

The Day of Pentecost

Whitsunday

20 May 2018 Anno Domini

INTROIT (Ps. 68:1, 4a, c, 11a, 33b, 35a; antiphon: Lit. Text; Ps. 68:3)



*The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alle- | luia. **

The righteous | shall be glad.

They shall exult be- | fore God;*

they shall be jubilant with joy! Alle- | luia.

*God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;**

and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!

Sing to God, sing praises | to his name;*

exult be- | fore him!

*The Lord | gives the word;**

behold, he sends out his voice, his | mighty voice.

Awesome is God from his sanctu- | ary;*

the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his | people.

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son **

and to the Holy | Spirit;

*as it was in the be- | ginning, **

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

VERSE

Alleluia. When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Old Testament: Genesis 11:1-9

'Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." ⁵And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Epistle: Acts 2:1-21

'When 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, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both 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."

Holy Gospel: John 14:23-31

"Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. ²⁵These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here."

the highest treasure, that you may have a fearless and joyful heart and peaceful conscience in God.” (219)

- Jesus goes to the Father. “The Father is greater than I.” To our ears, shaped by the Trinitarian creeds, we expect to hear of equality in the Godhead. To paraphrase the Athanasian Creed, the Father is equal to the Son according to His Godhead. Jesus reminds us in this Gospel lesson that the Father is in unique authority over Christ’s vocation and mission to save sinners in their need. Christ listens to the words of His Father and carries them out with divine precision.
- Jesus reveals that the devil, the ruler of this world (or “the prince of the power of the air” [Ephesians 2:2]), is “a roaring lion” (1 Peter 5:8) on the loose. Satan will strike Jesus and the little Church, but His power is limited. His rule does not extend into heaven, and that makes all the difference. Jesus conquers the ruler of this world by shedding His blood for the sin of the world, and rising in great victory — bruising the head of the ancient serpent (Genesis 3:15). The Lord Christ opens heaven to all believers. No one will stop Jesus’ love for the Father and keep Him from doing His vocation in love — to be the Savior of all who believe in Him.



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Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Travis Loeslie

Collect of the Day:

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Introit:

Psalm 68:1, 4a, c, 11a, 33b, 35a
(antiphon: Psalm 68:3) — God shall scatter His enemies

Psalm:

Psalm 143 (antiphon: v. 11) — My soul thirsts for You

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 11:1-9 — God confuses the languages at the tower of Babel

Gradual:

(During the celebration of Easter and Pentecost, the Gradual is omitted and the verse is expanded.)

Epistle:

Acts 2:1-21 — The events of Pentecost, the coming of the gift of the Holy Spirit, and Peter’s sermon

Verse:

Psalm 104:30 — Alleluia. When You send for Your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

John 14:23-31 ESV

Author and Date:

The Holy Spirit caused the Apostle John to write the words of this Gospel (ca. AD 90). These words were compiled in the farewell discourse of Jesus to His disciples in John 14-16. These words were uttered on Holy Thursday, the night Jesus was betrayed. Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit, who comes fifty days after Jesus' death and resurrection on Pentecost (or, as the German speakers remember: *Pfingsten*).

²³ Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

- Jesus gives comforting promises to His disciples. Christians show that they love the Father by keeping Jesus' words. Jesus' words matter! His doctrine is more precious than life itself because it grants eternal life. Christians do well to cling to Jesus' words above all else.
- The Father loves those who keep Jesus' words. He comes to make His home with the Christian. When Jesus forgives our sins, the Father comes to dwell in His people. This mystical union is the fruit of the forgiveness of sins.
- Johann Spangenberg notes: "Not only will a lover of God, a hearer and doer of His Word, be safe from God's wrath, the devil, death, and hell, but God will also be his mansion, palace, and dwelling place eternally!" He continues: "...What more blessed thing could happen to us poor men that we should be the dwelling-place, pleasure-garden, paradise, and kingdom of God's high Majesty, and all that we do and are will continue against all the gates of hell, indeed, against all the rage and fury of the world. They will not move us, unless it should happen that the Guests, Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, are no longer God." (Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 218)
- These "guests" by faith are "generous and benevolent Guests. They do not come with empty hands, nor depart without being thanked. As they bring the treasure of all goods, graces, and gifts with them when they come, they likewise do not forget all divine blessing, salvation, and blessedness, as the accounts and example of Abraham and Lot show (Gen. 18; 19)." (Spangenberg, 218)

- On the flip side, those who do not love the Father do not keep Jesus' words. Disobedience and hard-heartedness against Christ and His words leave a person alone, cold, an atheist or scoffer at truth without God and without spiritual aid in the world.

