

DAY OF PENTECOST

June 5, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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READING

Acts 2:1-21 - A Sound Like a Strong Wind

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force - no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were blown away. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene; Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; even Cretans and Arabs! "They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?" Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk; it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

"In the Last Days," God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters; your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams. When the time comes, I'll pour out my Spirit on those who serve me, men and women both, and they'll prophesy. I'll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood-red, before the Day of the Lord arrives, the Day tremendous and marvellous; and whoever calls out for help to me, God, will be saved."

GATHERING SONG

EvLW # 401 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all humanity.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.

A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Holy Living One, Holy Moving One, burst open our locked doors, and by your Spirit drive us out into the world proclaiming your mighty deeds. Direct our words and actions, trusting the Advocate abiding in and among us. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Feed and care for creatures that remain hidden to us yet contribute to the vibrancy of your creation. Train us to interact with creation from a place of wonder, awe, and reverence. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send your Spirit to places where language is a barrier to justice and mercy for those who seek it. Bless the work of translators, interpreters, and teachers. Promote understanding for the sake of those longing for true freedom and peace. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Comfort all who live in constant fear and any who are suffering especially Deb, Lloyd, Jordon, Ferolyn, Elethia, Daryl, and Carol. Remind them that your Spirit has made them your children and that they are never far from your glory. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide all bishops, pastors, missionaries, and all who witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. Foster our relationships with partner synods and local ministry partners especially the Two Rivers Ministry Area and other congregations in Elmira, that our visions and actions are Spirit-led. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Gather your people across regions, nations, and lands. Root our common life in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and by your Spirit bind us together with all the saints who have gone before us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

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

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.

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

OUR HEARTS AND MINDS ARE OPEN

THE GOSPEL

John 14:8-17, 25, 26 NLT

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don’t know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do.

“I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!

“If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

MESSAGE

To hear the Word of God and share in the Lord’s Supper

Today’s Questions:

- What gets in the way of you recognizing God’s voice?
- When or in what situation did you feel God’s presence in the Lord’s Supper?

HYMN OF THE DAY

EvLW # 510 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Litany of Invitation

Among us and before us, Lord, you stand with arms outstretched and bread and wine at hand. **Confronting those unworthy of a crumb, you ask that to your table we should come.**

DISMISSAL

Let us go into the world rejoicing. It is Christ who goes before us. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Jun 06	Joel 2:18-29	1 Corinthians 2:1-11	Psalm 48
Tue	Jun 07	Ezekiel 11:14-25	1 Corinthians 2:12-16	Psalm 48
Wed	Jun 08	Numbers 24:1-14	Luke 1:26-38	Psalm 48
Thu	Jun 09	Proverbs 3:13-18	Ephesians 1:17-19	Psalm 8
Fri	Jun 10	Proverbs 3:19-26	Ephesians 4:1-6	Psalm 8
Sat	Jun 11	Proverbs 4:1-9	Luke 2:41-52	Psalm 8
Sun	Jun 12	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	(2) Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	Psalm 8

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