

## Historic Lessons for the Feast of Pentecost ☩ Whitsunday

### Old Testament

**Joel 2:28-32 NIV** And afterward, I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. 29 Even on My servants, both men and women, I will pour out My Spirit in those days. 30 I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 31 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. 32 And everyone who calls on the Name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

### Epistle

**Acts 2:1-11** 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 them speaking in his own language. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own 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!"

### Historic Gospel

**John 14:23-31** Jesus replied, "If anyone loves Me, he will obey My teaching. My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 He who does not love Me will not obey My teaching. These words you hear are not My own; they belong to the Father Who sent Me. 25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My Name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. 28 "You heard Me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. 30 I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on Me, 31 but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what My Father has commanded Me. "Come now; let us leave."

### 3-Year Gospel (Sermon Text)

**John 7:37-39a** On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud Voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." 39 By this He meant the Spirit, Whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

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## May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Pentecost ☽ Whitsunday "Holy Spirit"

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER:** We at Our Savior Lutheran practice Fellowship and **Membership Communion**. If you are new to the area or our worship and have never communed with us before, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you are not currently a member of an ELS or WELS congregation, we ask that you please **wait to take Communion until you can speak with our pastor**. Out of Christian love and consideration to you the guest, we want you to have the opportunity to learn what our church teaches about the Bible and Sacraments before you unite in taking Holy Communion with us. Thank you for understanding. LORD's blessings to you.

**OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP** On silver liturgy sheets and in (red) hymnal p.15 .

Service		
Opening Hymn	224 (3v)	Come, Holy Ghost, God and LORD
Psalm 104	Ps.104 "3v"	Lord, Send Out Your Spirit And Renew... ☽
Hymn of the Day	234 (6v)	Holy Ghost, with Light Divine
Offertory Verse	235 (8v)	<b>Sing v.1</b> "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"
Distribution Hymn	235 (8v)	v.2... Give to Thy Word impressive pow'r...
Closing Hymn	48 (3v)	How Blest are They Who Hear the Word

### ☽ Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after Pentecost Sunday ☽

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eze.36:22-28	Ezek.47:1-12	Isaiah 45:18-21	Isaiah45:22-25	Jere. 9:23-26	Isaiah 44:6-8
John 14:1-22	Acts 2:14-36	Acts 2:37-47	John 14:1-22	John 15:1-25	Joel 16:31-17:26

### PROPERs for WHITSUNDAY = PENTECOST SUNDAY ☽ MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

**INTROIT** The Spirit of the LORD fills the whole world. Alleluia! Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God; Yes, let them exceedingly rejoice. Alleluia! Alleluia! Let God arise; let His enemies be scattered; Let those also who hate Him flee before Him. ...from Psalm 68 & Wisdom of Solomon 1:7

**COLLECT** O God, You taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through our LORD Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who with You and the Holy Spirit lives, and reigns, one true God, now and forever. **C: ♪ A- -men.**

**GRADUAL C: Alleluia! Alleluia! You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the earth. Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia!** ...Psalm 104 & *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*

O.T. <b>Joel 2:28-32</b>	I will pour My (Holy) Spirit on you in those days.
Epi. <b>Acts 2:1-11(-21)</b>	The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost. ☽ ☽ ☽ ☽ ☽
Gos. <b>John 14:23-31</b>	Jesus promises the Holy Spirit will come.

**PSALM 104** ♪ Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth;  
Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth.

Verse 1. ♪ O bless- the Lord, my soul, – O Lord, how great are Your ways!  
How ma-ny are Your works-, O Lord, – The earth is full of Your glory!

**C: ♪ Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth; (Repeat)**

Verse 2. ♪ You take back Your Spirit; They die, – Return-ing to- the dust.  
You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, – You-renew the face of the earth.

**C: ♪ Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth; (Repeat)**

Verse 3. ♪ May the glory of God be forever, – May the Lord rejoice in His Works!  
May my thoughts and my deeds be pleasing to Him, – I find my joy in the Lord.

