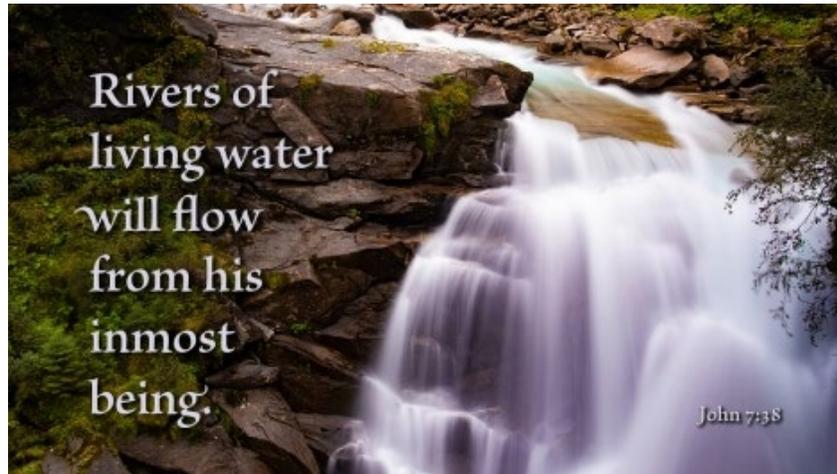


THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Outdoor Worship w/Holy Communion to follow
Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting



"Be and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ"

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

In Holy Communion our Lord Jesus graciously invites those who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to repent of all that separates us from God, and to receive His sacred and real presence for the forgiveness of sins.

In addition to wine, grape juice is also offered.

P - Presiding Minister

A - Assisting Minister

C - Congregation

**** - PLEASE STAND***

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP:

P We gather in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

PENTECOST DIALOGUE:

P May the Lord renew the face of the earth.

C **Come, Holy Spirit!**

P Let us praise our God together with the ancient words of Psalm 104:

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty,

C **covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.**

P He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind;

C **he makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire.**

P You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills;

C **they give drink to every beast of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.**

P Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; they sing among the branches.

C **He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.**

P O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

C **These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.**

P When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

C **When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

P When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

C **May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works,**

P who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

C **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

P Bless the Lord, O my soul!

C **Praise the Lord!**

(Psalm 104:1-4,10-12,19,24,27-33,35b; ESV)

***GATHERING HYMN: “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” vs. 1, 3 (LBW 523)**



1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;

3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;

quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab-solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;

Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.

in com-mu-nion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

***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.**

***KYRIE:** **“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”** **(WOV 775)**

Lord listen to your children praying
Lord send your Spirit in this place
Lord listen to your children praying
Send us love send us pow'r send us grace

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P God of life, on this day you poured forth upon your Church your Spirit through whom we are one body, the body of Christ. Unite us at your table that we may be poured forth into the world, bearing witness to your grace and mercy;
C **through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Numbers 11:24-30

A A reading from Numbers.

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!” ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

A A reading from Acts.

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, {the disciples} were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the

multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and 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, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL: John 7:37-39**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children's message: Fill a pitcher with water and lead the children outside. Talk about how many living things need water, and ask the kids to name some of them. Then talk about how God provides. Slowly pour out the pitcher. Jesus said, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me." Our faith isn't something for one hour on a Sunday. It's for life, all of it. Prayer.



SERMON: Pastor Dwight Hanson

Living Water

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. "*If anyone thirsts,*" Jesus called out, "*let him come to me.*" As it was in John 4 when the Lord spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well, so it would be in John 7, in the heart of Jerusalem, for the sake of the whole world. Water symbolizes universal human need, and Jesus uses it to point to the deepest truth of all: We need God, each and every one of us.

There are some who try to deny it. Nevertheless, they're dependent on the Almighty for every day and every breath. It's true for all of us, just as surely as we need water. No one could deny the need for water, right? Strangely enough, there was one fellow who made such a claim, and he was in the news last week. A Yogi, a religious teacher in India, he claimed that he didn't need to eat or drink to survive, and hadn't consumed anything for decades. Doctors doubted it, of course, but many others still followed him. Well, last week, at the age of 90 years, he died. Whether his claims of being beyond normal need had merit or not, in the end, he could not escape his **basic humanity** ("Indian Yogi Who Claimed He Didn't Eat and Drink for Decades Has Died" by SIEKA, May 27, 2020;

HNGN, May 28).

Like a relationship to the one, true God, the need for water is basic to life on the planet. The Lord, who made all things, understood. Even so, do we not take both God and water for granted? Over two-thirds of the world is covered in water. But only 1% is both fresh and available to drink (NationalGeographic.com). One-fifth of all available fresh water on earth is found a day's drive to the north, in the Great Lakes (Michiganseagrant.org). Maybe Cleveland is onto something! This basic resource is more precious than we understand, even if we have to mop it out of our basements.

