The Festival of Pentecost

The Holy Spirit Comes
“I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1
Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

1 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And make our hearts your place of rest;
2 To you, the Counselor, we cry, To you, the gift of God most high;
3 Your light to ev'ry thought impart, And shed your love in ev'ry heart;
4 Drive far away our wily foe, And your awful bidding peace bestow;
5 Teach us to know the Father, Son, And you, from both, as Three in One That we your name may hear,

And make our hearts your place of rest;
Come with your grace and the fount of life, the weakness of our
If you are our provider both, as Three in One That we your name may
And fill the hearts which you have made.
The soul's anointing from above.
With deathless might invigorate.
No evil can with us abide.
In our lives the truth confess.

6 Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One, And may the Son on us bestowed The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.
PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.
O LORD, OUR LORD

C:  O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. Almight-y God, merci-ful Fa-ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take away our sin;
you com-fort our spir-it; you make us pure and holy in your sight. You did not spare your only Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glorious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, eternal Word of the Fa-ther,
you came to live with us; you made your Fa-ther known;
PRAYER OF THE DAY

M:  Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen.

BE SEATED
FIRST LESSON

28 “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. 29 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

GOSPEL LESSON

5 Now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ 6 Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. 7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because people do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.
1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light,
Church’s very life, Holy Spirit,
Church’s ministry, Teaching, strengthening,
ev-er brooding O’er a world of gloom and night,
ev-er striving Through us in a cease-less strife,
and absolving, Setting captive sinners free,

2 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling As the Church’s very life, Holy Spirit,
Church’s ministry, Teaching, strengthening,
ev-er brooding O’er a world of gloom and night,
ev-er striving Through us in a cease-less strife,
and absolving, Setting captive sinners free,

3 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling Through the Church’s very life, Holy Spirit,
Church’s ministry, Teaching, strengthening,
ev-er brooding O’er a world of gloom and night,
ev-er striving Through us in a cease-less strife,
and absolving, Setting captive sinners free,

Tune: IN BABILONA (87 87 D) Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse . . . Contradansen, Amsterdam, c. 1710.
When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. 5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” 13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” 14 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. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 “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. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. 21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

The Church Finds Her Voice
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 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (spoken by Pastor)
LORD’S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The recorded service for members at home concludes here as we conclude the service of the Word. We continue with the service of the Sacrament with those gathered in the sanctuary.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he empowered his Church to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY  

C: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glory.

You are my God, and I will exalt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.”

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

C: Amen.
O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

M: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

C: Have mercy on us.

M: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

C: Have mercy on us.

M: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

C: Grant us your peace. Amen.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ’s body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.

To limit the proximity of our members and reduce the possibility of transmitting disease, we are asking our communicants to approach the chancel steps by families. If your family is seated closer to the center aisle, you may come to the table closer to the Baptismal font. If your family is seated closer to a side aisle, you may come to the table farther from the font. Please wait until the family ahead of you has communed and returned to their seats before approaching.
THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell every-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.

He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.
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.

Sunday May 31, - Pentecost
Private Communion 7:30 – 8:30 am (Please sign up prior.)
Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion (Please sign up prior.)
  • Presiding Pastor: Michael Willitz      • Preaching Pastor: Joel Jenswold
  • Pianist: Kristin Huebner
  • Ushers: Dave Olson (8:00) & volunteer (10:30)
  • Altar Guild: Donna Cotter            • A/V & Recording: Jen Olson

Sunday June 7, - Trinity Sunday
Private Communion 7:30 – 8:30 am (Please sign up prior.)
Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion (Please sign up prior.)
  • Presiding Pastor: Joel Jenswold      • Preaching Pastor: Joel Jenswold
  • Music: TBA
  • Ushers: Roger LaGrange (9:00 am) & volunteer (10:30)
  • Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel           • A/V & Recording: TBA

Happy Birthday: We wish God’s blessings to Seth Bradley (5/31), Roz Craney (6/2), Tami Essmann (6/2), Sue Jenswold (6/2), Mary Mundt (6/2), Ashton Olson (6/2), Julie Berg (6/3), Amy Hoel (6/5), Alivia Uebersetzig (6/5), Ben Belgen (6/6), Dale Essmann (6/6), Jennifer Manthe (6/6), Allie Valencia (6/6) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God’s blessings Cindy & Paul Crary (6/2), Cheryl & Jerry Midthun (6/2), Bonnie & Jerry Punzel (6/5) and Joshua & Sheree Van Dinter (6/6) as they celebrate their anniversaries this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Mandy Blume (friend of Becki Woolsey), Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leeye, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Russell Nelson, Jack Richardson, Marge Ripp and Dorothy Schepp who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all of our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Austin Andler, Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss, Ryan Manthe, Robert Mistlebauer and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).