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The Day of Pentecost

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AS WE GATHER

Today we recall the Feast of Pentecost, fifty days after our Lord's resurrection. In God's wisdom, this is one of the feasts all were required to attend in Jerusalem. In this way God provided for the largest gathering from the farthest reaches where His people lived in order to discover what Pentecost was really all about. Today with the lavish outpouring of God Himself, the Holy Spirit, "the Lord and giver of life," would proclaim the glory of salvation and eternal life through Jesus, the Son of God. So today we hear the Word of God spoken to us in our own language, that powerful, mighty Word through which the Holy Spirit creates and strengthens the gift of saving faith in us. This faith is like living water flowing through our entire being bringing the refreshment of the forgiveness of all of our sins and a new and godly purpose for the living of our days. The water Jesus gives is the true water of life.

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND THE WORD

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

OPENING HYMN

"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

LSB 496

AN ACT OF ADORATION

Pastor: Let us adore our Heavenly Father, who created us, who sustains us, who loves us with an everlasting love and gives the light of knowing of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

People: **We praise You, O God, we acknowledge You to be the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor; who in every respect was tempted as we are, yet without sinning; who went about doing good and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom; who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross; who died and is alive forevermore; who has opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers; who is seated at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father; who will come again, as Judge and King.

People: **You are the King of Glory, O Christ.**

Pastor: Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, by whom we are born into the family of God, and made members of the body of Christ; whose witness confirms us, whose wisdom teaches us, whose power enables us to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.

People: **All praise to You, O Holy Spirit.**

AN ACT OF CONFESSION

Pastor: O God our Father, since you have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, our reluctance to bear the cross.

People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

All: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord. Have mercy on us O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God and put a new and right spirit within us. Amen.**

AN ACT OF ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Good Shepherd. He has laid down His life for our forgiveness and has taken His life back up again in His glorious resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **The Lord restores us and leads us in paths of righteousness. Amen.**

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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. 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. 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. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” 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!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM~ *Read Responsively*

Psalm 25:1–15

Leader: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

Leader: Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

People: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

Leader: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

People: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

Leader: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.

People: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies. For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Leader: Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will He instruct in the way that he should choose. His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land.

All: The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear Him, and He makes known to them His covenant. My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He will pluck my feet out of the net. Glory be the Father and to the ☩ Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1–21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” 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. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: “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; even on My male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out My Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”

LSB 500

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 7th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

John 7:37–39

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

“Father Most Holy”

LSB 504

SERMON

“You Promised, You Delivered”

John 7:37-39

OFFERING

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Almighty God, we lift our hearts in gratitude to You, and for all Your loving kindness we bless Your holy name. For life and health, for love and friendship, and for the goodness and mercy that have followed us all the days of our life.

People: We thank and praise You, O God.

Pastor: For the wonder and beauty of the world; and for all the things true and honorable, just and pure, lovely and gracious.

People: We thank and praise You, O God.

Pastor: For the gift of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son; for the grace and truth which came by Him; and for His obedience unto death on a cross.

People: We thank and praise You, O God.

Pastor: For His glorious Resurrection and ascension to Your right hand, and for His kingdom and glory and everlasting dominion.

People: We thank and praise You, O God.

Pastor: For the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, the Lord and Giver of life; for Your holy church throughout the world; for all the means of grace; and for the fellowship of the redeemed in heaven and on earth.

People: We thank and praise You, O God. Glory, thanksgiving, and praise be to You, O Father Almighty, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

“I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”

LSB 651

AN ACT OF SUPPLICATION

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer before You our common supplications for the well-being of Your Church throughout the world.

People: **So guide and govern it by Your Holy Spirit, that all who profess themselves Christians be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.**

Pastor: Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel and upon the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace, that they please You in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Behold in mercy all who are in authority over us.

People: **Supply them with Your blessing, that they be inclined to Your will and walk according to Your Commandments.**

Pastor: We humbly ask Your abiding presence in every situation that You would make known Your ways among us.

People: **Preserve those who travel, satisfy the wants of Your creatures, and help those who call upon You in any need, that they have patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, be released from their afflictions.**

Individual petitions may be added here.

Pastor: *(Special petitions that end in, “Lord, in Your mercy”).*

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Merciful Father, Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victorious over death and the grave. We remember with thanksgiving all Your servants who trusted in Christ and now stand in Your nearer presence, where all sorrows are turned to joy.

People: Strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come, that we await with joy our reunion in Your heavenly kingdom.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"O Day Full of Grace"

LSB 503

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9:00AM SUNDAY

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