There's a reason that astronomers seek evidence of water out in space. It's just that crucial to life. A meteorologist for AccuWeather was excited to point out that there may very well be "rain" on Saturn's largest moon, Titan. "In fact," she writes, "enough rain falls on Titan that lakes, rivers and oceans have been able to form." But before you start packing your vacation bag, here's the rest of the quote: "The main problem is that it is not water falling from these clouds, it's actually liquid methane—that can catch on fire easily!" The fact that it's still a liquid is in itself a miracle given the average temperature, around -285 F (-176 C) (Kristina Pydynowski; "AccuWeather School: Journey to outer space to find rain!" May 28, 2020; www.accuweather.com). Sort of makes me feel better about growing up near Fargo.

At this point, someone may be wondering what any of this has to do with Pentecost Sunday. Isn't it about the Holy Spirit—wind, fire, renewal, languages, and the mighty deeds of God? Yes, it is. Why, then, the focus on water? Because Jesus insists that we cannot fully speak about the Holy Spirit without the image of living water for parched souls. Furthermore, Christ, himself, pours out this living water, freely. If the people of this world are going to make the long journey back to God, after foolishly claiming independence, we will need many resources along the way, chief among them being the Holy Spirit.

For the ancient Israelites, the journey meant following a pillar of fire right through the waters toward the promised land. They would also need water to drink, just as they would need the Word of God. In many ways, the Bible invites us to picture this life as a wilderness journey. It will test the hardest soul. Hasn't this pandemic tested us, the sifting and sorting of needs and priorities? Just how spiritually dehydrated had we allowed ourselves to become? Did we recognize our need and honor the source of Life? That's where we pick up the Gospel for today.

37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Some context is important here. The "feast" at which Jesus made his proclamation was the "Festival of Booths," held in the autumn season, when water was scarce. The festival commemorated God's giving of the

Law through Moses and the 40 years of wandering in the dry desert. All those centuries later, in Jesus' day, the people were to keep the festival by camping in makeshift structures, branches really, a reminder of the uncertainty of existence. Then, each day, there were religious ceremonies held within the Jerusalem Temple. Bible teacher Craig Koester describes the scene that would have surrounded Jesus throughout the week: "Each morning the pilgrims gathered in the temple carrying festal...branches [of] palm, myrtle, and willow—trees typically associated with water." "A priest would appear with a golden pitcher in his hand and process out of the temple through the streets of the city to the pool of Siloam. There he would scoop up a pitcher full of water and return to the temple. When the procession reached the Water Gate, which led into the sanctuary, the ram's horn was blown three times. The priest bearing the pitcher climbed the ramp leading to the top of the altar, where he held his hand high and poured out the water into a small bowl with a spout that drained it onto the altar. The ram's horn was sounded again, the priests processed around the altar, and all the worshippers shook their [branches], shouting, 'Save us, O Lord, we beseech you; O Lord we beseech you, give us prosperity!' (Ps. 118:25)" (Pg. 177-78, *Symbolism in the Fourth Gospel*; Augsburg Fortress, 1995).

Water was for thirst, for cleansing, and the growth of field, garden and orchard. Did you notice in the description that the cleansing water was poured out on the very place of sacrifice? Jesus, himself, would pour out his life for the redemption of the world. Rally to him, he cried, as the powers of the fallen world conspired to put him to death.

John 7 mentions that it was the "great day" of the festival, the culmination. This meant that special prayers were said, as the golden pitcher of water was carried in procession "seven times around the altar of burnt offering" (W. F. Howard; pg. 589, *The Interpreter's Bible*; Vol. 8). It was a sign of perfection amid the imperfection, basic need met by God, alone.

All of the symbolism now starts to flow together, each creek and tributary filling the magnificent river of the water of life. God had provided through the long history of Israel for the sake of the whole world's need, as signified by Pentecost and the Word going out to each in their own native tongue. Many Old Testament passages fill the pitcher from which Jesus poured. Think about how God had provided:

After the Exodus, as the people panicked and grumbled in the heat, God told Moses to raise his staff and strike solid rock. Out came pure water, a miracle of God's provision (Exodus 17:1-7; Numbers 20:2-13).

Or how about Psalm 1:3 where those who meditate on God's law are like trees planted by streams of water?

The water image roars through the prophets, as they call the people to account. In Jeremiah 2:13, God speaks directly to the sinful disregard of the most basic relationship, "¹³*for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.*" God is the fountain of living water. There is no other. The deepest thirst in any human life cannot be satisfied apart from reconciliation with our Maker. Such is the work of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Did you notice in the Jeremiah passage that it wasn't just about neglect of faith. The people had started digging out *cisterns of their own*. The prophet says that these false hopes are all cracked and "hold no water." How many people do you know right now who are thirsty in the Biblical sense? How many keep going back to wells that will not ever satisfy? How can we be of assistance? It begins by knowing the way, oneself, to the fountain of life. Then it's as simple as an invitation, "Come and see."

