



PENTECOST MAY 19 / 20, 2018

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Today's service is televised locally

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Day of Pentecost

May 19/20, 2018

Prayer before worship: Almighty God, we praise you that you have sent your Holy Spirit to grant us comfort through the saving message of the Gospel. No one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit, therefore, come Holy Spirit, and fill us with the joy of salvation, the zeal to share it, and boldness to uphold the truth that Jesus Christ lived and died for all people. May the peace that he alone can give fill our hearts and give us everlasting consolation. Accept now our worship and praise for the sake of Jesus our Lord. We pray these things in his holy name. Amen.

Order of Service:

Saturday and 8 am: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS) *Divine Service I* p. 15

9:30 am: Christian Worship (CW) *Holy Baptism* p. 12

OPENING HYMN *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* **CW176**
Saturday and 8 am

BAPTISMAL HYMN *Children of the Heavenly Father* **CW449**
9:30 am: Choir sings stanzas 1 - 3, Congregation sings stanza 4

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| 1. Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven
Such a refuge ne'er was given. | 3. Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth. |
| 2. God his own doth tend and nourish;
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
In his mighty arms he bears them. | 4. Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy. |

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C: **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

M: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

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.

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: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought Peter to be baptized. Jesus told us: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

Peter Jonathan Schaefer, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Please stand

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Peter may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

M: Let us pray: Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Peter and grant him a rich measure of your Spirit that he may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Divine Service I continues in Christian Worship Supplement on page 16.

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put

breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'" So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet-- a vast army. Then he said

to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it,' declares the LORD."

PSALM of the DAY

Psalms 51b

CW p. 87

8 and 9:30 am Choir sings the odd verses; Congregation sings the even verses

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

8 and 9:30 am: Sung by choir

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

GOSPEL

John 14:25-27

"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

HYMN of the DAY

When God the Spirit Came

CW187

8 and 9:30 am

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: All Women

Stanza 3: Choir

Stanza 4: All Men

Stanza 5: All

SERMON

John 14:25-27

Come Holy Spirit, Come!

- 1. To teach us Christ**
- 2. To give us peace**

OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT

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To our worship guests seeking an altar at which to commune: Since the Lord's Supper is an expression of outward unity in the faith as well as inner union with Christ, we ask that those who are not communicant members of our fellowship please schedule a meeting with the pastor before coming to the Lord's Table. We ask this in loving obedience to the Scriptures and not in judgment of anyone's faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

DISTRIBUTION

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

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HYMNS

Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit

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GUEST PREACHER

ORGANISTS

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PIANO

TRUMPET

FRENCH HORN

FLUTE

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Kaitlyn Roux
Leah Wendland

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun		Summer Schedule Begins (no 11 am service)
Mon	6 pm	Conference Room Reserved
Thu	6:30 pm	St. Paul's School Kindergarten Spring Show
	7:15 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Fri	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class
	10 am	Sunset Apt. Service
Sat	9 am	Basement Reserved

† Weekend Services †

Saturday: 7 pm
Sunday: 8 & 9:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 27		25th Anniversary Celebration of Laura Balza
	2 pm	MVL Graduation
May 28		Church office closed
May 29	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
May 30	2 pm	St. Paul's School Band Concert
	6:30 pm	St. Paul's School Closing Service at St. Paul's Church
Jun 1	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions at Riverside Park, 101 S. Front St.
Jun 3	11 am	Adult Bible Class
Jun 4	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Jun 5	11:30 am	OWLS Event
	6 pm	Women of St. John's
Jun 8	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions at North Market Park, 1414 N. German St.
Jun 9	9 am	Basement Reserved
Jun 10	11 am	Adult Bible Class
Jun 12	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Jun 15	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions at Washington Park, 715 N. State St.
Jun 16		Diersen / Greffe Wedding
	6:30 pm	Service in the Park at German Park, 200 N. German St.
Jun 17	11 am	Adult Bible Class
Jun 17-23		Camp Shetek
Jun 19	7 pm	Council Meeting
Jun 22	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions at North Park, 200 N. German St.
Jun 24	11 am	Adult Bible Class
		Plocher / Doble Wedding
Jun 25	7 pm	Installation Choir Rehearsal
Jun 26	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Jun 29	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions at Nehl's Park, 1100 Summit Ave.
Jul 1	11 am	Adult Bible Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 555.

Fruits of faith given:

\$12,073	Home Operations ~ \$14,532 is our weekly need		
\$1,125	MVL ~ \$1,118 is our weekly need	\$180	Moving Expense Income
\$1,600	Missions ~ \$1,648 is our weekly need	\$135	WLCFS/Christian Family Solutions
\$2,267	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need	\$35	Prison Ministry
\$180	Moving Expense	\$10	LIMA

New Associate Pastor ~ Pastor Rob Guenther has accepted the call to be the pastor of St. John's as the associate of Pastor Bovee. Pastor Guenther, his wife Rebecca, and their four children will arrive in late June. The Guenthers plan to live in the recently-purchased home at 601 S. Washington. Therefore, we are thankful for the timing of the purchase of that property. Keep the Guenthers in your prayers as they prepare for the long move from Alaska to Minnesota. His installation will take place on July 8th. Please watch the bulletin and *Fortress* for further developments.

