

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



19 MAY 2024
The Day of Pentecost
10:30 am

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

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19 MAY 2024

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Holy Communion • LBW – Setting I • 10:30

GATHERING – “The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.”

PRELUDE – “Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire” (*Veni Creator Spiritus*)

arr. Libby Larsen, Wilbur Held

Please stand as you are able and face the procession.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ACS 944

O Spirit All-Embracing



1 O Spir - it all-em-brac-ing and coun-sel - or all - wise,
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz-ing in flow - er, field, and face,
3 Come, pas - sion's pow-er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen-dor grac-ing a shore-less sea of skies:
you show your-self a - maz-ing in un - ex - pect-ed place.
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der-stand-ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea-sure, un - fad-ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem-ber what once our dreams had been;
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world-ly plea-sure, the rich-es you af - ford.
you fan the glow-ing em-ber and kin-dle hope with - in.
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end-less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis-dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring-time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874-1934

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GREETING

- P** Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit.
- C** Renew the whole earth. Alleluia!
- P** The grace ...be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray:
Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD – “God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.”

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²The Lord led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³The Lord said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” ⁴Then the Lord said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.” ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then the Lord said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as the Lord commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then the Lord said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

L Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

C Thanks be to God.

*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire,
Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.*

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles, women, and Mary the mother of Jesus 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.

*Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.*

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people 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 Jewish-born and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”

*Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far from foes, give peace at home: where thou art guide, no ill can come.*

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, “You Judeans 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 children shall prophesy, and your youth shall see visions, and your elders shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon all of my slaves, 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.’”

*Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both, to be but One,
that through the ages all along, this may be our endless song:
Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

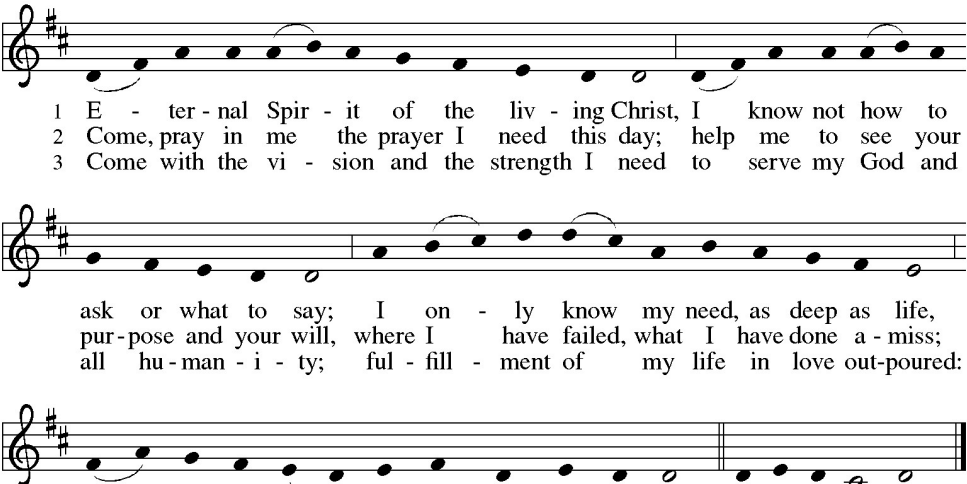
²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to greet the gospel.

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ, I know not how to
 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day; help me to see your
 3 Come with the vi - sion and the strength I need to serve my God and

ask or what to say; I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
 pur - pose and your will, where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
 all hu - man - i - ty; ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured:

and on - ly you can teach me how to pray.
 held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
 my life in you, O Christ, your love in me. A - men.

Text: Frank von Christerson, 1900–1996

Music: ADORO TE DEVOTE, plainsong mode V, *Processionale*, Paris, 1697

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GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples in the garden: ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, the Advocate will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning. ^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to the one who sent me, yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send the Advocate to you. ⁸And having come, the Advocate will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, that Spirit will guide you into all the truth, for the Spirit will not speak out of the Spirit’s own authority but will speak whatever the Spirit hears, and will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴The Spirit will glorify me, taking what is mine and declaring it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jay

Please stand as you are able to proclaim the Word of God in song.

