

## THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Come Down

May 14 & 15, 2016

### AS WE GATHER

The Scriptures share many accounts of God coming down to earth. From the moment of creation when “the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters” (*Genesis 1:2*), God has come down to this favored planet many times and in many ways. On Pentecost, God the Holy Spirit came down to earth in a most dramatic way, fulfilling the promise of His descent that Jesus had made to His disciples. That blessed Spirit continues to come among God’s people, calling, gathering, enlightening, and sanctifying them. As we gather, we witness to that Spirit at work among and through us.

### WELCOME

#### MINISTRY MOMENT Laurel Privatt: GriefShare

[Jesus said,] But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things  
and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

#### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

(Rise)

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN #913 “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Your work begin,  
Your dwelling place now make us.

Sun of the soul, O Light divine, Around and in us brightly shine,  
To joy and gladness wake us That we may be Truly living,  
To You giving Prayer unceasing And in love be still increasing.

Give to Your Word impressive pow’r,  
That in our hearts from this good hour As fire it may be glowing,  
That in true Christian unity We faithful witnesses may be,  
Your glory ever showing. Hear us, cheer us By Your teaching;  
Let our preaching And our labor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

O mighty Rock, O source of life, Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,  
In us be strongly burning That we be faithful unto death  
And live in love and holy faith, From You true wisdom learning.  
Your grace and peace On us shower; By Your power Christ confessing,  
Let us see our Savior’s blessing.

### INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

### OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 41:13; 43:3, 4*

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

**People: from everlasting to everlasting!**

Pastor: Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;

**People: let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!**

Pastor: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,

**People: and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.**

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

**People: from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: With true hearts, let us confess together that we, through sinful thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds, have transgressed God’s righteous Law and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

**People: Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, grant us your forgiveness so that, as your redeemed people, we may be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and may serve you in time and in eternity.**

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

**People: Amen.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

### **“This Is the Feast”**

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Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**People: (sung)**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power and riches and wisdom and strength  
and honor and blessing and glory are His.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.  
Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

### **SALUTATION & PRAYER 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. 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; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

### **☩ WORD ☩**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Genesis 11:1–9* (The tower of Babel and division of languages) Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. They said to each other. "Come, let's make bricks instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth." But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel-because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

**EPISTLE** *Acts 2:1–21* (The coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost)

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 them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked; "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own 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 wonder 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 men 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 heaven 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.'

**5:00 CHOIR ANTHEM**

*"United in Christ"*

St. Paul's Choir

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 14:23–31* (Jesus promises the Holy Spirit as the Comforter.)

Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me. "Come now; let us leave."

(Be seated)

**5:00 and 8:00 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN #503**

**"O Day Full of Grace "**

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 sine for us now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts emblazon.

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.

For Christ bore our sins, and not His own, When He on the cross was hanging;  
And then He arose and moved the stone That we, unto Him belonging,  
Might join with angelic hosts to raise Our voices in endless singing.

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.

When we on that final journey go That Christ is for us preparing,  
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, All joy of the heavens sharing,  
And walk in the light of God's own place, With angels His name adoring.

**SERMON**

***"On The Other Side Of The Rainbow"***

Selected verses from Genesis chapter 6-11

(Rise)

**CREED** *Third Article of the Apostles' Creed*

Pastor: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed. Although not written by the apostles of the first century, it expresses the faith they brought to the nations as the Holy Spirit enlarged the Church. Today we confess the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, which testifies to the person and work of the Holy Spirit, and speak together the section of Luther's Small Catechism that explains it.

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

**People: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

(Be seated)

**OFFERINGS**

**10:30 RITE OF CONFIRMATION** *See insert*

(Rise)

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray to God, our Father, who has promised to hear and answer our prayers. Almighty God, we pray that you would fill us with your peace and lead us by your Spirit, that hearing your Word we may be filled with faith in your Son, Jesus Christ.

**People: Grant us also to show forth the good works of our Lord who has called us from darkness into His marvelous light.**

Pastor: Father in heaven, we commend before you those who are confirmed in the faith. Bless them to walk closely with you all their days. Fill them with your Spirit, that they may follow the ways of our Lord.