**C: ♪ Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth; (Repeat)**

**#235, 1. O Holy Spirit, enter in - And in our hearts Thy work begin,  
Thy temple deign to make us; - Sun of the soul, Thou Light Divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine, - To joy and gladness wake us.  
That we, In Thee - Truly living, To Thee giving - Prayer unceasing,  
MAY IN LOVE BE STILL INCREASING. A--men.**

PRAYER REQUESTS:	Member or Relation	Pray for...
Sue Smith (Bev Foster)	Sue battling pancreas & liver growths.	Sad but faithful
Alex Gourley (Ilene)	Alex had a stent surgery, is home recovering	
Jim & Elma Hendricks	Jim & Elma are packing and moving to Columbia, SC	
Dee Kurczewski (David)	Dee was in hospital after falls. Back home, rehabbing	
Angelo Pousa (Tom & Viv Temple's neighbor)	Angelo battling health issues	
Mariah Sawyer	LORD's richest blessings on Mariah's (Teneroc) Graduation	
June Weyenberg	June back home (by herself) doing rehab from knee surgery	

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Ilene & Alex Gourley	Bev & Don Wienke
Treaters	Graduation Cake	Bev & Don Wienke

Statistics	Last week	Year to date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance (Communion)	20 / (-)	24 / 20
Bible Class Attendance: Sun/Wed	7 / 5	7 / 5
Last Sunday Offering & YTD	\$.	YTD Total \$.

Calendar of Events		
Today, May 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> <i>Holy Spirit Comes</i>	8:30 am 9:30 am 10:45 ff...	Bible Study - Heritage Hymns ELH #586 Divine Worship (WITH Communion) "FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!
Sunday, 5/27 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> <i>3 In 1 and 1 in 3</i>	8:30 am 9:30 am 10:45 ff...	Bible Study - Grand Themes & Keywords Divine Worship (No Communion) "FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!

**Elders: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892.**

**May 20<sup>th</sup> ^ ELS Centennial: Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918-2018**



The Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Bethany Lutheran College are intimately united. The college gives a visibility and identity to the synod. In turn, the synod gives moorings to the college and elects both the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees for the college. Since 1928, most conventions of the synod have been conducted on the college campus.

Next Sunday 5/27 *Trinity Sunday (p.5, No LS)* 246 Ps.104 250 441.1,2 237 244

**PENTECOST(B) Text: John 7:37b-39 "O DAY FULL OF GRACE" 05.20.18 OSL**

**TEXT** *On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." 39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.*

**INTRODUCTION** Today is one of the **highest and holiest days** on our calendar. It's a day we dare not forget, for if we do, we will forget the one who birthed us, washed us, nurtured and fed us. How dare we forget the womb that birthed us, the breasts that nursed us, the arms that comforted us. Of course, I'm talking about Church, our spiritual mother of our baptismal birth. Pentecost is, in a very real sense, our Mother's Day, the day of the Church and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And thanks be to God for our mothers.

**MOTHER CHURCH** **St. Cyprian** once said: *"No one can have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother."* There's a great deal of truth to that. You always know who the mother is. And the mother will tell you who the father is. The Spirit of God cries out **"Abba, Father"** and testifies **to our spirits** that we are the children of God. And the Spirit **speaks through the Church** by which we were born of water and Spirit in Holy Baptism.

**HOLY M.C.** That's why it's fitting and proper to recognize that Pentecost is about (holy) "Mother" Church. We cringe at that phrase sometimes. It sounds just a bit **too "Catholic" for our Protestant-ized ears.** Holy Mother Church. We have no problems with calling God "Father" but we are reluctant to realize that we also have a "Mother" in our Baptismal birth from above. The Apostle Paul calls the **Heavenly Jerusalem, the Church,** or **"Our Mother."**

**B'DAY(?)** You sometimes hear Pentecost called the "church's birthday" but there already was a Church before Pentecost. It numbered about 120 disciples including Jesus' mother and brothers. Properly speaking, **the Church was "born" on Good Friday,** the day that **Christ, the second Adam, died on the Cross,** and in the sleep of His death, also a "new Eve," the mother of all the living, was fashioned from His side by the Water and the Blood. As Eve was taken from the side of her sleeping Adam, so the Church was made from the Baptismal Water and the Eucharistic Blood that came from the Side of Christ on the Cross. As Eve was called the mother of all the living, so the Church is the Mother that bears all believers in Baptism to eternal life.

