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Pentecost



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #227

“Come, Holy Ghost, in Love”

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ Amen.

P Pastor

Confession of Our Sins

C Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C ♪ **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O Almighty God, our Maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution from Our God

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives the power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ Amen.

The Introit

Ps. 103:24, 27-28, 30

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.
- C** **O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**
- P** These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.
- C** **When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**
- P** When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Gloria Patri

TLH #236:4

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

- C** ♪ **Immortal honor, endless fame,
Attend the almighty Father's name;
The Savior Son be glorified,
Who for lost man's redemption died;
And equal adoration be,
Eternal Paraclete, to Thee.**

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

- P** O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** ♪ **Amen.**

John 16:5-11

But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the

Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians-- we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not



drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'



Reception into Membership

Rose Marie Majors



Confession of Faith *Explanation to the Third Article of the Creed*
We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength 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 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 richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

Hymn: TLH #234

"Holy Ghost with Light Divine"

Numbers 11:24-30

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him

and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ²⁶ Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹ But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" ³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

The Work of the Holy Spirit:

Turning "Jealous" Into "Zealous"

The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

☩ *♪* **Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.**

✠ **The Offering of Thankful Hearts** ✠

Offering Hymn: *Duet* "Children of the Heavenly Father"

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Hymn: *TLH #231:1-2* "We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost"

✠ **The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** ✠

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

☩ *♪* **Amen, amen, a – men.**

Hymn: *WS #740*

"Holy Spirit, End Our Sadness"

Please Welcome Rose Marie Majors to our congregation! If you haven't introduced yourself yet, please be sure to do so. And we pray that the Lord would bless our mutual fellowship with one another!

Congratulations to Lydia Ohlmann who graduated from high school yesterday! We praise the Lord for blessing her through her years of education, and we ask that He would continue to bless her through college. Lydia plans to attend Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI, having enrolled in the teaching program.

Mission Helper Trip Fund: If you are able and willing to contribute funds to help offset the costs for Lydia Ohlmann to travel to Nepal this summer, you are invited to do so by contributing to our **Mission Helper Trip Fund**, by marking donations as such in your offering. Thank you!

CLC Subscription Renewals: Annual renewals for both the *Daily Rest* devotional and *The Lutheran Spokesman* are due soon. Please be sure to offset the cost of your subscription in your offering. The cost renewal cost breakdown is below:

- *Lutheran Spokesman* - \$14 for 12 monthly issues
- *Daily Rest* - \$15 for 4 quarterly devotional booklets

CLC Call News Grace Lutheran of Valentine, NE **has called** Noah Ohlmann to be a fulltime assistant for the lower grades of Grace School for the 2023-2024 school year. <> Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Lutheran in Dallas, TX **is considering the call** to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor. <> Pastor Sam Naumann of Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi, TX **is considering the call** to Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI.

<u>May 21st Offerings:</u>	\$ 1,872.00
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,661.54
General Fund Balance	\$20,159.89
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$37,394.59
Mission Helper Fund	\$ 615.00
Total Cash All Funds	\$73,505.32

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; May 29 – June 03

Mon John 14:15-21 As we ponder the gift of the Spirit given on Pentecost, the apostle reminds us that this gift was promised already before Jesus was betrayed, condemned, and crucified for us all. A key word in connection with the promised Spirit of truth is “love” (vv15,21).

Tues Ephesians 2:10-22 With the gift of the Spirit Jesus' disciples would be sent into all the world with the good news of salvation. Here Paul reminds the Ephesians that their good works were planned ahead by God, and that both Jews and Gentiles are brought together before Him by the blood of Christ.

Wed Ezekiel 36:22-28 When God's people strayed from the truth and chased after other gods, the true God's name was profaned among the nations where they were scattered. For the honor of His name He will bring His people back from exile, show them forgiveness, and put His Spirit within them (v28).

Thur John 15:9-16 “Jesus loves me, this I know” from readings like this one. He would have His followers abide in His love (v9). He showed us His love by laying down His life as a sacrifice for us, and we show our love to Him by serving Him in love and sacrificing for one another.

Fri Ephesians 4:11-16 The Lord did not leave us as orphans, but by the Spirit gave apostles, prophets, and other leaders to guide and to equip us for serving Him and one another in this earthly life (v12). With Christ Himself as our head, we speak the truth in love (v15), and the whole body builds itself up in love (v16).

Sat Isaiah 44:1-6 As water is to dry and thirsty ground, so is God's Spirit to His own people, from generation to generation (v3). He brings life and refreshment in every circumstance, persuading us with joy to call ourselves children of the LORD Almighty, besides whom there is no god.