



OPENING SONG

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

ELW #413

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit is here among us **within us, around us, between us.**

The Spirit is here to strengthen us **bringing courage, bringing conviction.**

The Spirit is here to move us, **making us sing and praise.**

The Spirit is here.

May we feel the Spirit as we gather. May we be fed by the Spirit's fiery strength.

May we be emboldened by the Spirit's powerful wind.

We gather in the Spirit's arms to be nurtured as we worship.

And may our worship fill us with the Spirit as we go back out into our daily lives. —Gord Waldie

RECONCILING IN CHRIST (RIC) STATEMENT

Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here in the name of Jesus Christ. We celebrate that each person is loved by God. We affirm the gifts of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression, and are committed to working for racial equity.

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Trusting in the grace and mercy of God, let us confess the sin and brokenness in our lives and in the world.

Merciful God, the gift of Jesus' life in us is visible in the way we witness to the fruitfulness of that gift. We know that the fruit of the Spirit consists of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Yet, so often we put conditions on our love—and joy and peace are difficult to discern when our words and actions deny their presence. *Silence for reflection.*

God of wind and fire, you call us to be your voices in this world and we stay silent in fear.

You call us to be your hands in this world and we keep them hidden.

You call us to be your feet in this world and we go our own way.

When we meet those who are doubting and say nothing, forgive us.

When we meet those who need your touch and do nothing, forgive us.

When we are called to take up your cross and carry nothing, forgive us.

People of God, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace, forgiveness and service. Know that God loves you beyond all measure.

Believe with one heart that the Spirit of God will never desert you. In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News: We are forgiven. **Alleluia! Amen.**

~ adapted from Moira Laidlaw, John Birch and Beth Merrill Neel

(Stand) GATHERING HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ELW#632

READING: John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Brian Julin-McCleary

READING: Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your children shall prophesy, and your young shall see visions, and your old shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(sit) SERMON

"Come Alongside"

Pastor Liz Woodward

(Stand) HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Reason"

Verse 1

Verse 2

There's a reason I can sing
There's a reason for this life inside me
One Name above all names
Jesus yes it's Jesus

There's a reason for this hope
There's a reason for this peace that I know
One worthy of all praise
Jesus yes it's Jesus

Chorus

I will lift my hands up
I will raise my voice high
I will shout out Your love
Till the day that I die
Ev'rything that I have
All my worship I bring
You're the reason I live
You're the reason I sing
You're the reason I live
You're the reason I sing

Verse 3

For the vict'ry over sin
For the goodness of Your grace each day
I will bow and bless Your name
Jesus I thank You Jesus

Bridge

Hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah
You're the reason I live
You're the reason I sing

Verse 4

When my time on earth is through
When my final breath has left these lungs
I'll forever be with You
Where the song goes on and on

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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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

(sit) PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: Holy Spirit, **help us.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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THE LORDS 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.

INVITATION

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

COMMUNION SONG

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

As you go forth from this place, may the wind of the Spirit startle your senses and blow through your life; may the fire of the Spirit scorch your complacency and light your way. And may the blessing of the Holy One— Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer— rest with you now and forever more. **Amen.**

~ written by Joanna Harader,

(Stand) SENDING HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

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BLESSING

Go out into God's world filled with the spark of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Liz Woodward

Presiding: Pastor Brian Julin-McCleary

Musician: Michael Woodruff/Greg Nicoll

Cantor: Michael Woodruff

Reader: Paula Nicoll

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