The hard word of accountability ultimately serves the purpose of restoration. Isaiah 44:3, "³*For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.*" One can see it now, creek and stream flowing along toward the mighty river of God. Dr. Koester describes the scene:

"Most significantly, the book of Zechariah ends with a vision of the day when God would come to reign as king over all the earth. When that happened, 'living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea; it shall continue in summer as in winter' (Zech. 14:8)." "Jesus' words have [this] kind of universal scope... He invited 'anyone' (*tis*) who was thirsty to come and drink the living water that would flow from him after his death... Jesus was extending his invitation beyond...Israel" (pg. 178).

But one last essential note: In chapter 7, our Gospel today, Jesus still had Holy Week in front of him. As he said, he hadn't yet been "glorified," and therefore the Spirit had not yet been given. But the culmination would come, the Spirit poured out, just as the Savior poured out his life for the world, for us.

This is where the imagery of the sacred water over the altar of sacrifice breaks through. Dr. Koester explains:

“Jesus would be ‘glorified’ (7:39) in death; water would flow from his side as he hung on the cross; the disciples would receive the Spirit from the one who displayed the scars from his execution (19:34; 20:20-22).” “At the cross it was he who said, ‘I thirst’; and with these words he put himself in the place of those he came to aid.” “It was the Jesus who thirsted who was the fountain of living water. His gift was not given without cost: he gave life to others precisely at the expense of his own” (Pgs. 179-80, 183).

And for each thirsty soul who runs to the fountain, there’s now a cup that overflows for the good of the world, for the spreading of the Gospel. So, the holy wind blows, the sacred fire burns, the living water cleanses and quenches, and God gives the growth. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***HYMN OF THE DAY: “My Life Flows on in Endless Song” vs. 1-4 (WOV 781)**



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion,
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav - en and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
 Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

***NICENE CREED:**

**C 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,
By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the
virgin Mary, and was made man.
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, with the Father and the
Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

**A Let us pray: Come, Holy Spirit, and blow through our lives with a mighty renewal
of purpose. Enlighten us about our spiritual thirst. Draw us to the fountain of
living water, Jesus Christ. Inspire us to cherish his name and his Word, so that
we may be able to share it with others, like cups that overflow. Place your mission
in our hearts. Bless this congregation, Bishop Selbo, the national Council, NALC
staff, Disaster Response, our districts and Ohio region, as well as outreach
partners: Military Veterans and Families Ministries; Transfiguration Lutheran
Mission; Chris, Emily and family; and helpful organizations within our own
community; especially we lift up food banks and the workers and volunteers who
run them. Lord, in your mercy,**

C Hear our prayer.

**A We pray, O Lord, for the needs of the world, continually lifting up the gravely ill,
and those who tend them. Bring healing and faith to each one. Also, Lord, help all
who struggle with financial worries to seek first your Kingdom, entrusting all the**

rest to your gracious hand. Grant wisdom and humility to our leaders at the national, state and local levels, that they would be servants of the common good according to your will. Give them strength amid the daily dilemmas and opportunities. And protect all who serve with honor in harm's way, and their families. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A We entrust to your care those whom we name at this time: *(Iva-Laura Sherry, Bryan Dehner, Beverly Proeschel, John Buechler, Duane Kester, Elsie Burkle, Janet (Nelson) Hardin, Larry (Ruth) Hardin, Pastor Brian Matevia, Dean Shetter, Pastor Dave (Carol) Matevia, Paul Friedmann, Tyson Helman, Gretchen Edwards, Joslynn Beneke, Susan Root, Linda McCartney, Ted Vonderwell, Tom Schamel, Linda Stupp, Jodi Bierd, Naia Miller, including all who are homebound)*, as well as those whom we name in our hearts (*silent prayer*). Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,

C Trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OFFERING: Offerings will be received in the Offering Box.
(Or mailed to the church (P.O. Box 86, Eaton, OH 45320))**

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: LBW #565

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1673-1711

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

P Let us pray: Heavenly Father, on this day when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon all who cherished the name of Jesus, an unbelieving world mocked and questioned the Apostles. As we remember and celebrate the event that was the turning point in history, we also confess our own worldliness, all of the doubts, the unbelief, chasing after false idols that offer glory but lead only to destruction. We need your grace. By the power of the Holy Spirit and the light of the resurrection of Christ, scatter the lingering darkness of sin and breathe new life into us. Restore us, O Lord. Make us instruments of your everlasting peace, clothed with holy power from on high.

C Forgive us and use us for the glory of the Kingdom. Prepare our hearts to receive this Sacrament, as Jesus comes to us in his holy supper.