²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

- Jesus promises to send the Helper. This is the "Paraclete," or as Luther often translates the word, the "Comforter." Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit. This Spirit will remind the disciples of all things. The Spirit of Truth later brings to mind the truth Jesus taught for the Church. This Spirit continues to testify to Christ and His Word throughout these end times. What a gift this Third Person of the Holy Trinity proves to be from Pentecost and into the age of the New Testament.

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

- Jesus promises "peace." This is a refrain in St. John's Gospel. Peace! This peace is not a mere psychological trick, but it is a 'divine self-giving. It is no simple word, but it is grounded on the God who makes peace by His passion and the shedding of His blood for poor sinners. Jesus reconciles God and man. There is now peace where there was wrath; grace covers sin; comfort of conscience instead of worry and distress; life instead of death. This peace Jesus gives and guarantees with His death and resurrection.
- Spangenberg: "It is as if He says, "Let this be My farewell. I herewith bid you good night and give you the blessing; I depart from you and know nothing better to leave to you at last in this world than My peace,

News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

After the early service, join us from 9:15am-9:30am for Coffee & Goodies in the new Fellowship Hall! Stick around for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class! We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus in our Adult study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Lessons for PreK-8th Grade from 9:30-10:15am in Education Wing.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 5/20 Gayle Archer
5/21 Janelle Ham 5/23 Gary Hromadka, Shadon Doell
5/25 Donna Merkel 5/26 Ryan Nissen

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 5/21 Brenda Christensen, Betty Krueger 5/26 Marlys Brown

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 5/26 Lee & Viola Melvin

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER available in the Narthex May 20-June 30, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

VBS CRAFT PROJECT: Please save your empty paper towel/toilet paper rolls collection box (Narthex).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

June 18-21st 9a-11:30am.

Spread the word, tell your neighbors, friends, family, If you would like to help in any way this year, contact Joan Primrose, or members of the Board of Education.

L.W.M.L. - We are collecting items for LAYETTES May-June, boxes are in the Fellowship Hall. We request no food items at this time. Thanks!

LIFEQUOTE "We celebrate when a mother has second thoughts concerning abortion and keeps her baby. We sing 'Alleluia' when an orphaned child once abandoned is adopted and lives in a home filled with the presence of Christ's love reflected through a mother and father." *Chaplain (Lt. Colonel) Steven Hokana, Assistant Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) (LCMS) - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*
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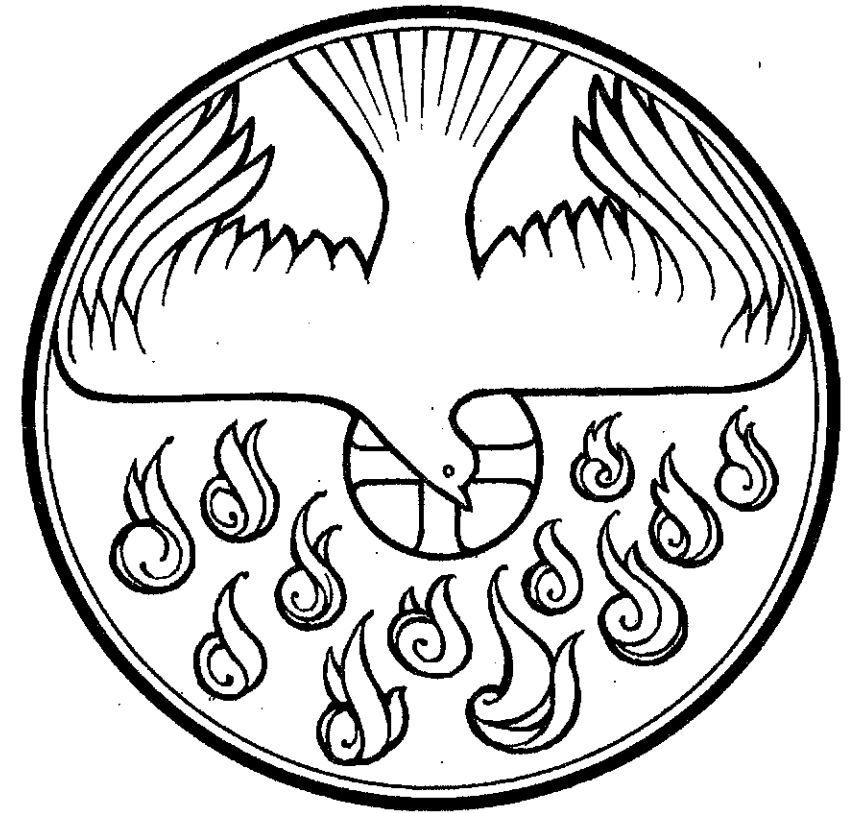
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LCMS STEWARDSHIP Pentecost