**People: We pray also for the renewal of our lives and the refreshment of our life together within our congregation, that in all things the name of the Lord may be praised.**

Pastor: We pray for all those who administer the Means of Grace, that pastors may preach faithfully the Law and Gospel, that missionaries be fruitful in their labors and that all church workers be faithful in their service.

**People: Bless especially our Together in Mission partner, Pastor Chuck Ferry, so that many more may call on the name of the Lord may be saved.**

Pastor: Lord of all, we pray for the nations and those who lead them, praying for peace among the nations, for those who protect and defend us, and for freedom.

**People: Bless our nation that we may lead quiet and peaceful lives, serving our Lord.**

Pastor: God of provision, we pray for the blessing of a fruitful earth, for the needs of the poor, for the widowed and the fatherless, and for the proper protection and care of life from the womb to the grave.

**People: Bless us to treasure your gift of life, so that the name of our Lord may be kept in honor among all people.**

Pastor: Lord of hosts, we pray for those who serve us at home and abroad, the police, firefighters, medical personnel and members of the armed forces.

**People: Bless and protect them and grant them to serve with integrity as they fulfill their duty.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, bless us all with giving hearts and a generous spirit, that the Church may not lack for people and resources to do the Lord's work.

**People: Lead us to work together, that we may serve willingly and joyfully our neighbor in need.**

Pastor: Lord of healing and hope, we pray for those afflicted in body or spirit, especially Arlene, Ruth, Kathleen, Doris, Barb, Jan, Jean, Mae, Bob, Marion, Helen, Leonard, LuEva, Linda, Gladys, Russ, Jack, Shirley, Lois and Sarah.

**People: Grant them peace, patience, relief and healing according to your gracious will.**

Pastor: God of grace, we pray for all those who commune today, that they may receive with repentant faith the Lord's flesh and blood.

**People: Strengthen us all to bear the fruit of this grace, serving the Lord with all of our mind, body and spirit.**

Pastor: God of compassion, look with love upon those who grieve, especially the Ficken family at the passing of Gretchen and the Kochanski family as they already miss Marian.

**People: Comfort them, bless them with your peace and give them hope through the resurrection of Christ.**

Pastor: All these petitions and whatever else you know we need we ask through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who dwells in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, both now and forevermore.

**People: Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

**People: Amen.**

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.  
(Be seated)

**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 #862 "Oh, Blest the House"**

Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all!

A home that is not wholly His How sad and poor and dark it is!

Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in hope and love abound;

They trust their God and serve Him still And do in all His holy will!

Oh, blest the parents who give heed Unto their children's foremost need

And weary not of care or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!

Oh, blest that house; it prospers well. In peace and joy the parents dwell,

And in their children's lives is shown How richly God can bless His own.

Then here will I and mine today A solemn promise make and say:

Though all the world forsake His Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

**HYMN #501 "Come Down, O Love Divine"**

Come down, O Love divine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,

And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing;

O Comforter, draw near; Within my heart appear,

And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, Till worldly passions turn

To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;

And let Thy glorious light Shine ever on my sight,

And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity Mine outward vesture be

And lowliness become mine inner clothing-

True lowliness of heart, Which takes the humbler part,

And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, With which the soul will long,

Shall far out-pass the pow'r of human telling;

No soul can guess His grace Till it become the place

Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

**HYMN #650 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"**

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light;

Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night;

Holy Spirit, ever raising Those of earth to thrones on high;

Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life;

Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife;

Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ:

You we praise with endless worship For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working Through the church's ministry;

Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free;

Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul

In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**CANTICLE**

**"Thank the Lord"**

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Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy

with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Almighty God, the gracious giver of all blessings, we thank you for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. Sanctify us by the working of your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works you desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, to whom, with you and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN #496 “Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

Holy Spirit, light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine;  
Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.

Let me see my Savior’s face, Let me all His beauties trace;  
Show those glorious truths to me Which are only known to Thee.

Holy Spirit, pow’r divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;  
In Thy mercy pity me, From sin’s bondage set me free.

Holy Spirit, joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine;  
Yield a sacred, settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.

Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;  
Cast down every idol throne, Reign supreme, and reign alone.

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