The Day of Pentecost May 30 & 31, 2020



THE TRUE WATER OF LIFE

AS WE GATHER

What can "top" the story of Easter? For fifty days, the Church has exalted in the glory of the resurrection of Jesus, shouting, "The Lord is risen" and "He is risen indeed." "This is the feast of victory" we've said and sung. But our risen Lord has told us there is more—there is something greater. Today, on the great fiftieth day of our celebration, the Lord poured out in a dramatic way the Holy Spirit. Not as if the Spirit has been absent until now, for wherever faith is, there is the evidence of the working of God the Holy Spirit. Not a different helper, but the one true triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is poured out into the world. We hear the mighty acts of God in our own language to this day. We heard God the Father say at our Lord's transfiguration, "Listen to Him." Today our attention is diverted from the Holy Spirit as He means to tell us, "It is all about Jesus!"

In Jesus, the glory of God has come to enlighten our dark world and lives. In Jesus, the water of eternal life makes us alive forevermore. Remember the Christmas angels singing "Glory to God in the highest"? Then His true glory shined forth from the cross of His atoning suffering and death for us. Now the glory of His resurrection is made known in the living Word of God as it is spoken in many languages the world over and distributed through the Holy Sacraments. Now the only thing left is our final glorification, being raised completely to that new life on the day of our resurrection.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. *Galatians 5:22-23*

INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia. O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. These all look to you, to give them their food in due season. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

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.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

913 O HOLY SPIRIT, ENTER IN

1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,

And in our hearts Your work begin,

Your dwelling place now make us.

and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Sun of the soul, O Light divine, Around and in us brightly shine,

To joy and gladness wake us

That we may be

Truly living,

To You giving

Prayer unceasing

And in love be still increasing.

2 Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,

That in our hearts from this good hour

As fire it may be glowing,

That in true Christian unity

We faithful witnesses may be, Your glory ever showing.

Hear us, cheer us

By Your teaching:

Let our preaching

And our labor

Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,

Let Your dear Word. in doubt and strife.

In us be strongly burning

That we be faithful unto death

And live in love and holy faith,

From You true wisdom learning.

Your grace and peace

On us shower;

By Your power

Christ confessing,

Let us see our Savior's blessing.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Let us pray. 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.
- Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 11:24-30

²⁴Moses 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. ²⁵Then 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. ²⁶Now 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. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹But 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!" ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians 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." 12And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16But 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; 18even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 7:37-39

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁷On 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. 38Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." ³⁹Now 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.

- This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE





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SERMON "Where the Waters Flow" John 7:37-39

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

→ everlasting. Amen.

SOLO "Near" (Jason Crabb) Dan Scafaro

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

- **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

 At the end of the prayer:
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Before you were even formed, God knew you. While in your mother's womb, God named you. At your birth, God's breath filled you with life. Today we celebrate what you have become at this moment in time. And so we pray:

God of our beginnings, we thank you for the gifts of these graduates; their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity, their open speech and encouraging words. Their contributions have blessed and challenged us, and we have become a richer and more diverse community because of them. As they step forward into the world that awaits, comfort their fears with the full knowledge of Your divine presence. Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as modern-day disciples in a world that needs You. Guide their feet as they move through life, protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness while they help to lead future generations into the warmth and promise of Your light. Amen.

Now may God, who has begun a good work with you, continue that work until the day when Christ Jesus returns. May your love overflow more and more; may you continue to grow in knowledge and understanding, so that you can clearly discern what really matters, and so that you may stand pure and blameless before God on the day of Christ's return. The God who calls you is faithful, and He will do it. Go in peace. (Based on Philippians 1:9-11)

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and

→ give you peace.

G Amen.

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Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

Invocation In the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit (found on front page)

Catechism Review (found on front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer, www.lhm.org/dailydevotions, Other

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday: Numbers 21:10-35; Luke 21:20-38
Monday: Numbers 22:1-20; Luke 22:1-23
Tuesday: Numbers 22:21-23:3; Luke 22:24-46
Wednesday: Numbers 23:4-28; Luke 22:47-71
Thursday: Numbers 24:1-25; Luke 23:1-25
Friday: Numbers 27:12-23; Luke 23:26-56
Saturday: Numbers 32:1-6, 16-27; Luke 24:1-27

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

Doug, health issuesAl, health issuesDavid, cancerTerri, CancerLarry, heart issuesMarilyn, recovering

Becky, back pain

Jean, health issues

Camilla, 6-year-old with brain cancer Chris, sick
Jack, ongoing health issues Denise, addictions

Judy, cancer

Eunice, Health Issues

Kathy's mother

Tim, recovering
Jackie's mother

Jim, Alzheimer's

Roger, recovering Vonna's mother

Jerry Peter Tony Jeanette

Sidney, granddaughter of Steinkes with medical issues

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, those whose employment is in question, and 3that the Lord would miraculously make all signs of this virus disappear so all may know it is by His merciful hand.

Our Savior Families: Sharon, Alec, Barry, Gail, Larry, Skip & Connie, Jay & Rebecca, William

Hymn of the Week "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" LSB 913

Collect (found on front page)

Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction