

**A Celebration of Pentecost**  
Recognition of High School Graduates  
May 20, 2018

Prelude

Announcements

Honoring our High School Graduates (10:30)

Light of Christ

L On this day of Pentecost, together we consider Luther's explanation of the third article of the Apostle's creed:

**C "We believe that we cannot by our own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ our Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called us through the Gospel, enlightened us with its gifts, and sanctifies and keeps us in true faith.**

**In the same way the Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian church day after day, He fully forgives my sins and the sins of all believers.**

**On the last day He will raise me and all the dead and give me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This saying is most certainly true."**

L Lord, by Your Holy Spirit, we come to know Christ and fullness of life.

**C Come Holy Spirit.**

L Lord, through Your Holy Spirit we seek forgiveness in the Name of Christ.

**C Come Holy Spirit.**

*(A Moment of Silence is observed for reflection and examination.)*

L Let us confess,

**C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Hymn "O Day Full of Grace" (1,2,4)

**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.**

**2 O day full of grace, O blessed time, our Lord on the earth arriving;  
then came to the world that light sublime, great joy for us all retrieving;  
for Jesus all mortals did embrace, all darkness and shame removing.**

**4 God came to us then at Pentecost, his Spirit new life revealing,  
that we might no more from him be lost, all darkness for us dispelling.  
His flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all his healing.**

Prayer of the Day

**God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as You sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon Your Church and open our heart to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of Your love, and strengthen our lives for service in Your kingdom; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**Anthem**

**Scriptures**

**Acts 2:1-21**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>'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. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

<sup>26</sup>(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. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. <sup>16</sup>But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. <sup>17</sup>I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>18</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>19</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>22</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>23</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>24</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. <sup>25</sup>I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>28</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.*"

**Children's Message**

**Hymn** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (1,2,4)

## Refrain

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:**

**"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."**

## Refrain

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.**

## Refrain

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise.**

## Refrain

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

## Sermon

\*Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
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. Amen**

**The Sharing of our Tithes and Offerings**

\*The Offertory Response

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise'. The second staff contains the second line: 'him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye'. The third staff contains the third line: 'heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and half notes.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDETH. Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

Words of Institution

\*The Lord's Prayer

**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**

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

*All who believe in Jesus Christ as Risen Lord and Savior are welcome to partake in the meal He has prepared for you.  
The inner ring of white cups in the Communion tray is non-alcohol.*

**Communion Hymns**

**1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest 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**

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.

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life 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.

**Seek Ye First**

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

2 Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

3 We do not live by bread a lone, But by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia

**\*Receive the Blessing**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.



☪ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

### C Amen

#### \*Blessing the Congregation

P Now may the Lord bless and keep you.

May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you in favor and give you peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Hymn "On Our Way Rejoicing"

**1 On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;  
who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?**

Refrain

**On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!**

**2 Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing now and evermore.**

Refrain

**On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!**

P Go in Peace and serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**