O Living Breath of God



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
 O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
 O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir - it, breathe in us as we pray.

Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
 Music: VÄRVINDAR FRISKA, Swedish folk tune
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APOSTLES' CREED

A Siblings in Christ, let us confess the faith into which we are baptized:

C 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.

THE PRAYERS

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We remember the faithful departed, especially Gertrude Blasco, Pauline Fickenworth, Fred Bohn and Alice Battersby. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

MEAL – “God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.”

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

An offering is received for the mission of the church. Our offerings at Luther Memorial support our ministries as well as those of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church. Online giving may be done via our website: LutherMemorialOnline.org and using the “contribute online” button at the bottom of the page.

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY – “Rushing Mighty Wind”

Tammy Waldrop

Please stand in body or spirit.



1 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!

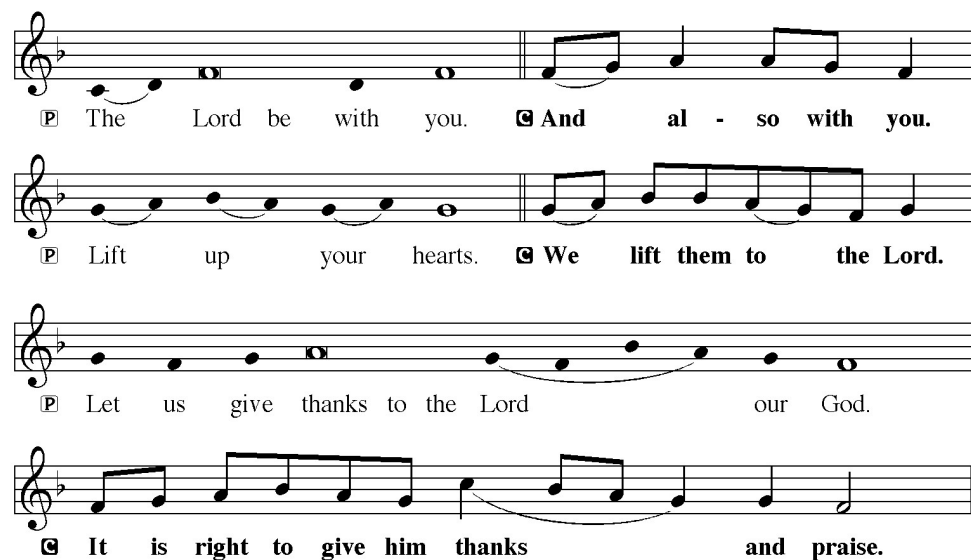
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Risen One,...through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

