

Sunday, May 20, 2018
Day of Pentecost

PRELUDE

"O Store Gud"

Dan Miller

*GATHERING SONG

"O Day Full of Grace" vs. 1-4

ELW 627

O day full of grace that now we see
appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be
abundant in joy this season.
God, shine 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 shame and despair 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,
the Spirit new life revealing,
that we might no more in death be lost,
its pow'r over us dispelling.
This flame will the mark of sin efface
and bring to us all true healing.

*GREETING

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

G And also with you.

*KYRIE

"Kyrie Eleison"

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Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;

for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☞ *Mighty God,*

☞ you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

ANTHEM

"Spirit, Come Down"

Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

FIRST READING

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

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 nation 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, “Men of Judea 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 sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
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.’”

Reflection

Pentecost is a Jewish festival. The word means fifty, and it comes fifty days after the Passover. It originally celebrated the wheat harvest. Luke, the writer of Acts, comments on the great number of Jews in Jerusalem, probably celebrating the festival of Pentecost. Of course, for Christians, Pentecost has come to mean something entirely different from a celebration of the wheat harvest. What happened when the disciples were together on the day of Pentecost? (verses 1-4) What were the signs of the Spirit that were manifest that morning? What did the people who came together because of the sounds that they heard hear that bewildered them? (verse 6) If you have access to a copy of the Lutheran Bible, there is a map on page 1797 (by Acts 2:6) that shows the cities and countries of the Jews listed in Acts 2: 9-11. What was the question asked by those who heard? (verse 12) What was the cynical answer given by some? (verse 13) How does Peter explain what was happening? (verses 14-21) Note that Peter’s text for his sermon is Joel 2:28-32. How does he use that Biblical text to explain what is happening?

As you reflect on this text, you may want to revisit Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, which you can find on page 1162 in the hymnal, or in any copy you may have of Luther's Small Catechism. According to the Small Catechism, what is the work of the Holy Spirit? How do you see the Holy Spirit at work in your life?

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

²⁷**All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.**

³²You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

³⁴May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.
Hal- | lelujah!**

Reflection

As you read this text from Psalm 104, what does the psalmist rejoice in? (verses 24-26) How is the Holy Spirit involved in the creation of the world? (See Genesis 1) How is the Spirit of God involved in continuing to create and to nourish creation? (verses 27-30) What would happen if the Spirit of God were to withdraw from creation, from us? (verse 29) What is our response as we celebrate and thank God for the Spirit? (verses 31-35) Although it is not included in our text, it's hard not to read verse 35a. Do you think God nourishes sinners? How is the Holy Spirit with those who sin?

SECOND READING

Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and 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. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise 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. ²⁷And 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.

Reflection

What is the relationship between sin and the good creation of God, and how are we who are sinners part of this new creation? (verses 22-23) What is the source of our hope? How do we who hope live in such a painful situation as our lives "groaning in labor pains" as part of the creation? What is the gift of the Spirit as we wait in hope? (verses 24-25) How does the Spirit help us as we wait? (verses 26-27) How do you pray when you don't know even what to pray for? How is the Spirit involved in our prayer?

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

*GOSPEL

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

When speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and described the difference the Spirit would make in their lives and in the world.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“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. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless 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. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about

righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Reflection

Who is the Advocate? (verse 26) How does this Advocate help us? What do you think it means to testify or give witness to your faith? How do you witness when you don't know what to say? The disciples undoubtedly grieved when Jesus left them. (verses 4b-6) What does Jesus say about his going away? (verse 7) What is the role of the Advocate/the Spirit in teaching the world about Jesus? (verses 8-11) Whose voice/mind/heart/strength does the Spirit speak? (verses 12-15) How do you experience the voice/mind/heart/strength of the Spirit in your life and faith?

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kris Langdon

SERMON

"Seven Gifts"

Rev. Roger Lenander

SONG OF THE DAY

"Wind of God, Dynamic Spirit"

(tune) ELW 461

**Wind of God, dynamic Spirit,
breathe upon our hearts today;
that we may your power inherit
hear us, Spirit, as we pray:
fill the vacuum that enslaves us
emptiness of heart and soul;
and, through Jesus Christ who saves us,
give us life and make us whole.**

**Voice of God, prophetic Spirit,
speak to every heart today
to encourage or prohibit
urging action or delay:
clear the vagueness which impedes us
come, enlighten mind and soul;
and, through Jesus Christ who leads us,
teach the truth that makes us whole.**

**Fire of God, volcanic Spirit,
burn within our hearts today;
cleanse our sin may we exhibit**

holiness in every way:
purge the squalidness that shames us,
soils the body, taints the soul;
and through Jesus Christ who claims us,
purify us, make us whole.

***APOSTLES' CREED**

☒ 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!

***PRAYER SONG**

"The Spirit Intercedes For Us"

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The Spirit intercedes for us
with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, oh.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

A brief silence.

Lord of life, you baptize your people with the fire of the Spirit. Grace your church everywhere with your visions and dreams, so that as we testify, all will hear the gospel and call upon your saving name. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your creating Spirit renews the face of the earth. Bring to birth new life in the earth's land forms and waters. Awaken us from the slumber of neglect to show tender care for our home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your Spirit swept over the waters and you created the human family. Now we are divided, scattered like dry bones. Connect the nations with the strength of the Holy Spirit, so that all will live in hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your Spirit sighs with every need. Guide us in honoring the dignity of everyone and opening our lives to others. Pour your healing mercies into the lives of all who need your care *especially Dorothy, Mary Anna, Kay*, and for those we name before you aloud or silently in our hearts (pause for 10 seconds). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your Spirit has called and gathered this congregation into life in Christ. Help us in our weakness, teach us to pray, search our hearts, and intercede for us, your beloved saints, according to your will. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

By your Holy Spirit you have called and gathered people from every nation under heaven. Gather us with all the saints at the heavenly banquet that has no end. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen!

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P *The peace of Christ be with you always.*

Q **And also with you!**

OFFERTORY

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

**Sweet Holy Spirit,
sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us,
Filling us with Your love;
And for these blessings
We lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know
That we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.**

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

“Now the Feast and Celebration” (refrain only)

ELW 167

**Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P *Be known to us, O Lord,*

G **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.
Amen!**

***DIALOGUE**

P *The Lord be with you.*

G **And also with you.**

P *Lift up your hearts.*

G **We lift them to the Lord.**

P *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

G **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***PREFACE**

P *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord God,
God of might and power;
Holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy Lord God,
God of might and power;
Holy is the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna here on earth
Blest is he who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna here on earth.
Blest is he who comes
In the name of the Lord.**

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P *Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.
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.
With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

C **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

P *O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.*

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P *Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.*

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P *With our holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.*

C **Amen!**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P *Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P *Now let us feast on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!*

***BLESSING**

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

C **Amen!**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P *Life-giving God,*

C **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 the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen!

***BENEDICTION**

☞ *May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.*

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☞ **Amen!**

***SENDING SONG**

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Refrain

Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so fine,
ask my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain*

Jordan River, chilly and cold,
chills the body but not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track,
run to heaven and right back. *Refrain*

I have heartache, I have woe,
I have trouble here below.
While God leads me I'll not fear,
I am sheltered by God's care. *Refrain*

***DISMISSAL**

☞ *Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.*

☞ **Thanks be to God!**