

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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INVOCATION

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HYMN – ELW #396

“Spirit of Gentleness”

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 Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 2:1-21

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 8:14-17

VERSE: Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

ELW #172

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

THE GOSPEL

John 14:8-27

REFLECTION: On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and grace with all the world.

HYMN - Insert LLC #368

“O Living Breath of God”
“Soplo de Dios”

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to invite more and more people. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard all firefighters and rescuers.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for courts and legislatures. Inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and law officials in a desire for reconciliation.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all graduates. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they also know your love and experience your peace in all the experiences they encounter. Bless also the parents of these students.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this congregation and especially those learning about Holy Communion. Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We offer thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING *Allelu, Allelu, Allelu Gracias Senor*

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HYMN – ELW #517 **"Lord Keep Us Steadfast"**
LLC #399 **"Sostennos firmes"**

BENEDICTION: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship
MONDAY	10:00 a.m.	WIHP Meeting
WEDNESDAY	8:00 p.m.	AA

Warm welcome to violist Johann Diaz who returns as guest musician today.

Thank you to those who ordered red geraniums: Marsha Kennedy, Sandy Loughery, Sandi McMaster, Darlene Neill, Pastor Linda Theophilus, and Helen Williams.

Let us pray for...

Kurt Kusserow, **Bishop, Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod**
Peter Asplin, Melissa Stoller, **Assistants to the Bishop**
Elizabeth Eaton, **Presiding Bishop, ELCA**
Bishop Henrik Stubkjær, **President, Lutheran World Federation**
President Modeste, **Tulear Synod, Malagasy Lutheran Church**

HEALING & SPECIAL NEEDS: George & Debbie K., asylum seekers especially children, Rachel, Peggy, Marilyn & Brian, Rose & Chip, Rita, Judy H., Kirk, Len & Carole, Roni, Karin, Tommy C., Karen., Darlene & Al, Lana, Dayton, Ed R., Tyler, Nan, Sandra, Marylene, Yuri, Lynn F., Pr. Tony, Debbie, Amanda & baby, Mitzi, Pat N., Lynn's brother, Charlie, David, Janice, Lance F., Debbie B., Mase, Mindy, Tony, Don M., Alexis' son, Jacob, Chuck A., Roy H., Janet, Linda K., Jeff B., Deanna, Ciana, Fernando, Sarah, Ed K., Karen M., John & Myschel, Marsha, & all with flu, RSV, & COVID & undiagnosed illnesses.

NURSING HOME & ASSISTED LIVING: Mary Jane Freund (Concordia Ridgewood-Plum); Shirley & Jack Pickens (William Penn Center); Roni Mayhood (Merakey); Esther Schwab (Seneca Manor); June Minnear (Beatty Point Village); Evelyn Rae Dodson (Seneca Place); Peggy Ebert (Kane-McKeesport).

CAREGIVERS: Judy M., Chris, Chip, Rebecca, Darlene, Elaine.

EMPLOYMENT: Carolina, Cassie, Tyler.

COUNTRY OF THE MONTH: Places with famine and near famine: Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gaza.

MISSION PARTNER: Holy Trinity - East Pittsburgh

CHURCH OF THE MONTH: Trinity, Verona

LUTHERAN AGENCY: Thiel College

SCHOOL OF THE MONTH: Beechwood Elementary

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

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.'"

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

- 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 many 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 endure 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.**
³⁴ May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.
^{35b} **Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel: John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

⁸ Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."