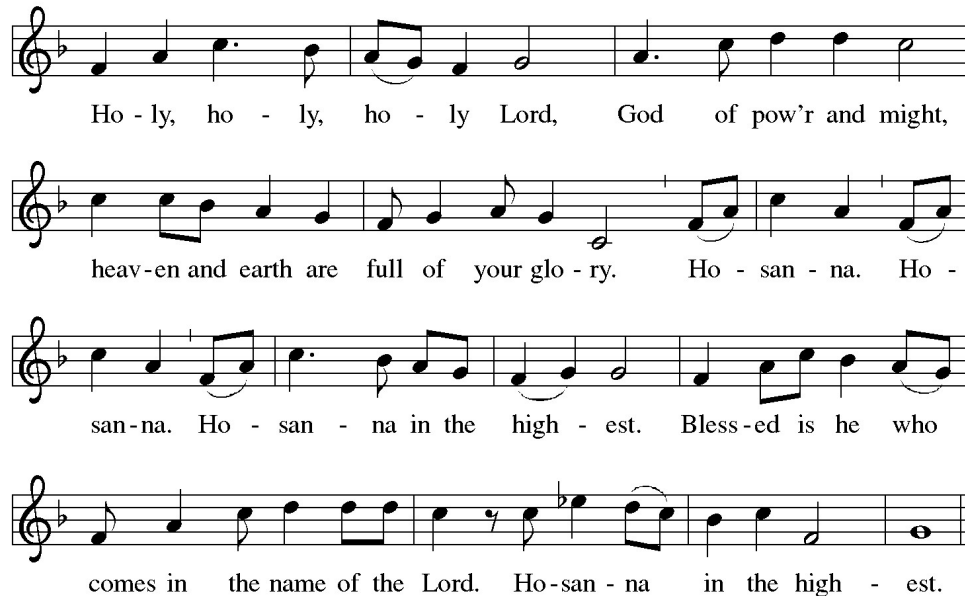


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P** Thanks be to you, O God, for the power of your loving Spirit. We worship you for your Spirit, who forms life out of chaos and dust. We bless you for your Spirit, who ignites the words of the prophets. We praise you for your Spirit, who carries your people together in unity.
- P** Glory be to you, O God, for the comfort of your creative Spirit. By your Spirit your Son preached and healed, rebuked and forgave. Dying on the cross for a wounded world, he gave over his Spirit. Risen from death, he pours out your Spirit on all who believe.

*On the night before he died, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

P On this bread and wine, come, Holy Spirit:

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Manifest here the body and blood of Christ. Come, Holy Spirit:

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P On this assembly, come, Holy Spirit:

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P On this earth, its waters and lands and skies, come, Holy Spirit:

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P On plants and animals, and even on the stars, come, Holy Spirit:

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P We plead for your Spirit, to cry aloud in us, with us, and for us. Breathe your life into our bones. Anoint us for service with your oil of gladness. Translate our speech into tongues of wisdom. Shower on us your gifts: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Sanctify the whole earth with your truth. Bring us at the end with all your needy children into your homeland of mercy.

P Once more we praise and worship and bless you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God of supreme mercy and might, God of the cross and the empty tomb, God of the power of justice and peace, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C **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

P The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

P Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast!

We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.

Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle.

Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.

White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know.


Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill.

As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray.


*All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine,
please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.*

Spirit of Gentleness


Refrain




Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness




call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,




stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.




1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



Refrain

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940

Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley

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We Praise Thee, O God

1 We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love,
 2 We praise thee, O God, for thy Spir - it of light,
 3 All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
 4 Re - vive us a - gain, fill each heart with thy love,

for Je - sus who died and is now gone a - bove.
 who has shown us our Sav - ior, and scat - tered our night.
 who has borne all our sins and has cleansed ev - 'ry stain.
 may each soul be re - kin - dled with fire from a - bove.

Refrain

Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, re - vive us a - gain.

Text: William P. MacKay, 1837-1885
 Music: REVIVE US AGAIN, John H. Husband, 1760-1825

TABLE BLESSING

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, keep you in all goodness and health, and bring you to everlasting life.
- ☑ Amen.

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

2 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Shepherd God,...Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

SENDING – “God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING FOR SUMMER

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P ... ✠ bless you now and always.

C Amen.

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932
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DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

A Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit!

C Renew the whole earth! Alleluia!

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE – "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

arr. Paul Manz

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— SERVING TODAY —

ACOLYTES – Tessa & Jack Bartlett

ASSISTING MINISTER – Chloe Meucci

CROSS BEARER – Vance Meucci

JUBILATION STREAMER – Cecilia Montroy

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Pam Masiroff

LECTOR – Lois Smith

ALTAR GUILD – Martha & Tom Klomp

BREAD BAKER – Jeanne Gaber

USHERS – Natalie & John Bartlett, Cathy Beck, Mary Daniels

VIDEO STREAMING – Gina Snider



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our moms, Gertrude Blasco and Pauline Fickenworth, by Vicky and Dion Blasco.

Lectern flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Fred and in memory and recognition of Alice Battersby's birthday by Marilyn Bohn.

Pulpit flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our mom, Alice Battersby, by her children; Dawn, Pete, J. R. and Pam.

We would like to recognize our high school and college graduates. Please contact Norma in our church office by phone, 454-0106, ext. 221, or email, nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org, by Friday, May 24 with the following:

For our high school graduates, please share:

1. Name
2. High school they are graduating from
3. Future plans, college, service, etc.

For our college graduates, please share:

1. Name
2. College they are graduating from
3. Degree

Today's Events

Sunday School and LYO will gather for their final class this morning from 9:30 – 10:15. This is our final class until Sunday School begins again in September.

