

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

The Lord and Giver of Life

May 26 & 27, 2012

AS WE GATHER

In the Nicene Creed we confess the Holy Spirit as "the Lord and giver of life," and on Pentecost, after Jesus' resurrection, the Spirit was both given to the apostles and, through them by Baptism, to 3,000 people. Today we remember that day and thank God for the gift of the Spirit, without whose gift of faith none of us "can believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him." *Luther's Small Catechism*

+ PREPARATION +

WELCOME

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

OPENING HYMN #497 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

(Rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Because of the faith created and sustained by the Holy Spirit we trust that God not only knows our faults, but that for Jesus' sake He promises to forgive them! Let us consider our sins, asking God for His promised forgiveness. Most merciful God,

People: we confess that we have often forgotten your gracious presence with us each day. We have grieved your Holy Spirit with our self-centered thoughts, our unloving words, and our careless actions. We have feared worldly opposition to your Word, keeping our faith silent in the privacy of our homes. For Jesus' sake forgive us; grant us strength of faith and opportunity to share that faith with boldness, confident of your forgiveness, protection, and guidance.

Pastor: Christ has ascended to heaven and sent His Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Shine Jesus Shine"

W&R #319

Lord the light of Your love is shining In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus Shine Jesus shine Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light

Lord I come to Your awesome presence From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness Search me try me consume all my
darkness Shine on me shine on me (Chorus)

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me shine on me (Chorus)

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, on this day you once taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit.

People: Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Ezekiel 37:1-14 (*God promises to enliven His people and bestow His Spirit on them.*) The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'" So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but

there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'"

THE SECOND LESSON Acts 2:1-21 (*The Holy Spirit enables the disciples to spread the Word.*) When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." 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. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "'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. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (*Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.*) "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. 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. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN # 503

SERMON

"O Day Full of Grace"

THE VALLEY of BONES

Ezekiel 37:1-14



9:00 RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER (Michael Plumeri)

(Rise)

5:00 NICENE CREED (*found on the back page of the hymnal*)

(Please be seated)

OFFERINGS As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

(Rise) PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, we give thanks for all your goodness and bless you for the love that sustains us from day to day. We praise you for the gift of your Son, our Savior, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. We thank you for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for your holy Church, for the means of grace, for the lives of all faithful and just people, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that you have done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness in lives that are wholly given to your service. With joy we welcome Michael as a new St. Paul's family member. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on our missionaries, at home and abroad, giving them the words to speak as they proclaim salvation through Jesus Christ to those who do not yet know Him. Give them the Spirit of truth, and use them as your instruments as you bring unbelievers to faith. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For those who have served, and are serving our country in the armed forces; those who have given their lives to protect our freedoms and especially the freedom to worship you, we pray your blessing upon them and their families. For those now serving in places far away and perilous, we pray your protection. We pray for Steven, Eric, Eli, Jon, Ryan, Richard, Dan, and Josh. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: By your Word and Holy Spirit, comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity especially Irma, Dennis, Rachel, Donald, Jerry, Joe and

Samuel. Be with those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow and those remembering loved ones including Dolores, and grant to all a measure of your love, taking them into your tender care. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Let your holy angel guide and protect all those who travel this holiday weekend. Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Creator Spirit, by whose aid the world's foundations first were laid, come visit every humble mind; come pour your joys on humankind; from sin and sorrow set us free; may we your living temples be; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(Sung to tune #805 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow")*

O Christ, the precious Lamb of God, By grace You take our sins away.

Grant us Your mercy, Lord, we pray, And send Your peace to us this day.

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DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN # 501 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

HYMN # 496 "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

HYMN # 650 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: for His steadfast love endures forever. *Psalm 118:1*

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank you that for His sake you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask you not to forsake your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by the Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

AGPS #69

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;

He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;

He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on.

Refrain *Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!*

Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;

He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat.

Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on.

Refrain

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,

With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.

As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free. While God is marching on.

Refrain

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