

# Pentecost Sunday

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### WELCOME

**PRELUDE**     *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*     Mark Hayes, arr. Douglas E. Wagner  
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### GATHERING HYMN

*Here I Am Lord*

*ELW 574 (v. 1, 2)*

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?"

#### **Refrain**

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?" **Refrain**

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### GREETING

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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

### FAITH STATEMENTS OF CONFIRMANDS

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: '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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**      *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)*      **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,  
living things both small and great.**

There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

**All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**

You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

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

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.  
**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;**  
**I will praise my God while I have my being.**  
May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.  
**Bless the LORD, O my soul.**  
**Hallelujah!**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia*

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

**GOSPEL**

**John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

**SERMON**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*O Living Breath of God*

*ELW 407*

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| 1 | O living Breath of God, wind at the beginning<br>upon the waters; O living Breath of God,<br>bearing the creation to wondrous birth; | <b>Refrain</b><br>Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts<br>abundant. O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit,<br>breathe in us as we pray. |
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2 O living Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son  
came to birth among us; O living Breath of  
God, who to the creation gives life a new;  
**Refrain**

3 O living Breath of God, bearing us to life  
through baptismal waters; O living Breath of  
God, sighing with creation for freedom's birth;  
**Refrain**

*(Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford; Music: Swedish folk tune; Spanish text ©  
1979 Editorial Bonum; tt. © 1998 Augsburg Fortress)*

## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM - RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

### **PRESENTATION**

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the  
body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Presenters: We present Karli, James, Emily and Abigail, who *desire* to make public affirmation  
of *their* baptism.

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters and brother*, whom you have made your own by  
water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts  
of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith. Uphold your *servants* in the gifts  
and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask  
this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel  
against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

*(The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.)*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is  
seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the  
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

## AFFIRMATION

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each person responds:*

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brother* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*(Confirmands kneel)*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*(Family may extend arms in blessing)*

God, our Creator in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *her/his* faith, guide *her/his* life, empower *her/him* in *her/his* serving, give *her/him* patience in suffering, and bring *her/him* to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition*      Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

**PEACE**      The peace of the Lord be with you always.      *(Spoken in place)*  
**And also with you.**      *(Waving is permitted)*

## MEAL

### OFFERING PRAYER

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

## **DIALOGUE**

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.**

## **PREFACE**

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **HOLY HOLY HOLY**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life. 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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

**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.**

**COMMUNION** *(Instructions to be given for distribution)*

*(The assembly is seated.)*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*Amazing Grace*  
*(singing led by Karli C. and Emily R.)*

*ELW 779*

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| 1 | Amazing grace! how sweet the sound<br>that saved a wretch like me!<br>I once was lost, but now am found;<br>was blind, but now I see.                | 2 | 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,<br>and grace my fears relieved;<br>how precious did that grace appear<br>the hour I first believed! |
| 3 | Through many dangers, toils, and snares<br>I have already come;<br>'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,<br>and grace will lead me home.          | 4 | The Lord has promised good to me;<br>his word my hope secures;<br>he will my shield and portion be<br>as long as life endures.                |
| 5 | When we've been there ten thousand<br>years,<br>bright shining as the sun,<br>we've no less days to sing God's praise<br>than when we'd first begun. |   |   |

*(Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5; Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921, alt.)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.  
The God of life, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

#### *Lead Me, Guide Me*

*ELW 768*

#### *Refrain*

Lead me, guide me along the way,  
For if you lead me I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r,  
to help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness thy face to see,  
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. ***Refrain***

2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,  
be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.  
I am putting all my trust in thee.  
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. ***Refrain***

3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,  
I am blind without thy light to see.  
Lord, just always let me thy servant be,  
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. ***Refrain***

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## Announcements

### Upcoming Worship Schedule

**Holy Trinity Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – 10 am** – Service with Holy Communion (In-person indoor and online)  
No outdoor communion

**Congratulations and God's riches blessings to our confirmands:  
Karli C. ~ James J. ~ Emily R. ~ Abigail S.**

Today we would like to say farewell and best wishes to Pastor John Spangler. We thank him for walking with us through the last (very challenging) year. We wish him good luck in his new call in Westminster. He will truly be missed. If you would like Pastor John's address or email to send a note or card, please contact the church office.

Please join us next Sunday as we welcome Pastor John Sabatelli as our new Interim Pastor.

**Please call the church office to sign up.  
All outdoor events are weather permitting.**



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Joshua Hills' graduation from Eastern Technical High School by his family.

We are taking altar flower dedications. The dates available are: June 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and December 19<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.





Join us for our Wayback Burger Restaurant Night on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm-8 pm. Wayback Burgers is located in the Satyr Hill Shopping Center. You do not need to present a flyer to participate, just mention that you are supporting St. John's. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to St. John's.

Save the Date for St. John's Vacation Bible School. During the week on July 12-16, 2021 we will be having a family style VBS in the evening on the church parking lot. If you would like to volunteer to help or if you have any questions, please contact the Church Office at [office@stjohnsparkville.org](mailto:office@stjohnsparkville.org) or Debra Haacke at [haackefamily@comcast.net](mailto:haackefamily@comcast.net).



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## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

*David Kidwell*

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## Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Pat Denk, Philip Kramer, Sandy Scott, John McLaughlin, Tony Jasinski, Betty Hedgespeth, Robert Scott, Suzanne Lindsay, Patty Schwab, Ardi Scarborough and Vickie Jasinski

**For family & friends:** Rosemay Balmos, Jacob Gude, Nancy Snyder, Roberta Wiessner, Connie Clarke, Sharon Hunt, Helen & Don Bender, Charles Gott, Jay Snyder, John Snyder, John Miller, Norma Weber, Karen Alban, Doug Adams, Linda Asplin, Karen Ehrenberg and Linda Fliegel

**For those grieving family & friends of:** Stuart Sheubrook and Thomas Whitehead

**For the military and their families:** Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Jacob Verble, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

**For St. John's Caring Friends:** Trudy Anderson, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Betty Hedgespeth, Leroy Hohne, Philip Kramer, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz, Doris Warfield, and Clara Westphal