St. Paul’s Lutheran Church
Day of Pentecost
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Gathering
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Today’s festival derives its name from the Jewish festival of Pentecost, observed fifty days after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites. In the reading from Acts, images of wind and fire describe the Spirit poured out on disciples of all nations. In John’s gospel the risen Christ breathes the Spirit on his followers on Easter evening. In the one Spirit we are baptized into one body, and at the Lord’s table the Spirit unites us for witness in the world. Pentecost calls us out of our locked rooms and into the world, spreading the Gospel around the globe. May we be as bold as those first disciples as the Holy Spirit pushes us out of our building, into our neighborhoods, and around the world.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires 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 our Lord. Amen.

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

The assembly shall kneel as they are able.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen

The assembly stands.

GATHERING SONG (ELW p. 752) Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.
PENTECOST LITANY

The day of Pentecost has come.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

We are gathered here in this place.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

We celebrate the diverse identities of all gathered.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Let us hear of God’s deeds of power.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Let us listen, speak and act as with tongues of fire.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

We gather here to pray for all people globally.

Our God sends God’s Spirit to all nations of the world.

We gather here to pray for all people globally.

Through the Spirit, God grants us the power to be disciples in the world.

We gather here to pray for all people globally.

In our worship, we ask for the Spirit’s guidance to be good neighbors to our neighbors near and far.

We gather here to pray for all people globally.

In our work in the world, we ask for the Spirit’s guidance to be good neighbors to our neighbors near and far.

We gather here to pray for all people globally.
Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

O Gott, an diesem Tag öffnen die Herzen deiner Gläubigen Menschen, indem Er in uns Deinen Heiligen Geist. Direkte uns durch das Licht des Geistes, dass wir ein Recht Urteil in allen Dingen und zu allen Zeiten in Ihrem Frieden freuen, durch Jesus Christus, deinen Sohn, unseren Herrn, der mit Dir lebt und herrscht in der Einheit des Heiligen Geistes, Gott, jetzt und in Ewigkeit. Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ’s resurrection.

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed 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.”

Word of God, word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

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

*R Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.*

24 How many are your works, Lord!
   In wisdom you made them all;
   the earth is full of your creatures.

25 There is the sea, vast and spacious,
    teeming with creatures beyond number—
    living things both large and small.

26 There the ships go to and fro,
    and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

27 All creatures look to you
    to give them their food at the proper time. *R*

28 When you give it to them,
    they gather it up;
    when you open your hand,
    they are satisfied with good things.

29 When you hide your face,
    they are terrified;
    when you take away their breath,
    they die and return to the dust.

30 When you send your Spirit,
    they are created,
    and you renew the face of the ground.

31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
    may the Lord rejoice in his works— *R*

32 He who looks at the earth, and it trembles,
    who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

33 I will sing to the Lord all my life;
    I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

34 May my meditation be pleasing to him,
    as I rejoice in the Lord.

35 But may sinners vanish from the earth
    and the wicked be no more.

Praise the Lord, my soul.
Praise the Lord. *R*

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another’s diverse spiritual gifts, because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

3 No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of
wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Word of God, word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: John 20:19-23

Glory to you, O Lord.

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

19 When 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 Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me,
so I send you.” 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ!

The assembly is seated.

**SERMON**

Pastor Daryl

The assembly stands.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

(ELW p. 396)  *Spirit of Gentleness*

**NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and
the Son, who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through
the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
church. We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of
the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. God of all the nations, we pray for your one, holy apostolic church. Praise to you for the great diversity present in the peoples, languages, rituals and practices of all people who follow you in the name of Jesus Christ. Turn us from fear of difference toward celebration. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of all the nations, we pray for this blue-green planet and all life that calls it home. Thanks be to you for the many human cultures present in your creation as well as the great biodiversity in animal and plant life. Send your Spirit to guide our stewardship of your creation that all life might be preserved. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of all the nations, we pray for the countries in which the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has mission partners. Grant us the wisdom to share equally in the work that we do to advance your mission on earth. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of all nations, we pray for those in need. For those who are neglected or abused. For the unemployed. For those who struggle with addiction. For refugees and those unfairly detained or imprisoned. For those nearing death, those who grieve, and all who are ill or injured, especially Pauline, Shane, Linda, Norma, Ann, Lorene, Steve, Francis, Carol, Ella, Emil, Charles, Eli, Steve, Hope, Tom, Bo, Leroy, Rose, Lawrence, Mary Ruth, Kyle, Cody, and Norma. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of all the nations, we pray for all the evangelists, pastors, bishops and leaders in our global companion churches. Send your Spirit of discernment to guide the relationships and work of all who serve the gospel with our mission partners in foreign countries. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of all the nations, we pray for all people working for economic and social justice throughout the world. Guide their work that they may affect change in policies and actions that promote the peace, justice and reconciliation you desire. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Peace is shared among the assembly, and then the assembly is seated.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

