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Spirit-Filled Entrance

Pentecost, from the Greek *pentekostos*, meaning fifty, is celebrated fifty days after Easter. Jews call this day Shavuot, a significant festival commemorating when God gave them the Torah. *Shavuot* means “weeks” and is observed seven weeks after Passover, a festival central to the Jewish faith. The giving of the Torah was akin to a wedding ceremony between God and God’s chosen people. *Shavuot* also means “oaths.” Jews remember that it was on this day that God made a vow of everlasting love to them and they vowed to be God’s people.

But there was more to it than that. Shavuot also marked the anniversary of the death of King David, the quintessential king, whom many had believed was a savior to the people. King David was considered the epitome of what a messiah should be: a conquering hero, a king, and a ruler of a great and mighty kingdom. Many people had hoped Jesus would be a new King David, except Jesus had been crucified as a criminal.

In today’s reading from Acts, the Holy Spirit appears on Pentecost in “a sound like the rush of a violent wind” and in fire, and gives those gathered a strange ability to speak and understand other languages (Acts 2:2-11). The Holy Spirit knows how to make an entrance! However, in John’s gospel the Spirit makes a different kind of entrance. Jesus appears to the disciples while they are afraid and offers them peace (John 20:19). He breathes on them and the Spirit is provided to them along with the ability to forgive and retain the sins of others (John 20:22-23).

Both are accurate descriptions of God the Spirit: a mighty, all-encompassing force that leads to understanding and a breath of peace that offers forgiveness. The coming of the Spirit is also a fulfillment of God’s promise of everlasting love and devotion to us—God’s vow that we will not be abandoned.

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BEFORE WORSHIP

Our Participation Card has two sides to complete. Please fill it out and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees.

Day of Pentecost

June 4, 2017

Pentecost Sunday is the 50th day after Easter. It is the commemoration of the Holy Spirit's arrival after Jesus' ascension. The Holy Spirit is represented by the symbols of fire, wind and dove. The color is red signifying fire.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Pre-Service Music

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God
Arr. David Hamilton

**Gabriel Barnaart
Grace Choir**

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Temple Talk

Randy Teegardin

Stand as you are able

Gathering Music

Veni Sancte Spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit)

WOV 686 (blue book)

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.**

Hymn of Praise

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW 167 (red book)

Prayer of the Day

☐ Let us pray . . . 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.**

Sit

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

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.

☐ **A reading from Acts:**

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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:

¹⁷“In 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.”

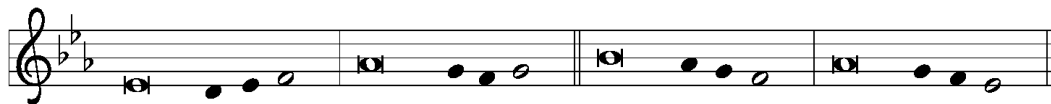
☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:24-34



Send forth your Spir-it and re - new the face of the earth.



²⁴How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.

²⁶**There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.**

²⁷**All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season. R**

²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

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

³⁰**You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
 and so you renew the face | of the earth.**

³¹**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;
 O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. R**

³²You look at the earth | and it trembles;
 you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
 I will praise my God while I | have my being.

³⁴**May these words of | mine please God.
 I will rejoice | in the LORD.**

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.
 Hal- | lelujah! ℣**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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.

▣ A reading from **1 Corinthians:**

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to 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. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For 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. ¹³For 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.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life: Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

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**.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If 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.**

Sit

Children's Message/Children's Church

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message.

Message

Silence for reflection

Nicene Creed

▲ We confess our faith as one body in Christ Jesus:

☒ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Kneel or sit as able.

Prayers

▲ Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

▲ We pray for the church. Inspire us with your Spirit. Unite us in your love. Raise up faithful leaders from among our youth and our elders to guide your church throughout the world. Empower and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, especially *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David, Chrysanne and Sarah; our synod companion churches, Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, Hope United Methodist Church in Hastings; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Paul.* Hear us, O God.

☒ (sung) **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

▲ For the earth. For city parks and wildlife refuges. For community gardens, farms, and ranches. For agricultural workers, seafood harvesters, and subsistence farmers. Nourish the earth with seasonable weather and adequate rainfall. Hear us, O God.

