

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI
Day of Pentecost
May 28, 2023

Inviting People to
Journey with Christ's Family
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy

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.

\*(Indicates that the people should stand as they are able.)

**Announcements** 

# Gathering

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

# **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\oplus$  one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.** 

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.** 

*Hymn	"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"	ELW #786
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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.** 

\*KYRIE ELW p.184

\*Canticle of Praise "Glory to God" ELW p.185

# **KITCHEN UPGRADES FOLDER**

I have misplaced the manila folder on the kitchen upgrades. The folder contains the bills, payment information, and whatever else I tossed in. Perhaps it was accidently gathered up at a council meeting. I'd appreciate it folks would be on the lookout.

## **LENTEN OFFERING**

Is this your handwriting? The offering of \$20.00 cash was made at a Wednesday night Lenten service. I would like to give you credit for the offering. Please, if you feel this is yours, let me know. Thank you.

Nalani

## **CALENDAR**

Mon., May 29

Memorial Day Observed

## **MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION**

Wilton American Legion Post #508 Schedule

9:30 AM St. John's Catholic Cemetery (Following times are approximate)

9:45 AM Hillside Cemetery

10:00 AM Highway 131 Bridge

10:15 AM St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery

10:30 AM South Ridge Lutheran Cemetery

10:45 AM Cal Day Cemetery

11:00 AM Dorset Ridge Cemetery

Sat., June 3 Sun., June 4 Blood Drive Worship 7:00 AM—11:30 AM

9:00 AM

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 25, 2023, immediately following the worship service. The Church Council will make a presentation and seek guidance from the members with regard to replacement of the church steps and additional renovations. Discussion and **possible action** items:

- 1. Discuss and authorize construction.
- 2. Discuss and authorize a project cost, not to exceed a specific amount.
- 3. Authorization to seek financing.

# \*Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

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

## First Reading

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

## Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and

visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But 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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

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.

18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20 The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,

living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God,

at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

# Sending

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

\*Benediction

\*Hymn "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" ELW#582

### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God's People; Pastor: Bill Horn; Organist: Nalani Bever;

Reader: Bud Ostebow; Altar: Larry & Arlis Ballwahn

### IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Danelle Dougherty, Robert Cale, Matthew Dutton

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

Gloria Meltesen, Darlene Babbitt, Judy Bever, John Acker, Craig King, Mary Leis, Tracie Herman, Patrick Reardon, Dave Dechant, Jayden Shea.

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

#### Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

<sup>27</sup>All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

## **Second Reading**

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

## 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by

the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to 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. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For 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. <sup>13</sup>For 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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

\*Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia, Lord,"

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### **GOSPEL READING**

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit

The holy gospel according to John 20:19-23

# Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Reverend Bill Horn

\*Hymn "Spirit of Gentleness" ELW #396

# **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 INTERCESSION (Merciful God, receive our prayer)

#### \*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

### **OFFERING**

\*Offertory Hymn "Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

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### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

Distribution

Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.

"Lamb of God" ELW p.191