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The Day of Pentecost
May 28, 2023

The Preservice Music and The Call to Worship

The Processional Hymn: LSB 913, "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

The Invocation

The Opening Versicles (Adapted from Psalm 104 and Acts 2)

P: Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow!

C: The day of Pentecost has come, and we have gathered together in this place.

P: We are nothing without you, O Lord. Send forth Your presence and grant us Your mercies and love.

C: Creator God, send us Your Spirit that we, too, may speak Your Word!

P: Praise the Lord who sends forth His Spirit! Praise the Lord who renews the face of the earth.

C: Jesus Christ, send us Your Spirit that all would repent of their sin and receive Your forgiveness through Jesus Christ!

L: May the glory of the Lord endure forever! May the Lord rejoice in his works.

C: Everlasting Father, send us Your Spirit so that many more people may be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins! Praise the Lord! Praise the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; praise the Lord!

Call to Confession (from Acts 2:21)

P: "Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

C: Come, then, let us confess our sins to the one who is

faithful to forgive. Come, then, let us adore the one who is mighty to save!

Prayer of Confession

P: Merciful and gracious God,

C: Our hearts cry out for You to make us whole again. Even as we celebrate that You have come to dwell within us through Your Word, We have sinned against You and abandoned Your commandments.

We have been jealous, possessive, ambivalent, and impulsive.

We have not heeded Your Word and we have not cherished Your covenant.

Help us to glorify You in all times and in all places.

As our souls thirst for Your living waters,

Quench our needs and satisfy our love.

That we may come back to You and be sent forth

To fill the world with Your mercy and grace.

In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, And by the power of the Holy Spirit who is at work within us through Your Word, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (From John 20:19-23)

P: "Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; If you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'"

C: Here I am Lord, send me! Send me!

The Introit: Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text (Spoken by all)

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

C: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

P: These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

C: When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

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

C: 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.

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

A Hymn: “Christ is Risen, He is Risen, Indeed” (Getty)

Verse 1

How can it be the One who died
Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death
Sing sing hallelujah

Verse 2

For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes
Alive He stands their Friend and King
Christ Christ He is risen

Chorus

Christ is risen He is risen indeed
Oh sing hallelujah

Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen He is risen indeed

Verse 3

Where doubt and darkness once had been
They saw Him and their hearts believed
But blessed are those who have not seen
Yet sing hallelujah

Verse 4

Once bound by fear now bold in faith
They preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life life everlasting (Chorus)

Verse 5

The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save
He frees our hearts to live His grace
Go tell of His goodness (Chorus 2Xs)

Ending

He's alive He's alive
Heaven's gates are opened wide
He's alive He's alive
Now in heaven glorified (2Xs)

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The Collect for Pentecost Sunday

Prayer for Illumination

P: “No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the power of the Holy Spirit!”

C: Open our eyes, Lord.

The Reading of Scripture

The Old Testament Lesson: Numbers 11:24-30

A: The Old Testament Lesson is from Numbers 11:24-30.

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.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Ⓐ: The Second Lesson is from 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 men 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.'"

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Hymn: LSB 500, "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

The Gospel Lesson: John 7:37-39

P: The Gospel Lesson is from 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Third Article and It's Explanation

P: What is the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed?

C: 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.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 497, “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

The Sermon (During the sermon, children who are ages 3 through grade 2 are invited to participate in KIDZ Time. Children can make their way to the back of the sanctuary where the KIDZ Time teacher is waiting. The children will return to the service following the sermon.)

The Offering (Please sign the burgundy Friendship booklet and pass it to other people sitting in your pew. When completed, pass it back to the center aisle and be sure to greet the people next to you! Those sitting by the center aisle: please tear off the completed sheet and place it on the pew. Thank you!)

