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**Pentecost**

**May 23, 2021**

## *Welcome to Shepherd of the Lakes*

We're here to shepherd Christ's flock and seek the lost sheep by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all. Come, let us worship!

### *For Your Convenience...*

A room for any parents with children in need of a quiet place is located just outside of the back of the sanctuary. Restrooms are located in the hallway toward the front of the sanctuary. Please ask if you have any further questions or concerns..

### *Prayer before worship*

Heavenly Father, as I worship you today, curb my wandering thoughts. Speak to my heart. Encourage me with your Word, that my faith is strengthened, my confidence and hope renewed, and I am recommitted to serve you faithfully. In Jesus' name, amen.



# SERVICE of the Word



Pg. 38 in Christian Worship

*This service offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.*

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**OPENING HYMN: CW 188**.....*Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid*

*PLEASE STAND*

## OPENING DIALOGUE

**M:** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. *Genesis 1:1-2*

**C:** **The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.** *Job 33:4*

**M:** Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

**C:** **If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.** *Psalm 139:7-8*

**M:** The Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever." *Genesis 6:3*

**C:** **O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.**

**M:** Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in agony.

**C:** **Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.** *Psalm 6:1,2,4*

**M:** Jesus said to his disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." *John 20:22-23*

**C:** **No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** *John 3:5-6*

**M:** The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. *Isaiah 61:1*

**C:** There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

*Romans 8:1*

**M:** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 2

*Corinthians 3:17*

**C:** Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia! *Liturgical statement*

**OH, TASTE AND SEE**



**C:** Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gifts of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.



*PLEASE BE SEATED*

## GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

### **FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

#### ***The Valley of Dry Bones***

**37** 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

<sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! <sup>5</sup> This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup> 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.'"

<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup> 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.'"<sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

<sup>11</sup> 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.’ <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. <sup>14</sup> 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.’”

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 51b (*on p. 87 in the front of your hymnal*)

## **SECOND LESSON: Acts 2:1-21**

### ***The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost***

**2** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

### ***Peter Addresses the Crowd***

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

- 17 “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.
- 18 Even on my servants, both men and women,  
 I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
 and they will prophesy.
- 19 I will show wonders in the heavens above  
 and signs on the earth below,  
 blood and fire and billows of smoke.
- 20 The sun will be turned to darkness  
 and the moon to blood  
 before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
- 21 And everyone who calls  
 on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

## VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PLEASE STAND

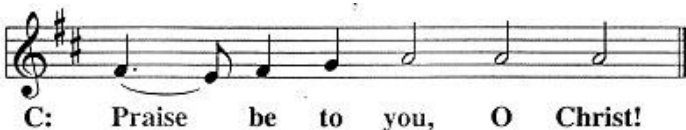
**GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-11**

***The Work of the Holy Spirit***

<sup>26</sup> “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. <sup>27</sup> 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, <sup>5</sup> but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup> Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because people do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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**HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 177**.....*Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest*

**SERMON**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ANTHEM**.....*Take the World But Give Me Jesus*

*PLEASE STAND*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

## THE THIRD ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLE'S CREED & MARTIN LUTHER'S EXPLANATION

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.

### *What does this mean?*

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing 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 fully forgives all sins to me and 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.

**OFFERING** *Offerings can be placed in the offering plate in the back of our sanctuary. They can also be mailed to our church office at 114 E. Blue Earth Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031 or made on our website under the "Donate" tab at the top of the homepage or taken to Profinium Bank in Fairmont .*

**To our visitors:** *Our offering is not a debt we owe God, but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation, but love for God. The members of Shepherd of the Lakes have joined together to spread God's message both in this community and around the world. As our guest, please do not feel obligated to contribute. We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you.*

## Rite of Confirmation

*Those being confirmed stand to profess their Christian faith*

## PRAYER

*The minister addresses the congregation*

**M:** Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for these confirmands, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray:



Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your great goodness in bringing this daughter of yours to the knowledge of your Son, Jesus Christ, and in giving her both a heart to believe and a mouth to confess his saving name. Enable her to bring forth the fruits of faith and to continue steadfast and victorious until the day comes when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

*Those being confirmed receive their individual blessing(s)*

**HYMN: CW 599.....Our Lord and God, Oh, Bless This Day**

#### **Verse 1**

***Our Lord and God, oh, bless this day And hear us, we implore you;  
None of your children turn away Who now appear before you.  
We come before your face And pray: let your rich grace  
Descend from heav'n above In all your wondrous love,  
And keep us by your Spirit.***

#### **Verse 2**

***Oh, bless your Word to all the young; Let them, your truth possessing,  
Bear witness true with heart and tongue, Their faith and ours confessing.  
From mother's arms your grace With love did them embrace.  
Baptized into your name, As yours you did them claim;  
O Lord, as yours now own them!***

### Verse 3

*When they their vows today renew, Accept them with your favor.  
And when they speak the great "I do," May they forget it never!  
But they are weak and frail, When Satan's hosts assail;  
O arm them with your might, And grant that in the fight  
They unto death be faithful.*

### Verse 4

*And when they leave their childhood home, When Satan comes alluring,  
May their baptismal grace become A refuge reassuring.  
God's covenant is sure; His promises endure.  
They ne'er shall be undone Who trust in God alone—  
God is their mighty Father!*

PLEASE STAND

### PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people.  
Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation,  
and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE BLESSING

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



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**CLOSING HYMN: CW 332**.....*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

## Notes and News for May 23,2021

### Prayer Requests

As a we love each other as the body of Christ, we want to "rejoice with those who rejoice [and] mourn with those who mourn" (Romans 12:15). If you have any prayer requests, please pass them on to Pastor that we may take them to the Lord with you!

### Kitchen Appliances for Sale

With the decision at our last voters meeting to remodel the church kitchen there will also be new appliances purchased. The current appliances will be put up for sale with our members having first opportunity. The appliances include a countertop microwave (cream colored), an over-the-range microwave (black), an under cabinet hood for a stove (white), and a dual fuel range (cream colored). Please note, that if you do purchase the countertop microwave, they would like to keep the microwave through the project to use it until the kitchen is done. There is also our round table (60 inches in diameter) that is available for purchase as well if anyone is interested.

## **End of Month Fellowship Opportunity**

The Evangelism Committee continues to try and hold fellowship events on the last Sunday of every month.

Now that the weather is beginning to improve, they have finally been able to plan an outdoor event! On May 30th, there will be a great opportunity to join us for some fishing and lunch! You can either bring your favorite picnic lunch from home or order something from town. The current plan is to meet at Pierce Park in town between 12:30 and 12:45 to enjoy some lunch together and have an opportunity to fish if you wish. Other activities will also be provided if fishing does not LURE you in ;) Pastor will be sure to update everyone if the place changes between now and then! But wherever we find a place to eat and fish we hope you can join us!

## **Remember in your Prayers this Week**

- + Birthdays: Angie Rogotzke (5/28)!
- + Prayer requests: Alyvia Anderson on her confirmation day; Seth Hughes for his recent graduation from Wisconsin Lutheran College

## **Coming Up this Week**

**Today 5/23**.....Worship with Confirmation 9:30am  
Bible Class 10:45am  
Sunday School 10:45am

**Monday 5/24**.....Weeknight Bible Class 6:30pm

**Saturday 5/29**.....Bible Information Class 9:30am

**Sunday 5/30**.....Worship with 9:30am  
Bible Class 10:45am