**HIS KIDS** John tells us in the prologue to his Gospel (**ch.1**) what it means to be the children of God: *"To all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision, nor of a husband's will, but born of God."* Not of natural descent - **you are not naturally born a**

**believer.** Nor of human decision - you don't decide to believe. Nor of a husband's will - children of God are not conceived in the natural way.

(SMALL) CAT. Our **Small Catechism** puts it this way in the Third Article, *"I believe that I cannot by my own reason or senses believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to Him."* We believe that we do not naturally believe. Our hearts are naturally dead toward God, dead in sin, hopelessly turned inward, without fear, love, and trust in God. We must be born anew, "Virgin born" through **water, Word, and Spirit.**

**DELIVERY DAY** Pentecost is not the Church's birthday, but the Church's **birthing day,** or Her **"delivery day."** The day that mother Church bears her first children by the preaching of the Word and by Holy Baptism. Three thousand were baptized that day. Three thousand heard the preached Word through Peter and came to the birthing waters of Baptism with the promise that they too would receive the gift of forgiveness and the Holy Spirit. And not only them, but also their children. So, Pentecost is the Church's delivery date, the **day She gave birth to three thousand born-from-above-children** of the Heavenly Father through water and the Spirit.

**50 DAYS** The day is also significant. Pentecost means **"fifty."** (50) Fifty days **after** the Passover came the **winter wheat harvest festival.** It was the celebration of the first fruits, the first harvest of the year. At the time of Jesus, it was also a day to celebrate the **giving of the Torah to Moses on Mt. Sinai.** These two themes come together - **the harvest and the giving of the Word.** Fifty days after Jesus' death and Resurrection comes the first fruits of the Harvest, the first believers to believe through the apostolic Word and Baptism. It also comes with all the **Sinai-signs - fire and wind.** Three thousand people, from among the thousands that were in Jerusalem for Pentecost, heard the Word of Christ preached by the apostles, were Baptized by them, and received the Holy Spirit.

**1<sup>ST</sup>-BORN** In other words, those **three thousand** came to faith the way **you and I** came to faith. Not by walking around with Jesus, as the disciples did. But **through the preached Word and through the water of Baptism.** That's why the day of Pentecost is so important in the life of the Church. These are the Church's **"first-born,"** ...of whom you and I are also numbered. And they were "born again" in the same we are born again, **through water and the Word.** Whoever has God as his or her Father has the Church as his or her Mother.

**DON'T "DIS-" MOM** You don't bring **honor** to Father while **DISHonoring** Mother. Like all mothers, the Church is not without sin. But that's no excuse for despising her or neglecting her. **Luther** said that we ought to **thank God daily for our mothers even if they did nothing else than bear with us for nine months.** Without them, we wouldn't be around. And without the Church, flaws and all, we would not have the gifts of Baptism, the Word, the Supper. The Church is our mother. And we might wish for another, as a certain young boy once did when he put a sign in the window that read,

**“Mom for Sale 5 Cents.”** Remember, she’s the only we have, and **thank God for her.** Through Mother Church the Spirit, the Word, the water come to us to give birth to us through new life.

**PARCHED** In our **Gospel text** for today (in slightly rearranged sentence order.) Jesus says, *“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me, and let him drink, the one believes in Me.”* To thirst is to be **dried up and parched.** Relief comes from the outside, not the inside. When you’re thirsty, you need seek a source of water and it isn’t in you. To “drink” of Jesus is to trust Him, to take Him at His Word, to hear Him, to drink in all of His gifts by faith.