A Hymn: LSB 502, “Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven”

The General Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

The Closing Hymn: LSB 496, “Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

The Announcements

The Postlude

This Week at St. James

Today (5/28)	Gizmo on FB – 8:00 AM Worship – 9:30 AM Bible Study – 11:00 AM
Monday (5/29)	Evening Service – 6:30 PM
Wednesday (5/31)	Darrell’s Bible Class – 10:00 AM
Friday (6/2)	Pastors Day Off – 9:00 AM
Sunday (6/4)	Gizmo on FB – 8:00 AM Worship – 9:30 AM Voters Meeting – 11:00 AM LWML Lunch – 12:30 PM

Looking Ahead

- (6/7) Governing Board Meeting @ 6:30
- (6/10) Mens Breakfast @ 8:30am
- (6/11) Friends In Faith Meeting @ 11:00am

Serving Today (5/28)

Officiant	Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer
Lector.....	Charles Kirt
Organist.....	Beth McKay
Deacon(s)	Bryan Ensing
Ushers.....	Jim & Nancy Spears/ Jerry Talen
Video/Sound/Recording	Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
May Altar Guild.....	Irene Talen

Serving Next Sunday (6/4)

Lector.....	Pastor
Organist.....	Beth McKay
Deacon(s)	Bryan Ensing /Dave Hood
Ushers.....	Jim & Nancy Spears/ Caleb Butler
Video/Sound/Recording	Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
June Altar Guild.....	Lois Delano and Mary Ward

Financial Discipleship: May 14, 2023

General Fund	\$6,396.38
<i>Needed each week for budget \$5,769.00 (+\$627.38)</i>	
Memorials Fund	\$105.00
TOTAL Contributions	\$6,501.38

Announcements

The Voters Meeting: Will be held on Sunday, June 4th following the worship service.

A New Sunday Morning Bible Study: begins June 11th will be led by Pastor Schaeffer. This five-week study is provided by the LCMS and does a “deep dive” into the theme of the LCMS Convention (“We Preach Christ Crucified”) that will take place at the end of July. The weekly focuses include: 1. The Power of Salvation. 2. The Foolish Gospel. 3. When the Gospel Seems Foolish to Christians. 4. The Foolish Congregation. 5. Fools to the End(s). Please make it a priority in your Sunday schedule to attend all five of the sessions or as many sessions as you are able.

Come Monday if you Can't Come Sunday: Just a reminder that if you are unable to attend Sunday morning worship services, then please come to our Monday evening services. The service starts at 6:30 p.m.

Searching for a New Principal: Please pray for our ISJ Academy School board as they search for a new principal for our school.

ISJ Academy needs more students: Tell your family, friends, and neighbors about our school. The tuition for our early childhood education is highly competitive with other early childhood options. The tuition for our elementary school (K-through Grade 8) is also very competitive with other options. And best of all: the children who attend ISJ Academy are taught from a biblical, Christ-centered perspective which provides them with a solid foundation upon which to build their lives. For more information, visit the ISJ Academy website:

<https://www.mychristianschool/>.

Dear Friends in Christ: I am so very thankful for all the cards, visits, and especially prayers during my surgery and recovery. God is wonderful. Thanks to Pastor and all my friends here at St. James. -- From Sally TerMeer

ISJ Closing service: The ISJ Closing Service will be held on Tuesday, June 6 at 10:30 am. Please join us at St. James Lutheran Church for chapel and a celebration of our ISJ 8th grade graduates.

Paper Copies of the Newsletter: If you would like a paper copy of the newsletter they are on the table in the lobby.

PRC Grand Rapids Walk for Life is Father's Day weekend: Join us on Saturday, June 17, for our annual prayer walk. Walk downtown at PRC, in Middleville on the Paul Henry Trail, or walk where you are. We are excited to walk side-by-side together, uniting in fellowship, praying as believers, and encouraging all who stand for the sanctity of human life. Prayer is powerful and needed more than ever. Visit www.prcforlife.org/events/walk-for-life to register today! For more information, contact us at (616) 259-1522 or email events@prcgr.org.

Join the LWML on Sunday June 4th for a Merry Berry Strawberry Sundae: The LWML is hosting this special treat after Sunday morning service to raise funds to support African mothers and babies. So, show your heart for Africa by bringing a donation for the cause, your sweet tooth, and the expectation for a **Merry Berry Time!**