

Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Day of Pentecost

May 31, 2020



*Receive the
Holy Spirit*

JOHN 20:22



WORSHIP AT HOME

All are Welcome at Pilgrim Lutheran Church!

We've been expecting you, because we are always expecting pilgrims — the people of God on the journey of faith and life!

Welcome to Worship at Home, on this Day of Pentecost!

In this extraordinary time in our world, as we follow public health guidelines, for the care of the neighbor and ourselves, we are keeping our physical distance. But we are still connected in the body of Christ. As a Pilgrim community, we will not be gathering in the flesh for worship for an unknown period of time, but we are seeking ways to provide support for worshipping at home, for caring for one another, and for nurturing our journeys of faith.

This online bulletin is a guide to what we are offering to support you in worshipping at home on this Sunday. We invite you to participate in this experience of the good news of the gospel in whatever ways make most sense for you. It might mean pushing the pause button at any point, or journeying through this experience repeatedly in the coming days. We offer this as one way to support you in feeling connected to God and to the Pilgrim body of Christ and to the body of Christ around the world.

This online bulletin is not filled with our usual announcements in the back of the bulletin. We commend you to Pilgrim community emails (always posted on the Pilgrim website homepage), as well as the Pilgrim monthly newsletter (posted on the Pilgrim website), where we will continue to share updates.

About Pentecost:

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

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PILGRIM is...

...A Home for Hungry Minds and Souls

...An inclusive Christian worshipping community that seeks, nurtures, and empowers hungry minds and souls to live generously in response to God's love.

...A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

...A Caring for Creation Congregation

...An ELCA Congregation

Before the service, speak to God;

During the service,

let God speak to you;

After the service,

speak to one another.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

L: = Leader
Regular Print

C: = Congregation
Bold Print

PRELUDE

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

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- 1 Eternal Spirit of the living Christ,
I know not how to ask or what to say;
I only know my need, as deep as life,
and only you can teach me how to pray.
- 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
help me to see your purpose and your will,
where I have failed, what I have done amiss;
held in forgiving love, let me be still.
- 3 Come with the vision and the strength I need
to serve my God and all humanity;
fulfillment of my life in love outpoured:
my life in you, O Christ, your love in me. Amen.

Text: Frank von Christierson, 1900-1996

GREETING AT THE BEGINNING



Fresh to our fold comes a bless-ed new lamb, Giv-en by God and re - joiced o'er by all.
Bless-ings, O Pil - grim, born bo - dy so bright, Liv-ing and mov-ing and breath-ing a - new.



Ba - by, we wel-come you now at your birth - We'll help you to hear the Shep-herd's call.
Winds of the Spir - it light ten-der on you - And blow through our con - gre - ga - tion, too.

Text: Suzanne Swanson © 2004; Tune: Traditional Scottish Highland

SILENCE FOR
CENTERING

*The singing bowl invites
us into a few moments of
silence and reflection.*

SILENCE FOR CENTERING

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
 nor rootless liberty;
 turn disquiet to contentment,
 doubt into certainty.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
 unswayed by earth's allure,
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,
 which you alone assure.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 (NRSV)

³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Refrain (1st time — Choir sings, All repeat)

Send forth your Spir - it and re - new the face of the earth.

Choir sings the even verses, All sing the odd verses.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-ly 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. REFRAIN**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. REFRAIN**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! REFRAIN**

READING

John 20:19-23

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Temple authorities. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰Having said this, the savior showed them the marks of crucifixion. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus, ²¹who said to them again, "Peace be with you. As Abba God sent me, so I'm sending you." ²²After saying this, Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you retain anyone's sins, they are retained."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

READING

Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. ² Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven **(ALL SHARE IN RUSTLING OF PAPER)**; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. ³ Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. ⁴ They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them. **(ALL SPEAK ALOUD “Come, Holy Spirit” IN ANY LANGUAGE, 3-5 TIMES)**

⁵ Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, ⁶ and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. ⁷ They were amazed and astonished: “Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! ⁸ How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? ⁹ We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome— ¹¹ all Jews, or converts to Judaism—Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!” ¹² All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others said mockingly, “They’ve drunk too much new wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: “Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! ¹⁵ These people are not drunk as you think—it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! ¹⁶ No, it’s what Joel the prophet spoke of:

¹⁷ ‘In the days to come—
it is our God who speaks—

I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind.

**(ALL JOIN IN TAPPING ON SOMETHING QUIETLY,
CONTINUING UNTIL THE END OF THIS READING)**

Your daughters and sons will prophesy,
your young people will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on the most insignificant of my people, both women and men,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will display wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below: blood, fire and billowing smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon will become blood
before the coming of the great and sublime day of our God.

²¹ And all who call upon the name of our God will be saved.”

L: Holy wisdom, holy word.

C: Thanks be to God.



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
 the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

AFFIRMATION OF
FAITH

*from the MIT Lutheran-
Episcopal Ministry,
Cambridge, MA*

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All chant on a single pitch, given and accompanied by the organ

**C: We believe in one God,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 who in goodness created us and by grace sustains us.
 We believe in Jesus Christ,
 beloved child of God,
 who became a human being and lived among us,
 experiencing fully the joys, sorrows and temptations of human life.
 While he walked the earth, he taught and healed,
 but most of all he loved,
 and showed us how to love one another.
 By us and for us he was crucified;
 he died and was buried.**

Yet he rose again and lives on,
freeing us and empowering us to be children of God.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
poured out upon the early disciples at the Day of Pentecost
and upon us in our baptisms.
The Spirit has spoken through the prophets,
continues still to speak through us today,
and joins us together in the body of Christ,
yearning within us to pray for those things too deep for words,
nourishing us in faith
and bringing us to the wholeness of life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER

We give thanks for the Word proclaimed and for all the gifts of God, and we
pray for all of God's creation

PEACE *The peace of Christ is with us now and always.*

OFFERING

*During this time, we invite you to share of your God-given blessings.
Consider going to "donate" on the Pilgrim website or mail a check to us at
Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1935 St. Clair Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105.
<https://tinyurl.com/pilgrimstpaul>*

MUSICAL OFFERING
Paul Stever is one of the ones who submitted a vocal recording for this project. To learn more, go to <https://alcm.org/virtual-hymn/>

MUSICAL OFFERING O Day Full of Grace arr. by David Cherwien
Virtual Choir organized by the National Lutheran Choir for Pentecost

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Enable us for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ.
C: **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — after each petition:

L: God of mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Our Pentecost God, Our Mother,
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 in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER
This version of the Lord's Prayer, with the words "save us in the time of trial," is from the Iona Community in Scotland.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

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1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -

a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -

wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace...

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading
Paul Stever, organ

Arr. Michael Bedford

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Presiding Minister— Pastor Jen Rome

Music Director, Organist, and Pianist — Paul Stever

Musicians — Choral Scholars and choir members

Prayers — Peter Spuit

Readers — The Barry/Brandt family; Joanna Deer with Choral Scholars and Choir
members in background



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