☒ (sung) **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

▲ For the nations. For people of every land and language. End violence, warfare, and ethnic strife. Lead us from fear to friendship, from injustice to equality, from oppression to freedom. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, especially *Myrina Clements, Lance and Kayla Champaco, Joshua Wright, Tim Krewson and Tyler Van Houten.* Hear us, O God.

☒ (sung) **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

▲ For those in need. For those who are neglected or abused. For the unemployed. For those who struggle with addiction. For those nearing death, those who grieve, and all who are ill. Comfort

the sick and their caregivers, especially *Dick Melcher, William Darnell, Victoria Steadman, Danny Gillons, Sharon Duits, Doug Haddix, Kris Gilbert, Barb Macauley, the family of Jack James, Pastor Edgar Roberts and John Bronson.* Hear us, O God.

☞ (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

A For this assembly. For those who work with children. For those discerning a call to ministry. For all the baptized and those who have newly affirmed their baptism. For visitors, new members, and those who are absent from us today. *We ask your blessing of discernment upon our Call Committee, and bless our congregation with endurance while we wait for our next Pastor. Pour out your spirit of courage and faith upon the leader who will receive your call of service to Grace, and let your will be heard clearly by all involved in this process.* Hear us, O God.

☞ (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

A Be attentive, gracious God, to the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Hear us, O God.

☞ (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

A With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Inspire us by their witness and bring us to the fullness of your promise of resurrection and eternal life. Hear us, O God.

☞ (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

P Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ Amen.

Stand as you are able

Sharing the Peace of God

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☞ And also with you.

(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Sit

Offering of Gifts and Music

Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill out a Participation card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday morning.

Stand as you are able.

Offering Song

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465 (red book)

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offering Prayer

A Let us pray . . . Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples.

C Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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 our thanks and praise.

☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

- ☐ Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation everything was whole and well in your praise.
- ☑ **When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.**
- ☐ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; He 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.
Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death,

- ☑ **we await that day when all the people of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.**
- ☐ Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
- ☑ **let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.**
- ☐ Through him all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church,
- ☑ **both now and forever. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- ☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us always to pray:
- ☑ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

- ☐ Now let us feast this Pentecost day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

Communion at Grace

All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.

✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

Sit

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us,
mer-cy on us.

Additional Verses:

- You break the chains of hatred and fear:**
- You are the way of justice and peace:**
- You are the way of mercy and love:**
- You are the bread of life for us all:**
- You pour your Holy Spirit on us:**

Final time:

Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

I Am the Bread of Life
Listen, God is Calling
Loving Spirit

WOV 702 (blue book)
WOV 712
WOV 683

Stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray . . . Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.

C Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Sit

Congregational Announcements

Stand as you are able.

Blessing

P May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

All children and youth, as well as the young at heart and playful spirits, are invited to come forward to make music and dance during the Sending Hymn. Please choose one instrument to play or one scarf to use for waving and dancing.

Sending Song

Spirit of Gentleness

WOV 684 (blue book)

Dismissal

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

<p>Today, June 4 Temple Talk Mutual Ministry Planning Team 12:00 pm</p> <p>Monday, June 5 Communications Team 10:00 am</p> <p>Tuesday, June 6 Executive Board 5:30 pm Worship Committee 6:30 pm</p> <p>Saturday, June 10 Youth Group lock-in</p>	<p>Worship 8:00 & 10:00 am</p>
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Today's Worship Leaders

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:00 am</u>
Assisting Ministers	Chris Bush	Traci Wales
Cantor	Mary Kuhlman	Kate Watson
Lector	Chris Bush	Carla Neil
Communion Server	Brenda Teegardin	Diane Neeb
Acolyte/Crucifer	Grayson Patton	Clyde Watson
Usher	Randy/Brenda Teegardin	Gary/Lisa Golnek Doug/Diane Neeb
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Jack/Carol Vos	Eve Wright
Chancel Team	Jeanette Ulrich	Mary Kleinbrink

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, June 11, 2017

Assisting Ministers	Barry Wood	Vickey Argo
Cantor	Jack Vos	Mark Anton
Lector	Carol Vos	Kristi Winick
Communion Server	Jan Schreiner	Phyllis Lietz
Acolyte/Crucifer	Gavin Patton	Emmalee Peck
Usher	Kay Marsh, John Burdick	Mark Anton, Ed Domke
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Steve/Peg Kaiser	Doug/Diane Neeb
Chancel Team	Jeanette Ulrich	Mary Kleinbrink

