



ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

DAY OF PENTECOST

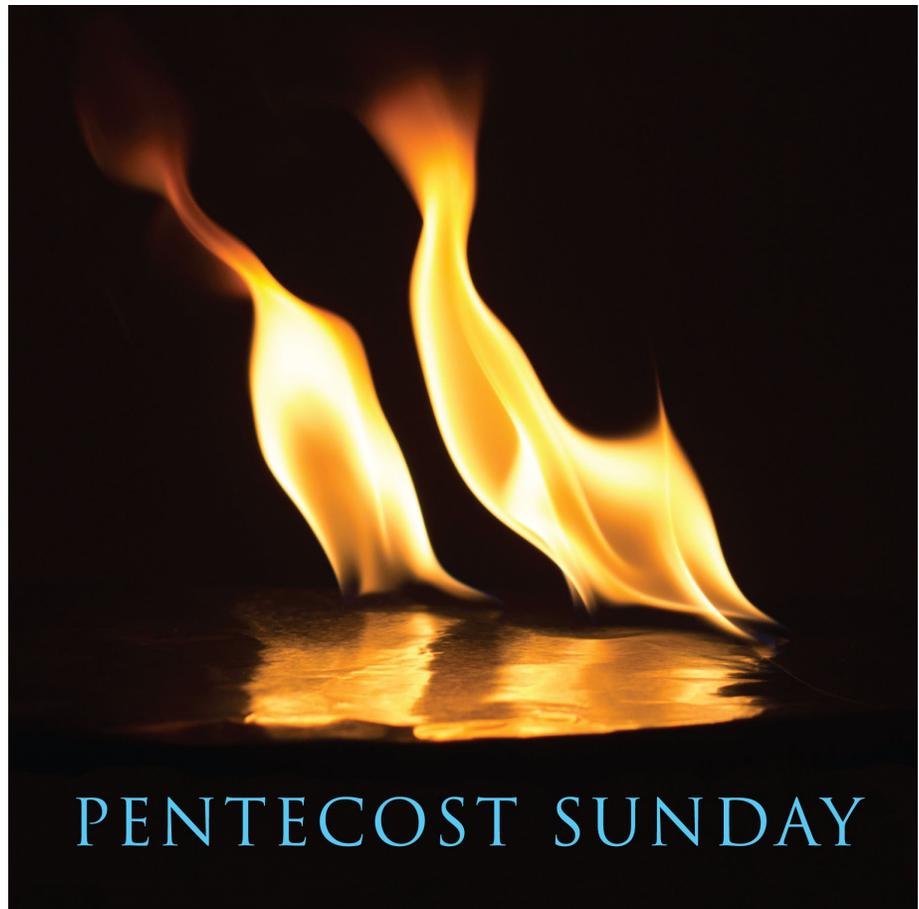
MAY 20, 2018 AT 8:15 A.M.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INTRODUCTION

On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism.

Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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**Please stand if able*

P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation

(ELW—Red Book)

GATHERING

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"I Saw the Light"

Insert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Gary Haddock

***GATHERING SONG**

"Cornerstone"

Insert

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

ELW p. 119

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

***THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Mighty God, you fulfill the promise of your Son in pouring out your Spirit on your church. Continue to fill us with the Spirit that we may be transformed by Your Truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Gary Haddock

***THE GOSPEL READING**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord** John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Rev. Gary Haddock

***SONG OF THE DAY**

"Spirit Song"

Insert

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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

***INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

A: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Linda Hewitt

MEAL

THE OFFERING / OFFERTORY SONG

“Breathe”

Insert

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERTORY

“Communion”

This is the body. This is the blood. Broken and poured out. For all of us.
And in this communion we share in His love. This is the body. This is the blood.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Linda Hewitt

A: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. **C: Amen.**

*THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER V

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

P: Lord, teach us to pray . . .

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The congregation sits. The following is sung: “Worthy Is the Lamb”

Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne. Crown You now with many crowns. You reign victorious.

High and lifted up. Jesus Son of God. The darling of heaven crucified. Worthy is the Lamb. (Repeat 3X)

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion Invitation: We welcome all who are baptized to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is served by Intinction. You will be given a wafer, which you then dip into the chalice of wine. If unable to come forward, stand where you are, and you will be served there. Children who are baptized are welcome to commune.

COMMUNION SONG

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Insert

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands and the presiding minister says these words:

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

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Linda Hewitt

A: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

*BLESSING P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

“I’ll Fly Away”

Insert

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Sound the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD by the St. Mark’s congregation.

LITURGY -THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Gary Haddock

Assisting Minister: Linda Hewitt

Acolyte: Braeden Fox

Communion Assistants: Greg & Tanya Stephenson

Deacons: Nick Setzer, Angela Brown

Tabulators: Cathy Sigmon, Nick Setzer

Altar Guild: Carol Schaefer, Cathy Sigmon, Dale & Sandy Sherill

Vocalists: Tim Carpenter, Tamarah Hefner, Allyson Sestric, Carol Schaefer

Instrumentalists: Allyson Sestric: Violin & Guitar; Mark Mashburn: Guitar;

Aaron Carpenter: Drums; Jonathan Ray: Keyboard

Tech: Carol Schaefer, Camille Patrick, Tamarah Hefner, Randy Sherrill, Terry Hefner, Tim Sigmon, Barry Bumgarner

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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.'

PSALM 104:24-34, 35B

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works — who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Let sinners be consumed from the earth and let the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

ROMANS 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4B-15

[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."