

"Living, sharing and teaching the Love of Christ as we reach out to all people." "Viviendo, compartiendo y ensenando el Amor de Cristo mientras alcanzamos a toda persona"

# Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021

# As We Gather

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit reaches to all who belong to Christ, granting a renewed and eternal life. In his Letter to Titus, Paul writes of the salvation of God our Savior and the renewal of the Holy Spirit that is for all God's people. Assuring us that we are God's children, the Spirit enables us to address God as our Father with all boldness and confidence—as Martin Luther affirms in his explanation of the Lord's Prayer. When we are directed by the Spirit, our daily lives are ordered in such a way that we continually walk in a heavenly direction. The Spirit shapes our lives of prayer and of worship, interceding for us—and with us—as we worship in spirit and truth.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING

# CALL TO WORSHIP

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME [TLH #225]

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Let Thy bright beams arise; Dispel the sorrow from our minds, The darkness from our eyes.

Revive our drooping faith, Our doubts and fears remove, And kindle in our breasts the flame Of never-dying love.

# INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ★ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

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

Pastor: Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

Pastor. Send out 1 our right and 1 our truth; let them lead me;

**People:** let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling! Pastor: Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,

People: my salvation and my God.

Pastor: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;

People: they sing praises to Your name.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: for the LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in

steadfast love.

Pastor: I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

People: Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

Pastor: I say to the LORD, You are my God;

People: give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires are known and from

whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your

holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME [TLH #225]

Convince us of our sin,
Then lead to Jesus' blood,
And to our wond'ring view reveal
The mercies of our God.

Pastor: In repentance, let us now confess our sins unto our gracious God.

People: Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, grant us Your divine absolution so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and for eternity. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.

Tis Thine to cleanse the heart,
To sanctify the soul,
To pour fresh life into each part,
And new-create the whole.

Pastor:

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. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. To them that 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME [TLH#225]

Dwell therefore in our hearts;
Our minds from bondage free;
Then shall we know and praise and love
The Father, Son, and Thee.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor:

Let us pray. O Holy Spirit, You call people to faith and faithfulness and gather them in the Church. Breathe Your life into us that we may ever rejoice in the power of Your presence among us and share Your outpoured blessings as You direct us from generation to generation. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, ever one God, world without end.

People: Amen.

HYMN SANCTUARY

//Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.//

FIRST LESSON EZEKIEL 37:1–14

<sup>37:1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon 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."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON ACTS 2:1–21

<sup>2:1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

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

<sup>14</sup>But 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. <sup>15</sup>For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>"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; <sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; <sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. <sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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HYMN

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice trembles at His voice

Chorus: How great is our God, sing with me How great is our God, and all will see How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End Beginning and the End
The Godhead Three in One Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb Chorus:

Bridge: Name above all names Worthy of our praise My heart will sing How great is our God **Chorus**:

Pastor: The Gospel according to Saint John:

People: Glory be to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN15:26-27; 16:4b-15

<sup>15:26</sup>"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. <sup>27</sup>And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup>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 go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father,

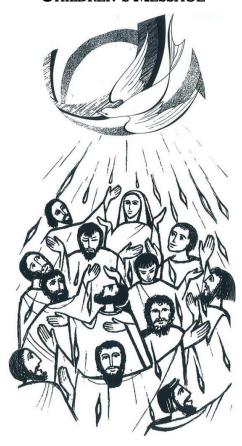
and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to You, O Christ.** 

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



# 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, holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ★ everlasting. Amen.

#### WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**Note:** If you have a prayer request, please put it on a "Prayer Request Card" and the ushers will bring it forward with the offering.

# OFFERING HYMN

FOR THE FRUITS OF HIS CREATION [LSB#894]

For the fruits of His creation, Thanks be to God.

For His gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us,

Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

# SERMON HYMN

SHINE, JESUS SHINE [BOTB#204]

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon\_\_ us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring\_\_ us;
Shine on\_\_ me, Shine on\_\_ me.

Chorus: Shine, Jesus shine, \_\_
fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit blaze;\_\_ set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow,\_\_ flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word,\_\_ Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on\_\_\_ me, Shine on\_\_\_ me. *Chorus:* 

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story,
Shine on\_\_\_ me, Shine on\_\_\_ me. *Chorus:* 

SERMON PASTOR ED GIESE

## CLOSING PRAYER

#### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be

gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and № give you peace.

People: Amen.

# SHARING OF THE PEACE

#### CLOSING HYMN

ALMIGHTY FATHER, BLESS THE WORD [LSB#923]

Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshipped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



\* TO GOD ALONE BE ALL THE GLORY \*

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