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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
May 31, 2020

Day of Pentecost/ Senior Recognition Sunday

Prayer Before Worship: Come, Holy Spirit! Send your spirit anew to kindle a flame within us so we might worship you with joy. Create in us a desire to be your faithful people. Fill us with zeal to witness to the power of your Spirit and the wonder of your love. Amen.

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

***Visitors**, if you are worshipping with us online today, we are glad to have you with us.*

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross ✠ the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, by whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Amen.

God has been made known to us in deeds of power, signs, and wonders, and will not abandon us if we confess the truth about our lives, therefore let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for prayer and reflection.

Almighty God,
you poured your Spirit upon the gathered disciples creating a new community of faith. We confess that we too often hold back the force of your Spirit among us nor live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform us by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, after he breathed his Spirit on the disciples and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven. If you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Trusting in Jesus' promise, I announce to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Greeting

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

And also with you.

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.

✠GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US✠

Gospel Acclamation

(Spoken)

**Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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:

¹⁷In 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.'

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Chris

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡

Hymn

“O Day Full of Grace”

**ELW #627
vv. 4**

**4. 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.**

Profession of Faith: The 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.**

Prayers of the Church:

Each petition ends with:

Lord, in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with:

....through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Exchange of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offertory Prayer

Having offered ourselves and our gifts, let us pray.

We ask no greater gift, O God, than the gift of your presence. In joyful thanksgiving, we give our offerings to you this day as a witness to the power of your life in us. Use them, we pray, for your holy purposes, through the Spirit's power. Amen.

‡BLESSING OF GRADUATES ‡

In John 15 Jesus says, "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing...As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments and abide in his love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."

A unique way that God has given us to abide in him is through the Body of Christ we call the church. Our hope and prayer as a congregation is that you are able to see the importance of being a part of God's family; that you will seek out a community of faith to nurture you and strengthen you wherever you may go.

As we celebrate with you we also want to send you with our blessings; so parents if you would place your hand on your youth's head or shoulders and bless your youth using the blessing on the screens.

Parents: Child of God, as you graduate, we ask God's presence and power to be with you all the days of your life. May God, the Father, who brought you to this day, continue to strengthen and guide you as you continue on your life's journey. May Jesus Christ, our Lord, continue to clarify for you the meaning and purpose of your life and help you find increasing joy and fulfillment in His service. May the Holy Spirit assist you as you search for God's will in your life. Amen.

Now graduates would you turn towards your parents and guardians and bless them as well.

Graduates: Child of God, as I graduate, I ask God's presence and power to be with you all the days of your life. May God, the Father, who brought us to this day, continue to strengthen and guide you as you continue on your life's journey. May Jesus Christ, our Lord, continue to clarify for you the meaning and purpose of your life and help you find increasing joy and fulfillment in His service. May the Holy Spirit assist you as you search for God's will in your life Amen.

Congregation will you please join me.

We congratulate you as parents and graduates on this day. May God's grace and power go with you and may you know our prayers surround you as you begin this new chapter in your lives.

Let us pray. Gracious God, we pray now for those graduating, praising you for their gifts and asking you for your continued blessing. Grant them patience in their struggles, hope for the future and wisdom in their decisions and confidence that you will guide them well. Help parents and others who share concern for the dangers and decisions that will be faced beyond their caring eyes. Reassure them where they have done their best and heal their regrets as they entrust their sons and daughters to your care. God of grace, we commend our graduating sisters and brothers to you. By your unceasing Spirit, may their baptismal light so shine before others that they may see their good works and glorify you in heaven and on earth. Amen.

Presentation of Gifts and Senior Slide Show

‡HOLY COMMUNION & DISMISSAL‡

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Words of Institution

The 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.**

Invitation to Communion

Come, for the gifts of God are ready for the people of God.

Hymn:

“Spirit of Gentleness”

ELW #396

vv. 3

Refrain:

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.**

**3. You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.**

Refrain

Benediction

May the grace of God the Father bless you with peace, may the love of Christ, God's son, sustain you in joy, and may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with courage, this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be filled with the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Distribution of Communion

Distribution & Postlude Music

Rhonda Boettcher

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Linda Wollesen, 6/1; Joshua Miller, 6/4; Noni Annett, 6/6

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



Reminder: Scholarship Applications for 2020-2021 are due in the church office June 1, 2020.

