council as the youth representative. She was rewarded with the 2020 John McDonald Memorial Award, the Principal Special Recognition Award, and an academic Honor Cord to be worn at graduation. She plans to attend Juniata College.



Miles Lamborn – Graduated from Penn State with a BS in College of Health and Human Development, Hospitality Management. Selected to represent PSU in an international hospitality competition in Switzerland that was unfortunately canceled. Graduated cum laude from the Penn State School of Hospitality Management. Was the Vice President of two student organizations: American Hotels & Lodging Association and Eta Sigma Delta (Hospitality honors association focused on volunteering), also received the Statler Scholarship of Excellence as well as additional scholarships from several other organizations. Plans are undecided. He has a position offer from Marriott Corp.

Jason Close – graduated from Northeastern Ohio Medical University. He will begin his internal medicine residency on July 1st at Cleveland Clinic Akron General Hospital. Jason is the son-in-law of Shawn and Laura Orczeck.

Matt Knauss – graduated from Duquesne University with a BS in Physics, BS in Math, Computer Science Minor, Certificate of Excellence in Physics, Materials Science research assistant and SULI (Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship) recipient. He plans on furthering his education at William and Mary, PhD in Physics.



Starts, June 7, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Next Zoom Book Study: Awaken Your Senses

Beginning on Thursday, June 11 at 3 PM & 7 PM, we will begin our next book study on “Awaken Your Senses: Exercises for Exploring the Wonder of God” by Bill & Booram. The book is also available for Kindle, Nook, etc. For the June 11 discussion, please read the Introduction and Part One: Taste (pages 11-56). You can participate in Zoom gatherings by computer or telephone. Contact Pastor Traci with questions.