



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

May 23, 2021

PENTECOST SUNDAY



INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (please rise as you are able)

P. We are called together to worship today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen!**

P. Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

C: For God has done wondrous things for us.

P. Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

C: For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

P. Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

C: Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen.

All: AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

P: Let us pray, **C: God of wind and fire, embolden us this day to receive your power. Help us to proclaim the wondrous things that you have done and continue to do in our lives. Give us strength and courage to share the Good News of your love and your presence. For we ask this in Jesus' name, Amen**

GATHERING SONG "Breathe" (It's all about the presence of the Holy Spirit!)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P. Let us pray, **C. God of amazing love and unexpected grace, open our eyes that we may see You especially in those times when we feel abandoned by You. Touch our lives that we may know You especially in those times when we feel unable to cope. Fill our hearts that we may become like You especially when Your message needs to be heard. Forgive us when we forget that we are children of God with Your Spirit in us. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Congregational response: **AMEN**

WORSHIP SONG "Spirit Song"

SCRIPTURE LESSON FOR PENTECOST Acts 2: 1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and

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

R. This is the word of the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God.**

R. Please rise as you are able for reading of the gospel.

GOSPEL LESSON (*Please rise as you are able*)

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter, verses 8-17 and 25-27:

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. ¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,

¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 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. 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.
P. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

APOSTLE'S CREED

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 life everlasting. Amen.*

Please be seated

SERMON SONG "Surely the Presence"

MESSAGE Pastor Michael Birnbaum

OFFERING PRAYER and PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (please rise as you are able)
(Offering plates located at rear-thank you thank you, thank you!)

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Let us pray.....**C. Generous God, through Your Son Jesus Christ, You have shown us what it means to love. Accept the gifts we bring today. May they help to spread the love we have received to the world around us. AMEN**

*Following general prayers, you are encouraged to share other prayer concerns out loud.
Please close your prayer concern with "Lord in your mercy".*

HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

P. It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending proclamation: **C. (singing) Holy, holy, holy,**

My heart, my heart adores You!

My heart is glad to say, the words:

You are holy, Lord!

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Communion Prayer, Consecration of Elements, Lord's Prayer

(Please be seated during distribution of communion)

We welcome everyone to the Lord's Table who shares the Biblical belief that He is present (1 Cor. 10:16) and our sins are being forgiven as He promises (Matt.26:28). This sacrament is a truly wonderful opportunity to share this miracle and our oneness as the Body of Christ together! (1Cor. 10:17-18)

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord" (*please rise as you are able*)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING/BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN "Shine, Jesus Shine"

P. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C. Thanks be to God!



COMING UP:

- **May 23-Special Congregational Meeting after worship**
 - **To discuss Pastoral Transition**
- May 26-Men's Bible Study and Breakfast 9 AM,
- May 27-Blessed and Unstoppable, IHOP 5:30
- **May 30-Holy Trinity Sunday**
- **June 6-BLESSING OF THE PARSONAGE, NOON**
 - **976 Shadow Crest Way**

Breathe

This is the air I breathe; this is the air I breathe

Your holy presence living in me

This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread

Your very word spoken to me

And I, I'm desperate for You

And I, I'm lost without You

(repeat x 1)

I'm lost without you, I'm lost without you

I'm desperate for you

Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise

Thank the Lord and sing His praise;

tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises
and leads His people forth in joy

With shouts of thanksgiving.

Alleluia, alleluia.

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Divine Service One, The Lutheran Service Book, CPH 2006)

Spirit Song

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh, let Him have those things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Chorus Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs

Oh, come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name
Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name
Chorus

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SURELY THE PRESENCE

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of Angel's wings,
I see glory on each face.
Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this place.

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Shine Jesus Shine

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow Flood the nations
With grace and mercy
Send forth Your word Lord
And let there be light

Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus
As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus

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Living Word Lutheran Church
Special Congregational Meeting
5/23/2021

- I. Opening Prayer – Pastor Michael
- II. Establish Quorum – 25% of voting membership
- III. Dispense with reading of April special meeting minutes
- IV. Council’s proposed contract offer to Brandon Scroggins
 - a. Reading of reference from Pastor Steve Bergeson
 - b. Document review: Contract offer letter draft, Pastoral Contract draft, Job description draft
- V. Motion and second to submit 1 year Pastoral Contract to Brandon Scroggins
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Vote
- VI. Closing Prayer