

"I will pour out my Spirit on all people."
Joel 2:28



PENTECOST

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The Day of Pentecost

May 30/31, 2020

Prayer before worship: Dear Lord, we praise you that you have allowed us to return to your house to thank and praise you for all you have done for us. We pray that you would continue to keep us safe. Not only protect us from the threat of the COVID-19 virus, but cause us to never take for granted the blessing of being able to gather with the family of believers around the Word and Sacraments to worship you together. Holy Spirit, descend upon your people through the proclamation of your saving Word and cause us to know your peace and forgiveness. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

The choir will sing the hymns, psalm and verse of the day.

OPENING HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

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1. *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord! May all your graces be outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart; Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of your light In holy faith your church unite
From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue;
This to your praise, O Lord our God, be sung: Alleluia! Alleluia!*
2. *Come, holy Light, Guide divine, And cause the Word of life to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright And call him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free; Let none but Christ our Master be
That we in living faith abide,
In him, our Lord, with all our might confide. Alleluia! Alleluia!*
3. *Come, holy Fire, Comfort true; Grant us the will your work to do
And in your service to abide; Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by your pow'r prepare each heart, And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to you, our Lord, ascend. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Please stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: Glorify the LORD with me.

C: I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

M: My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

C: Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

M: I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

C: Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

M: This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

C: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

M: Taste and see that the LORD is good;

C: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

M: Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.

All: Glorify the LORD with me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. [Psalm 34:1-9]

'And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:28-29

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 51b

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Refrain: Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

C: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

**You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.**

**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Refrain

C: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them

in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs-- we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you

suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

VERSE of the DAY

*Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people,
Alleluia, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.*

Please stand

GOSPEL

John 16:5-11

M: The holy gospel reading is written the Gospel according to St. John, chapter 16, beginning at verse 5.

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

"Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away.

Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do

not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord,

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

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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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Please be seated

HYMN of the DAY

We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost

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| 1. <i>We now implore God the Holy Ghost
For the true faith which we need the most,
That in our last moments he may befriend us
And, as homeward we journey, attend us.
Lord, have mercy!</i> | 3. <i>O sacred Love, grace on us bestow,
Set our hearts with heav'nly fire aglow
That with hearts united we love each other,
Of one mind, in peace with ev'ry brother.
Lord, have mercy!</i> |
| 2. <i>Shine in our hearts, O most precious Light,
That we Jesus Christ may know aright,
Clinging to our Savior,
whose blood has bought us,
Who again to our homeland has brought us.
Lord, have mercy!</i> | 4. <i>O highest Comfort in ev'ry need,
Grant that neither shame nor death we heed
That e'en then our courage may never fail us
When the foe shall accuse and assail us.
Lord, have mercy!</i> |

SERMON

Joel 2:28-29

THE LORD HAS POURED OUT HIS SPIRIT

1. THAT HIS WILL MAY BE REVEALED

2. THAT HIS WORD MY BE PROCLAIMED

Please stand

M: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C: **and renew a right spirit within me.**

M: Cast me not away from your presence,
C: **and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

M: Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
C: **and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

PRAYER of the CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: **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.**

M: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

C: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heavenly hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

M: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
C: **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

Please be seated

1. *Dear Lord, to your true servants give The grace to you alone to live.
Set free from sin to serve you, Lord, They go to share your living Word,
The gospel message to proclaim That all may know your saving name.*
2. *They gladly go at your command To spread your Word o'er sea and land.
Be with them, Lord, and make them strong To heal sin's ills, to right the wrong.
Your rule is over wind and wave, And mighty is your arm to save.*
3. *When all their labor seems in vain, Revive their sinking hopes again;
And when success crowns what they do, Oh, keep them humble, Lord, and true
Until before your judgment seat They lay their trophies at your feet.*

THANKSGIVING

Please stand

M: Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word.

C: For [our] eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people,

M: a light to lighten the Gentiles

C: and the glory of your people Israel.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ministry Review 2020 Survey ~ We appreciate the many members who have taken the time to complete the digital survey being used to gather feedback in the development of a strategic plan for St. John's. If you don't use email and would like a paper copy of the survey, please contact the church office at 507-354-6744 and it will be mailed to you.

Bible Class ~ will continue online. Join us Sunday evenings at 7 pm for a study of *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. The class will be held at Meet.Google.com (or with the Google Meet app on your smartphone or tablet) with "meeting code" tjx-anhj-gvx. Or use this shortcut which automatically enters the code for you: <https://bit.ly/STJLCNUMeet> (Note: the link is case sensitive). You can also call in over the phone at (209) 457-0523 using PIN: 100 259 597# (Note: This will be a long distance call.) The meeting room can hold up to 250 participants, so feel free to tell your friends!

Sending Offerings through Bill Pay ~ Several members of St. John's have asked if there is a way for them to make their weekly offerings automatically either online or by an automatic bank transaction. St. John's is investigating our online giving options, but are not yet ready to receive online gifts. For the time being, we suggest that our members consider using your bank's online Bill Pay service to make weekly or monthly gifts to St. John's. If you have questions about using Bill Pay to make donations, please contact Financial Secretary Mike Thom at 507-217-7671.

MVL Announcements ~ Changes have been made to the dates of MVL's *summer camps*. A full list can be found at mvl.org/athletics/summer-camps. If you have already registered and wish to cancel, please contact the MVL office at 507-354-6851 or sallee@mvlhs.org.

Food Kit Available ~ The New Ulm Area Food Shelf and the Lions Club of New Ulm are offering a 14-day food kit for seniors 65+ who are homebound because of COVID-19. Homebound is defined as those who only leave home for medical reasons. If you are in need of food and would like this delivered to you, please call the food shelf at 354-7668. If no one answers, please leave a message with your name, address and phone number. Speak slowly and clearly. Someone will contact you to ask about any special diet needs and let you know when the delivery will be made.

Job Openings ~ Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for:

- One regular part-time Administrative Assistant for Field Experiences
- One part-time Athletics Equipment Manager
- One temporary limited-term Women's Basketball Assistant Coach
- One temporary limited-term Assistant Baseball Coach

Comprehensive descriptions for these positions can be found at mlc-wels.edu/hr. Interested individuals should apply online. Applications will be accepted through 12 pm on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at 507-354-8221.

About the Cover ~ The LORD had promised through the pen of the prophet Joel that he would pour out his Holy Spirit on all people. On the day of Pentecost, following Jesus' resurrection and ascension into heaven, those words were fulfilled. The Holy Spirit demonstrated his presence with the sound of wind and the sight of flames of fire which appeared on the heads of the believers. They spoke in languages they had never studied up to that point. But most of all, they proclaimed the message of God's grace and forgiveness with zeal and fortitude. Today we focus on the events of that great event and are reminded that the same Holy Spirit has come upon us through the saving gospel.