

Pentecost

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HYMN— #184—*O Holy Spirit, Enter In*

STAND

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
 For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
 For sins of habit and sins of choice,
 For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:
I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY
Kyrie

Mark 10:47

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

1. All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race.
2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
For your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.
3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God's right hand, your mercy share.
4. You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;
The Father's glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again:
"All glory be to God!" Amen.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 11:1-9 (NIV)

¹ Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. ² As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

³ They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

⁵ But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. ⁶ The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

⁸ So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹ That is why it was called Babel—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Refrain

Psalm tone

Refrain

O Lord, open my lips,*
 and my mouth will declare your praise.
 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;*
 you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*
 a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure heart, O God,*
 and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
 Do not cast me from your presence*
 or take your Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
 and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,*
 and sinners will turn back to you.
 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.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.
(From the antiphon: Come, Holy Spirit)

STAND

GOSPEL

John 15:26, 27 (NIV)

M: The Gospel according to John chapter fifteen.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

²⁶ "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.

²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED

HYMN— #176—*Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord*

SERMON (sermon text *John 15:26, 27*)

"The Holy Spirit and His Work"

STAND

NICENE CREED

C: 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.
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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR PENTECOST

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the Lord and the favor of His Spirit, that hearing His voice in His Word we may believe in Him whom the Father has sent and show forth the good works of Him who has called us from darkness into His marvelous light, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For the renewal of our lost lives and the refreshment of our life together within our congregation, that in all things the name of the Lord may be praised and His bidding accomplished, here and throughout our district and Synod, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For those who administer the Means of Grace to us, that all pastors may preach faithfully the Law and Gospel, all missionaries be fruitful in their labors and all church workers be faithful in their service, so that all who call on the name of the Lord may be saved, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For the nations and those who lead them, for peace among the nations, for those who protect and defend us, and for freedom, that we may serve the Lord unhindered by force or fear, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For the blessing of a fruitful earth, for the needs of the poor, for the widowed and the fatherless, and for sacred devotion to the protection and care of life from the womb to the grave, that the name of the Lord may be kept in honor among all people, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For those who serve us at home and abroad, the police, firefighters, medical personnel and members of the armed forces, and for their protection in the exercise of their duty, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For a giving heart and a generous spirit, that the Church may not lack for people and resources to do the Lord's bidding, and that we may serve willingly and joyfully our neighbor in need, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those afflicted in body or spirit, for those in pain and for those near death, that the Lord may grant them peace, patience, relief and healing according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who commune today, that they may receive with faith the Lord's flesh and blood and be strengthened in faith to serve the Lord with all their mind, body and spirit, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have gone before us with the sign of peace and who now rest from their labors, that we may follow them as they followed Christ and be found faithful by those who come after us, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the arts and artisans, for music and musicians, for honest labor and noble work, that we may offer the Lord the best of our hands to His glory until He comes to finish His new creation and bring to fulfillment all things, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

(Special prayers may be offered here.)

Lord, here us as we bring you our private petition.

Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, all glory, honor and worship is Yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, both now and forevermore.

Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day poured out his promised Holy Spirit to testify to the truth and to remind his followers of everything he had said to them. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

1. O holy, holy, holy Lord God, to You we pray,
The heavens show Your glory, The earth Your works display.
Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,
And in Your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.
2. Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is He
Who in God's name is coming To set His people free!
He comes to bring salvation And with His blood outpoured
Deliver us from bondage—Hosanna, mighty Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts.
Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remem-

branch of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. For this reason, we ask that only members of Bethany or other WELS or ELS congregations partake in this special meal.)

HYMN 312—*Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared*

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

Tune: Munich

1. O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised Incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory Of those in Israel!

2. All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you give us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. We pray that through this precious gift of yourself you would feed our faith, nourish our hope, and strengthen our love that we might live as your people now, and as your guests forever at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN #182—*Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*





Give me grace, O Holy Spirit,
Spirit of the Father and the Son,
to say to You always and everywhere,
"Speak Lord,
for Your servant is listening."

News And Notes

WELCOME!

Welcome to worship! We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us today. Guests, if there is anything we can do to make your worship more meaningful, please do not hesitate to ask us. Pastor, the ushers, and all members of our Bethany family stand ready to serve you. May the Lord bless your worship!

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

A special "thank you" to those who served their Lord by serving us this morning, our violinists, our organist, and our ushers. Thank you for edifying and beautifying our worship with your service.

NARCISI WINERY FELLOWSHIP — MAY 21st

Here is a reminder that a group from Bethany is planning to go to the Narcisi Winery on Saturday, May 21 for some fun and fellowship. The winery has live music outside that day from 2pm to 5pm. Patrons are permitted to bring their own food to enjoy while listening. The only thing that Narcisi asks is if you would like to have some wine, that it is purchased at the winery. Please add your name to the signup sheet in the narthex if you are interested and have not yet signed up.

VBS AND WEST DEER COMMUNITY DAYS VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

If you are willing to help with either of these outreach opportunities and have not yet signed up on the signup sheets in the narthex, please do so ASAP so we can determine if we have enough people to properly staff each event. Please help those who are planning these events by indicating your willingness if you are able. We do need to have enough people signed up to properly and safely plan either event.

CONFIRMATION OF JAKE LIPPERT AND SEAN CUNNINGHAM SUNDAY JUNE 5th

On Sunday June 5th, Jake and Sean will be received into communicant membership of Bethany as they publicly confirm the faith of their baptisms in our Sunday worship. Join us for this special occasion of celebrating God's grace in their lives.

FELLOWSHIP AT THE KLUENDER HOME SATURDAY, JUNE 11th

On Saturday, June 11th, all of Bethany is invited to join the Kluenders and their family to celebrate Hannah's graduation with food and fellowship from 4:00—7:00 PM at the parsonage. We look forward to seeing you there!

LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP

In last Sunday's worship, 46 people were fed and strengthened by the Word of God.

Our Walk For God

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY...

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
16 10:00a-2:00p Pastor's Circuit Meeting at Bethany	17 7:00p Bible Study Happy Birthday Denise Varisco!	18 Happy Birthday Sam Kluender and Jennifer Kluender!	19 7:00p Ministry Vision Committee	20 Happy Birthday Nathan Verlinden!	21 Narcisi Winery Fellowship 2:00 PM -- ?	22 9:00a Adult Bible Study 10:30a Worship
Serving next Sunday: Alter: Kluender; Greeter: Schult Ushers: Team A						