

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS THIS WEEK! (5:30 – 8:30 PM) Feel free to stop by and check it out.

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Genesis 11:7; Acts 2:7a, 8, 17a, 21*

L: And the LORD said, “Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.”

C: They were amazed and astonished, saying, “How is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?”

L: In the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

C: and it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: The Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts so that we may hear the good news about our Savior, but our sins are always before us. Let us therefore confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We are helpless to amend our sinful lives without You, gracious God. For Jesus’ sake, forgive us, renew our faith, and turn our feet to paths pleasing to You.

DECLARATION OF GRACE

L: In Eden, God created our first parents from the clay of His good earth. When they ate the forbidden fruit, the Word became clay Himself to pay for our sins and to rise victorious. Our heavenly Father has molded you, Christ’s peace is with you, and the Spirit is in you to enkindle your faith. This is the work of God: Your sins are forgiven...

Now in faith, let us walk in the Spirit by whom we were called: in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God” (See insert)
Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, on this day long ago, Your Holy Spirit used the apostles to preach in power.

C: Breathe new life in us today. Use us, clay vessels though we are, to build the Church upon the foundation of those apostles, with Christ as our cornerstone;

P: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 11:1–9* (God confuses the people’s
language to stop them from building a great tower.)

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. [2] And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. [3] And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. [4] Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” [5] And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. [6] And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. [7] Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” [8] So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. [9] Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *Acts 2:1–21* (Fifty days after Easter, the Holy Spirit
enables the apostles to be heard in many languages.)

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

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

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

[17] "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;

[18] even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

[19] And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

[20] the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

[21] And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

P: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
C: and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 14:23–31*

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[23] Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. [24] Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

[25] “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. [26] But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. [27] Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [28] You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. [29] And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. [30] I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, [31] but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 650 “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

SERMON “Where’s the Fire?” Acts 2:1-4 Pastor Vern

CONFESSION OF FAITH **THE NICENE CREED** *Please stand*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made,
being of one substance with the Father,**

by whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose
kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *John 14:26*

L: Gracious Lord, Your Spirit fills the world and gladdens Your Church with the remembrance
of all Christ Jesus has spoken. Comfort us with divine peace, and do not let our hearts be
troubled or afraid. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord God, sustain those who are mocked for believing and confessing the truth of Your
Word, that they may remain faithful to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You have poured out Your Spirit upon us, that we might
believe Your truth and raise our sons and daughters in it. Bless all parents, that they may
faithfully instruct their children in Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord of might, preserve Your people from their enemies, bring peace to the nations and
prosper the cause of life. Bless all the leaders of our nation, federal, state and local, and
give them a relentless pursuit of just laws for the common good of all, with a heart of
mercy for the weak and vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord of compassion, forget not the sick and the suffering. Grant them healing according to Your will. Remember, O Lord, those on our prayer list and those whom we add today: **Shawn Bodem, Mary Brun's son, who is in recovery from Covid; and **Jayni Lintvedt**, Pastor Vern and Marty's Daughter-in-law suffering from Covid in the last 2 weeks of her pregnancy. Give to all who are distressed in body, mind or spirit, confidence that You know their need and will supply them with all that they need to endure to the day of Your coming, when all affliction will end and we see and experience the glory of Your appearing in the realm of Your perfect kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,**

C: hear our prayer.

L: We praise You, O God, for Your blessings and guidance over the lives of **Maggie Monaco, Kim Kruse, Curtis Kuppler, Allen Leech, Anna Husemann, Paul Anders, Merina Feldmann, Grayson Gorney, and Shanna Drouin-Furey, in the celebration of their Birthdays this week. May they know the peace and strength that comes through Your Holy Spirit's presence and experience a future filled with hope. Lord in Your mercy,**

C: hear our prayer

L: O God, our Creator, You instituted marriage as a way of showing the loving and sacrificial relationship our Lord Jesus has with His bride, the Church. We thank You for another year of grace that You have given to **Pastor Vern & Marty Lintvedt, Marc & Tammy Ellington, Dave & Theresa Longhorn, Craig & Michele Hollenbeck and Curtis & Patty Kuppler. Continue to bless them as they hold sacred the vows they made to each other; so that together, they may look with joyful anticipation to the great marriage feast of the Lamb in heaven. Lord in Your mercy,**

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus, You told the Twelve that the Holy Spirit "will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." Grant us zeal for the work You have given us, that together we may bring the Gospel to many people in their diverse cultures, needs, and circumstances. Guide, inform, and protect the leaders of the Church and every faithful member that we use the many gifts of the Spirit here in our day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we place ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting that Your Holy Spirit will pray for us and them with groanings too deep for words, and that You will respond in grace and mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray.

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Grant that Your Holy Spirit bring to remembrance all that Your Son has done and taught. Gathered in Jesus' name, we ask You, O Lord, that You forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Bring the fire of zeal to Your Church through Your Word and Sacrament and use us to build the Church until You gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OFFERTORY Create in Me

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

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

L: Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray saying:

**All: 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.**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

PREPARATION FOR RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

P: St Paul urges us to examine ourselves before receiving the Sacrament lest we eat and drink judgment upon ourselves. Let us prepare so that we truly recognize our sinful state, and have confident faith in His promise to forgive us in this meal.

L: We confess together:

- **I am baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**
- **I am truly aware of my condition as a sinner and need God's grace!**
- **I believe Jesus died to atone for all my sins, past, present and future!**
- **I believe that in eating and drinking this consecrated meal of bread and wine, God assures me of His forgiveness and feeds me mysteriously with the "real" presence of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine?**
- **I desire to amend my sinful ways and seek God's help so that I may grow into the full stature of Jesus Christ, my Savior!**

P: In true faith let us receive the visible gifts of grace hidden in bread and wine, the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God give us full confidence in His forgiving nature, as pray we prepare to receive these heavenly gifts.

AS WE APPROACH THE TABLE OF THE LORD

P: Merciful Lord,

**C: we do not presume to come to this Your table, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table.**

**But You are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed, through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD (LSB 163)

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the World; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the World; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the World;
Grant us peace.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: With the very words of Christ we consecrate and partake of this sacred meal.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

(Let us eat together the body of Christ.)

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

(Let us drink together from the cup of salvation, the blood of Christ shed for our sins.)

POST-COMMUNION LSB 503 (vs. 1)

**O day full of grace that now we see
Appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be
Replete in His joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
Your name on our hearts emblazon.**

BLESSING OF THE LORD

- L: 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.**
- C: Amen.**

HYMN No. 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

**Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav’ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel’s joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.**

**Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.**

SENDING

- L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**
- C: Thanks be to God!**