**FROM THE HEART** As the Scripture says, *“Out of His Heart will flow rivers of living water.”* The **“His” belongs to Jesus, not to you.** In the OT, God is the source and fountain of living Water. Jesus promised to give the Samaritan woman living Water. It isn’t from our hearts that living Water flows, but **from the heart of Jesus.** From **our** hearts flow murders, adulteries, thefts, false witness, gossip, slander, greed, idolatry - all that is wrong and broken and evil in our lives. The outflow of our hearts is an outpouring of **sin. Not fresh living water, but raw sewage.**

**H2O & BLOOD** But from the heart of Jesus, pierced for our iniquities by a Roman sword, **there flows living water, water mixed with His Life’s Blood.** (John is the Gospel writer who captures this detail for us.) Jesus is **the Source,** the Fountain of that living Water that cleanses from sin, that births us with a new and Heavenly “birth” from above that marks us as a new creation, children of God redeemed by Christ the crucified. Baptismal Water is that living Water Jesus was speaking, a Water that flowed from His wounded Heart to you in your Baptism.

**IT SPREAD** John explains that Jesus **was speaking about the (Holy) Spirit that was to come.** First **Jesus had to die;** it is out of His death that **life flows.** Then, risen and reigning, Jesus breathes out His Spirit, with the signs of fire and wind and languages. And three thousand thirsty sinful souls were quenched with water and the Word. They were Baptized. **And then there were more,** as the three thousand - men **plus women and children** - went back to their homes, and the Church spread literally **by word of mouth,** words from **mouths to ears ... carried along by the Spirit.**

**STREAM TO THE END** And as these last days draw to their close, that stream of living Water flows to you - Baptized, believing, forgiven, born anew of water and Spirit, born from above of our (spiritual) Mother Church, the “Heavenly Jerusalem,” our **free Mother who bears Her children in the freedom of Christ.**

**SO, T.Y.** And so as we give thanks to God on this day for the gift of the Church, our spiritual Mother, who **gave us birth in Baptism and nurtured us with the pure spiritual milk of the Word.**

**OH DAY FULL OF GRACE!** Blessed Pentecost. *IJ’N, Amen. SDG*

*(And now,) That peace of God which passes all understanding, be and abide...*

**Possible Prayer of the Church for the Day of Pentecost ☞ May 20<sup>th</sup> 2018**

*Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. (Possible) Brief silence*

Eternal God, by the power of the Holy Spirit we confess You to be the one true God. Accept our thanks today for Your Spirit’s work in our lives. Help us daily to rely upon the Spirit’s important work of teaching, rebuking, reminding and comforting. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, bless the work of proclaiming Your one message of salvation into many languages. Guide those individuals and organizations who endeavor to translate Your Holy Word into foreign languages. By their efforts, bring more people to a knowledge of Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, we acknowledge You to be God and Lord. Renew and strengthen this confession of Your holy people as the Gospel is preached and the Sacraments administered. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the Church, by Your Holy Spirit You pour forth Your charity and love into our hearts. Renew Your faithful people by Your mercy, sustain them in their hope and faith, and work in them a zeal to demonstrate Your mercy to others. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity not only to the nations on earth but to the Christian Church, including The Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Give Your servants a spirit of Christian love as they seek to conduct the affairs of our church in all humility and godliness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear....**

O merciful Father in heaven, guide all who have authority over us, especially our president, the Congress of the United States, our governor and all who make, administer and judge our laws. We humbly pray that these, Your servants, will fulfill their civic duties, recognizing that they are Your instruments in caring for us in this life by promoting stability and tranquility in our communities. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty and Everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who are in any tribulation or distress graciously come before You, [*especially OSL Prayer List,*] that they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort. Graciously abide with those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Wrap them in Your certain promise of a joyful reunion in heaven for all those who die in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear...**

O Lord, our God, in the Sacrament of the Altar, Your Son delivers into our mouths His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. By this Sacrament, send Your Holy Spirit into the hearts of Your faithful people, that we may be strengthened in our faith to show fervent love toward all those around us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen. ...Lord’s Supper**