P By the authority of the risen Christ and the power of the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, I declare to all who have confessed their sins that as surely as Christ is Lord, so, too, are your sins forgiven. In the name of the Father, + and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

P In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

***LORD'S PRAYER:**

C **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 COMMUNION & BLESSING OF CHILDREN
(AT CHURCH -- Please remain where you are. Holy Communion will be
 delivered by assistants to you.)**

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*

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

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***BLESSING:**

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

C **Amen.**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:**

P Let us pray:

C **Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one Heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION:**

P 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. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN:**

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"
(WOV 684)

Chorus

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness
Blow through the wilderness
Calling and free
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness
Stir me from placidness
Wind, wind on the sea

Verse 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
Wake from your slumbers
And rise on your wings

Verse 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 their idols and lies
Then You spoke through Your prophets
To open their eyes

Verse 3

You sang in a stable
You cried from a hill
Then You whispered in silence
When the whole world was still
And down in the city
You called once again
When You blew through Your people
On the rush of the wind

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***DISMISSAL:**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Drink!

Find the 28 **bold** words from John 7:37-39 (ESV)

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W H O E V E R E C F E Y N T E
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J G C U I T D D E H E O E P I
Z O R E S P R R D Q B N W B R
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K H S K R W E C O M E D C U E
T A V G N I V I L S P A J C Y
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H N D E I F I R O L G V E O S

On the **last day** of the **feast**, the **great day**,
Jesus stood up and **cried out**, "If anyone
thirsts, let **him come** to me and **drink**. **Whoever**
believes in me, as the **Scripture** has said, 'Out of
his **heart** will **flow rivers** of **living water**.'" Now
this he said about the **Spirit**, whom those who
believed in him were to **receive**, for as **yet** the
Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not
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Today's Gospel Lesson

Sunday of the Pentecost

May 31, 2020

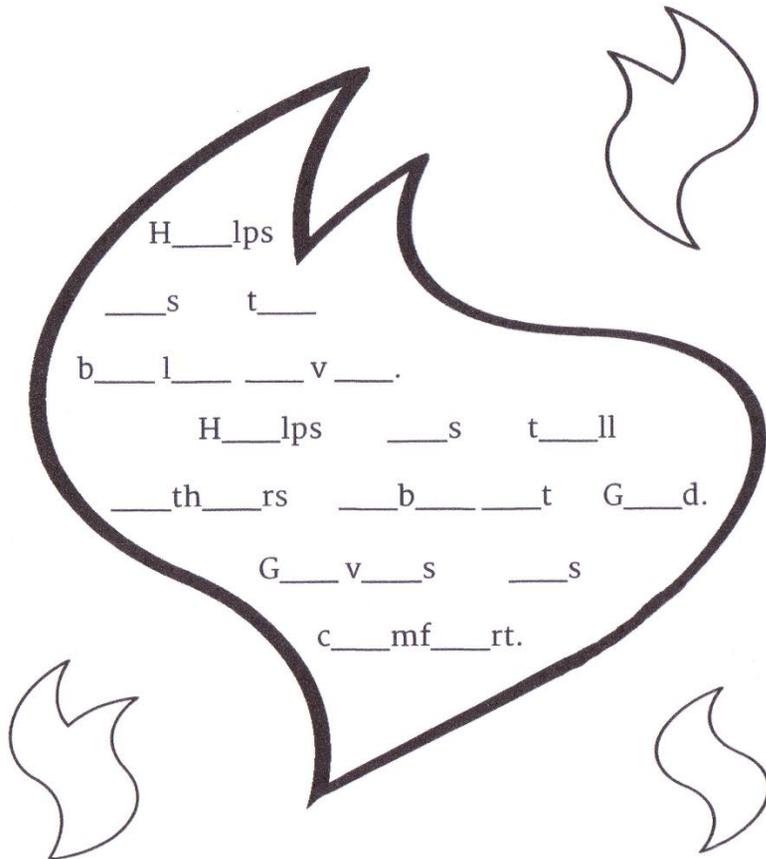


Just as Jesus had promised,
the Holy Spirit came to his friends.

Children's Worship Pages

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to the disciples. It looked like a flame resting above each person's head.

What does the Holy Spirit do for us? To find out, fill in the missing letters with vowels (a,e,i, o, u).



“And in the last days it shall be,” God declares, “that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.” (Acts 2:17a)

The prefix “pente” in Pentecost means fifty.

Fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead, he sent the gift of the Holy Spirit to believers!

Count to 50 by 10's.

10 > > > >

Count to 50 by 5's.

5 > > > >

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On the day of Pentecost, many people were able to understand the Good News that the apostles were preaching, even though they spoke different languages!

Practice writing, “Hello,” in several different languages:

French: BONJOUR! _____

Swahili: HABARI! _____

Norwegian: GODDAG! _____

Ojibwa: ANIIN! _____

Italian: CIAO! _____