†In Our Thoughts and Prayers†

Prayers for healing: **Barbara Tallmon** (Back), **Mary Ellen Kropp** (pancreatitis—mother of Krista Gingrich), **Kent Zweifel**, (Recovering from surgery— Robert & Deanna Zweifel's son), **Alice Shriver** (Recovering at Heritage), **Jean Collins** (Health Issues), **Kathy Johnson** (Health Issues), **Betty Kenyon** (recovering from emergency surgery—friend of Valerie Rahrs), **Alan** (recovery of vision after surgery—Kathy Randall's cousin), **Kenny Shriver** (recovering), **Jordan Hein** (cancer surgery—former member of Calvary), **Ron Hettinger** (heart & medical conditions—Marcy Miller's father), **Mabel Dedlow** (healing), **Candy** (cancer treatment—friend of Susan Martin), **Michael Dietrich** (friend of Dave & Penny Stevens), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Barb** (cancer—Marlene Downer's sister-in-law), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), **Kevin Feil** (healing—Melissa Guerrero's father), **Bonnie Noble** (Leah Nikont's mother).

Prayers for our church, community, nation and world: in this time of Covid-19.



Jensen Bedlan
Ashland Todd

Sydney Hinze
Hunter Walker

Brock Nikont
Rayce Walsh

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GIVE+Mobile

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WOMEN OF THE ELCA MISSION PROJECT: SULLIVAN HILLS CAMP



SULLIVAN HILLS CAMP

Our Mission Project for June is **Sullivan Hills Camp**. This month we are asking your help in sending monetary support to Sullivan Hills Camp. The camp offers programs for grades 1-12, a confirmation camp, programs for special needs families, and a beautiful setting for retreats. Please be sure to mark on them WELCA Project on the envelope. Thank you for your support.

JUNE FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: canned fruit

BACKPACKS: oatmeal



As church services resume we are encouraging the use of masks during worship, but especially while singing and entering and exiting the building. We have cloth masks now available in the church office if needed. Please call, email or stop in the church office to pick yours up today.

Virtual Fellowship Opportunities

Do you miss being able to get together with your friends and fellow members of Calvary?

Then join us on Zoom for a Zoom Happy Hour (Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7 p.m.) If you are interested, look for an email from the church (if we have your email address) that says Zoom Happy Hour and use the link provided in the email to join us. If you have never done Zoom before you may need to download some software or an app (depending on whether you are logging in on a computer or device). If we don't have your email address, you will need to contact the church office so that we can send you an invitation to join us. AND, if you need any help getting onto Zoom, please call Pastor Chris at 402/694-9182 and he would love to help you!



*We are Here
to Help You!*



We're Here To Help: As we all deal with the uncertainty of the days ahead in light of the Covid-19, please know that we, your church family are here to offer support, prayer, and assistance. If you need help with anything, including getting supplies and/or groceries, or running errands because you do not feel comfortable getting out in public, please call the church office at 632-8023 or Pastor Chris 402-694-9189 or Pastor Sheryl 402-694-9182 for any assistance you might need. Also, if you would be willing to run errands for people in our congregation, please let us know that as well.



Your Offerings: Dear friends, we hope that you will remember the expenses of the church (utilities, salaries, insurance, and more) all continue on, even if we do not gather together for worship. So please consider this your gentle reminder to send or drop off your offerings to the church office. You may also scan the QR code in this bulletin or go to our website and use the 'give now' button on our home page to give electronically. If you have not already created a profile for giving electronically, you will need to do so first. If you need any help with this, do not hesitate to contact us.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – May 31

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

SONG LEADERS: Bill Huelle, La Donna Schmidt

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 31

10 a.m. – Online Worship
Senior Recognition

Tuesday, June 2

11:30 a.m. – Exec. Com
1:00 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, June 3

6:30 p.m. – Zoom Happy Hour

Saturday, June 6

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, June 7

10 a.m. – Worship