Get your car washed this morning. Our youth will be armed with buckets of suds to give your car a sparkling shine following each service.

Blood pressures will be offered this morning following the 10:30 service. Please stop in the library across from the parlor for your health checkup.

Raffle Tickets for two complete sets of summer picnic supplies are on sale from our youth. Stop and take a look at all the goodies. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10 and will be available through Sunday, June 2. Proceeds will benefit travel to the National Youth Gathering.

Greeting cards can be found in the information rack located near the parlor area. A large variety of cards that will fit every occasion are available. Youth are offering these cards for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will benefit our youth.

Worship

Cover Art: *Breath and Fire*, Lauren Wright Pittman © A Sanctified Art. “I was struck by the elemental nature of the imagery in the Pentecost narrative. Tongues of fire and a violent wind tear down the walls that divide, and the Spirit pours out upon all flesh. I thought of this experience as a collision of foundational symbols of our faith: fire, wind, and water.”
—Lauren Wright Pittman

Our prelude begins at 10:25 each week and flows into the 10:30am worship time. We hope that this will draw us together and into our time of worship. Please remember to be mindful of those around you and those worshipping at home by keeping conversations and visiting to the lobbies once the prelude has begun. Thank you.

A reminder that our livestream runs from the beginning of the prelude through the end of the postlude. To maintain a worshipful space for those joining from home, please remember to leave the chancel area (the area around the altar) clear until after the postlude.

Worship Matters

While we may have changed colors and themes in our worship, Pentecost is *not* a different season from the one we’ve been celebrating. Rather, Pentecost is the 50th day of Easter. A full 1/6 of the year, the season of Easter is the longest single celebration we have in the Church. And for obvious reasons. While we don our red and sing our hymns of the Spirit, we celebrate that the gift of the Holy Spirit is not separate from the promises of the Resurrection. The Life we receive from the nail-scarred hands of Jesus is made possible because we are gifted with the very Breath of God which is the Spirit. So let us continue our celebrations! Alleluia!

And even though we often call the coming “green season” the Season after the Pentecost, it is not that the celebration of Pentecost lasts that long. Rather, in the coming season when we focus on our call to be the Church, we celebrate that it is on this day that the Church of Jesus Christ was first birthed into the world. Alleluia!

Where Is Pastor Jay?

Pastor Jay is happy to meet with you anytime, just let him know! However, if you would like to just “drop in” on him, this week you can find him at the Brew Ha Ha (in the Colony Plaza) on Monday from 8:00-9:00am. Any other time, just give him a call or send him an email!

Christian Education

Family Vacation Bible School – four wonderful evenings for children, youth, and adults will be held on Wednesdays May 22, May 29, June 5 and June 12. We will dive into an amazing undersea adventure with **SCUBA** and discover what living water is really all about. Our evenings together will be from 5:30-7:00pm and begin with a potluck meal (main dish provided; please bring a dish to share), followed by a Bible message, craft, music and some great activities, too.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group invites you to spend the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month with them for knitting, crocheting and any yarn project you may be creating. These are wonderful mornings of fellowship and laughter. Join us May 28 from 10:00am– 12:00 noon. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will head to the Penn State Planetarium on Wednesday, May 22 for a presentation by Jim Gavio on astronomy and our amazing universe. The presentation begins at 11:00am; carpooling is available by meeting at the church between 9:45 and 10:00am. Cost is \$3.50/person and permits will be provided for free parking on campus. Please see Jan MacInnes with questions.

Support for our Youth

The Salt Spa, 101 Center Street in Corry, is offering **salt room** and **floatation therapy** sessions through June 1. A 45 minute session in the salt room is \$30. A 16 minute floatation therapy session is \$65. Our LYO will receive \$10 for each session booked. Sign-up sheets are located at the welcome tables and the church office; you will be contacted to arrange your visit.

Youth Event

Willy Wonka Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, June 14 from 5:30 – 9:00pm for youth in grades 5 and up. Join us for more fun and lots of chocolate! Please RSVP to Beth Keller or the church office.