New Arrival ~ Peter Jonathan, son of Jon and Carrie Schaefer, will be received into God's family through Holy Baptism in the 9:30 am service. May God continue to keep Peter in his loving care.

Summer Bible Class ~ Beginning June 3, Sunday Bible class will resume at 11 am. We will continue with our study on the book of Hebrews, and will begin with chapter 4 where we left off last summer. Even if you did not attend last summer, you can easily pick up where we left off, and all are welcome and encouraged to come.

Lost and Found ~ A mother's ring was found in the church parking lot. Contact Beth Filzen for details at bethanyanne.filzen@gmail.com.

Laura Balza 25 Years of Faithful Service ~ A service and program are scheduled to thank God for the faithful service of Laura Balza for 25 years in the Teaching Ministry. This celebration will be held at St. John's Church on Sunday, May 27th, beginning with the 9:30 am service. A short program with light refreshments will follow in the church basement. Volunteers are needed. Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex if you can help or bring food items.

Women of St. John's ~ All women are invited to attend our next Women of St. John's gathering on **Tuesday, June 5 at 6 pm**. We will enjoy a light lunch, and Donna Dose will share information about spinning and working with fibers. This will be our last gathering before we break for the summer. We hope you are able to join us for a fun-filled evening of fellowship!

Installation Service Choir ~ Pastor Guenther's installation is on July 8 at 4 pm. We would like to have a choir for this service. There will be rehearsals on June 25 at 7 pm and July 2 at 7 pm.. We will rehearse in the balcony. If you would like to sing for this service, please contact Laura Balza at lbalsa@splnewulm.org.

St. Paul's School Spring Band Concert ~ The band concert will be Wednesday, May 30 at 2 pm.

MN District Convention Opening Service Choir ~ As in the past, a choir made up of area singers has been asked to sing in the opening service of the district convention at MLC. The service is Tuesday, June 12 at 9 am in Chapel of the Christ. There will be just two rehearsals: Sunday, June 10 at 7 pm and Tuesday, June 12 at 7:30 am at Chapel of the Christ. Music will be distributed at the rehearsals. Contact Bethel Boeder at boederbj@mlc-wels.edu or 507-217-0182 with questions.

St. Paul's School *Time to Build* Campaign News ~ So far St. Paul's Lutheran School supporters have pledged just under \$250,000 to the new *Time to Build Campaign* that officially began this month. Campaign packets for our school improvement project are available in the information area. We encourage you to pray about and seize this opportunity to have an impact on present and future generations of children through our Lutheran School. At present our campaigns have received \$2,254,752 in offerings. The balance in our School Improvement Fund is \$1,742,981 after expenses. Thanks to God and our supporters! Please make donations payable to St. Paul's Lutheran School.

The *Continue in My Word* ~ books are now available for those that ordered them. Please see Kelly Emde for your order. Cost is \$3 per copy.

OWLS June Event ~ An exceptional treat! The OWLS will go to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chanhassen, and the Bloomington Lutheran OWLS Polka and Brat Fest on Tuesday, June 5. Carpooling will be arranged. All seniors (55 and over) from St. Paul's and St. John's are invited to this special event! Register by May 30th. Please contact Dale Markgraf at 354-2735 or demarkgraf@gmail.com. The Arboretum Cost is \$15. *Our Travel Schedule:* We leave from St. John's at 11:30 am and make our first stop at the arboretum; We leave the arboretum at 3:30 pm. Our next stop will be at Bloomington Lutheran Church for a Brat Supper. We leave Bloomington Lutheran for home at 6 pm. The Brat Supper by Bloomington Lutheran OWLS will be provided for a free will offering. Let's enjoy together the beauties of God's creation and good conversation with friends.

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About the Cover ~ On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came down from heaven with the sound of a rushing wind and the appearance of fire which rested on the heads of the believers who were gathered there. He was manifesting his presence to show that Jesus' promise was true. Jesus told his apostles that the Holy Spirit would come upon them and that they would be his witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the world. And so it was, and still is today. The Holy Spirit has ascended on us, the Holy Christian Church, enabling us to proclaim the saving Gospel message that Jesus Christ is the Savior of all the world. From the cross, to the empty tomb, to the Ascension, to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church, the Gospel continues to spread, offering the forgiveness of sins and eternal life to every sinner, everywhere. Let us pray that God would make us his instruments to share this blessed message with the world.