Acts 2:1 - "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place." Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival: a time of thanksgiving, bounty, and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that in the New Testament it takes on the meaning of a new harvest: the ripe fields of the nations, bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing the Lord's praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase and that the harvest calls for thanksgiving.

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May 20th
8:00am & 10:30am



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Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

The Lord's Supper is a Gift. . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion.

All Guests must visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

The Divine Service utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

Prayers of the Church

Graduates! Mourning + Family of Leonard Krueger + Family of Wendel Krueger + Family of Tori Lintz Hospice, Recovering, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Edna Stichweh + Kay Krueger + Carol Krause + Al Kress + Viola Melvin + LeRoy Thom Health Issues + Carol Smith + June Rose + Randy Russell + Jesse Beran Cancer + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston Military + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Marcus J. Mackay

Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk

Acolytes: 5/20 8:00am James Ellis 10:30am Allie Janssen
5/27 8:00am Hunter Fowler 10:30am Violet Nunnenkamp

Altar Guild: May: Bertha Alvidrez, Kathy Hromadka June: Karen Bauman, Lisa Novak

Ushers: 8am Craig W. Roger B. 10:30am Glen K. Malachi M.

Elders: 5/20 Wes C. 402-984-4650 5/27 Dale E. 402-469-4191

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Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Sunday Attendance</u>	142	<u>Sunday Year to Date Attendance</u>	125
<u>Last Sunday Offering \$</u>	3,521.05	<u>Jan-Apr Income</u>	\$ 81,219.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,378.85	<u>Jan-Mar Expense</u>	\$ 74,416.00

<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Jan-Mar Income</u>	\$ 30,553.77
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Remaining Balance</u>	\$ 203,371.69

The Lord's Week

Sunday, May 20th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service
Monday, May 21st	10:30am	Funeral Service + Leonard Krueger
	7:00pm	Right to Life Board
Tuesday, May 22nd	9:30am	Bible Study
Wednesday, May 23rd	2:00pm	Calling & Caring
Friday, May 25th	10:30am	Funeral Service + Phyllis Heath
Sunday, May 27th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service

Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peacelutheranhastings@gmail.com

The Holy Spirit Gives Peace

Following the flood, Noah's descendants failed to spread out and fill the earth as God had spoken. Rather, they exalted themselves; with "one language and the same words" (Gen. 11:1) they spoke proudly and arrogantly. The Lord humbled them by confusing "the language of all the earth," dividing and dispersing the people (Gen. 11:9). That dispersal was reversed on Pentecost Day (the fiftieth day of Easter), when God caused the one Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to be preached in a multitude of languages. "At this sound the multitude came together" (Acts 2:6), for the preaching of Christ is the primary work of the Holy Spirit, whereby He gathers people from all nations into one Church. The Holy Spirit teaches and brings to our remembrance the words of Jesus, which are the words of the Father who sent Him. These words bestow forgiveness and peace to those who keep and hold on to them in love for Jesus. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27).



DIVINE SERVICE
Setting One

Prelude & Ringing of Bells	
Processional Hymn	#503
<u>Confession & Absolution</u>	p. 151
<u>Service of the Word</u>	
Introit	<i>insert</i>
Kyrie	p. 152
Gloria in Excelsis	
Salutation & Collect	
Old Testament Reading	
Epistle Reading	
Alleluia & Verse	
Gospel Processional	
Nicene Creed	
Hymn of the Day	#497
Sermon	John 14:29
	<i>"When It Takes Place...Believe"</i>
10:30am Banner Dedication	
Prayer of the Church	
Offering & Offertory	p.159
<u>Service of the Sacrament</u>	
Preface & Proper Preface	p.160
Sanctus & Prayer	
Lord's Prayer	
The Words of our Lord	
Pax Domini & Agnus Dei	
Distribution & Hymns	#624 #650 #496
Nunc Dimittis & Collect	
Benediction	
Recessional Hymn	#500
Postlude	