Health Opportunity

CPR Training will be offered at Luther Memorial Church on **Thursday, May 23**. The class is free and will be held in the parlor from 3:00-4:00pm. All those participating in the class will receive a CPR Certificate. If interested, please list your name and phone number this morning on the sign-up sheet located at the welcome tables or contact the church office by Tuesday, May 21.

Community Event

Hymns and Hops, a hymn sing at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul, 134 West 7th Street, will be held Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00pm. Cathedral musician, Chris Petit, will lead us in favorite hymns of Easter and Pentecost with a great pipe organ's accompaniment. Let's all get together and let our voices soar on hymns in one place at the same time. Every guest receives free non-alcoholic beverages and/or 2 free beers along with catered finger foods. This is a music program fundraiser to support upcoming concerts at the Cathedral. A \$20 donation per person is welcome, but not required.

Bethany Outreach Center

Are you a Golfer who enjoys a Good Scramble? Join us at the 7th Annual Harbor Ridge Open, this year in Support of the Bethany Outreach Center! Join us **Sunday, June 30 at 10:00am** at the Harbor Ridge Golf Course, 3730 Harbor Ridge Trail, Erie. Highlights of this "Fun" Fundraiser:

- Several (last year we had 16) Teams will compete in two 9-hole "Scramble" Rounds
- 9 optional "Fun" Skill Contests, such as Hole-In-One, Closest-To-The-Pin, etc.
- ***Even if you're not a golfer***, you can still enjoy the Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Pull-Tab Prizes/Games in the Club House during and after golf
- Hot dogs and drinks at the turn
- All Proceeds go to support the Bethany Outreach Center
- Cost is \$320 per Foursome

To sign up see the registration information at the Bethany Outreach Center website (www.bethanyoutreachcenter.org). Call, text, or email Eric Hedlund if you have any questions, at (814) 898-1233 or (814) 722-7732 or eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org.

Items to Note

In case of an emergency and unable to reach Pastor Jay, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. During the weekend and evening you are welcome to contact Norma Buerk at 450-7162. Thank you.

CALENDAR

MONDAY, MAY 20

TUESDAY, MAY 21 3:00pm School Board

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 11:00am OWLS / Penn State Planetarium
5:30pm Vacation Bible School

THURSDAY, MAY 23

FRIDAY, MAY 24 1:00pm LMA Talent Show

SATURDAY, MAY 25

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024
THE HOLY TRINITY

Worship services at 8:15am in Faith Chapel and 10:30am in the main church.

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Julie Ditz
Communion Assistant	10:30am	Elaine Kern
Lector	10:30am	C. Noelle Partusch
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	<i>(I needed)</i>
Video Streaming	10:30am	John Bartlett
Counters	10:30am	Emma Chaffee, Rob Cooney
Ushers <i>(4 needed)</i>	10:30am	Linda & David Ditz, Betty Pletz

Readings and Commemorations This Week

May 20 – Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; I Corinthians 12:4-11

May 21 – Helena, mother of Constantine, c. 330 – I Timothy 3:14-16; Psalm 111; Luke 23:50-55 -- *Influenced by her son to become Christian, Helena (or Helen) lived an exemplary life of faith. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine building churches on the sites she believed to be associated with Christ's life.*

May 22 – Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 20:19-23

May 23 -- Psalm 29; Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20; Romans 8:1-8

May 24 – Nicolaus Copernicus, 1543; Leonhard Euler, 1783; scientists – Job 9:2a-10; Psalm 8; Philippians 4:8-9; Matthew 13:44-52 -- *These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.*

May 25 – Psalm 29; Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 8:9-11

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Lois Fobes
Diane & Bob Giannelli

Dave Parsh
Winnie Lyons

Phil McAfee
Ron King

Cathy Beck & Jim

Friends and Family:

Kate Collins & family
Jessica Bulos Grubb
Nikki & Ayden Moyer & family
Jenny Hallgren
Katja Mestrom

Lily
Sherry Johnson
Stephanie Volland
Tony B.

Marlo
Heather Keaster
Barbara Beatty
Betty M.

Amy Roschy
Curtis Krick
Jonah Allgeier
Betty Peters

Grief:

Paul Gustafson family

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson
Ben Dixon

Michael Stickner

Andrew Watson

Alli Brown