The assembly stands.
OFFERING HYMN  (ELW 465)  As the Grains of Wheat

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Bendito eres, oh Dios, gobernante del cielo y la tierra. Día a día se nos ducha con bendiciones. Como usted nos ha planteado a la nueva vida en Cristo, danos corazón alegre y generoso, dispuesto a alabarte y a responder a los necesitados, a través de Jesucristo, nuestro Salvador y Señor. Amén.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Ho- san-na. Ho- san-na.

Ho- san-na in the high- est. Bless-ed is he who
Comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high- est.
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord’s Passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died.**
**Christ is risen.**
**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
**Amen.**
LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

The assembly joins hands 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

The assembly is seated.

DISTRIBUTION – All are WELCOME at the table of the Lord.

No matter what you have done or your situation, Christ invites, to His table, all who love Him and earnestly repent of their sin and who seek to live in peace with one another. Children or anyone choosing not to commune, but wishing to be blessed, may indicate this by folding their arms across their chest. Anyone who is unable to come forward may indicate to an usher that you wish to receive communion where you are seated.

Following Communion, the assembly stands.
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 25, 10:30 a.m. – Pastor Dorn’s 50th Ordination Celebration
You are invited to be a part of this celebration Worship Service and BarBQ lunch.
RSVP to Ronnie Retzloff at P.Retzloff@yahoo.com or 583-6352

Will you help with the purchase of a new organ? The Church Council is requesting donations to offset the cost of the replacement organ. We have received some monetary gifts, but there is a shortfall of approximately $15,000. If you would like to contribute, please write “organ” on the MEMO line of your check.

Lay Readers for June
June 11 – Dale Tessman   June 18 – Paul Pfeifer
June 25 – Stacey Mika

Sending
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

The assembly stands.

Blessing
May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN (ELW p. 535)  Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
Thanks be to God.
**DOXOLOGY**  (ELW p. 884)  *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*The assembly is seated.*

**ONCE AGAIN WE WELCOME PASTOR DARYL KNOX to our pulpit!** Pastor Daryl is a retired ELCA pastor who graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. During his ministry, he served congregations in Wisconsin, North Dakota and Texas. His wife, Diane Knox, who is a semi-retired Licensed Professional Counselor and educator, joins him here at St. Paul today.

**For Prayerful consideration**

*Ill or Injured*

*For those in the military*
Nick Adams, Allen Bowles, Justin Chandler, Justin Elkins, Rodney Foreman, Jamaica Goodhue, Taylor Griffin, Jacob Jones, Felipe Leal, Jr., Garrett Peterson, Michael Rosales, James Skinner, Kassie Thompson, John Vasquez, and Delmiro Villanueva.

*Birthdays*
Mary Ruth Witte (June 7), Mary Louise Jonas (June 8)

**Welcome!**

We have all come to St. Paul’s by different paths, and from various walks of life. Through worship, study, prayer and fellowship we each seek to deepen our faith, comfort and encourage one another and dedicate our lives more fully to sharing Christ in our homes, our community and the world. All are welcome at St. Paul’s. We are eager to know you, and we invite you to get to know us.

**Communion and Visitor Registration Cards** are located in the pew racks. We ask that each member and visitor complete a Communion Card when communing, and visitors complete a Visitor card. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed.

**A Nursery** is located at the rear of the sanctuary in the overflow area.

**If you are unable to hear, require a bulletin, or need any other assistance**, please signal an usher.