

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 (Sermon Text)

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. ... 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

John 15:26-16:11 "When the Counselor 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. 16:1 "All this I have told you so that you will not go astray. 2 They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. 3 They will do such things because they have not known the Father or Me. 4 I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you. 5 "Now I am going to Him Who sent Me, yet none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' 6 Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. 7 But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. 8 When He comes, He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 in regard to sin, because men do not believe in Me; 10 in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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June 9th, 2019 ✘ Pentecost ☽ Whitsunday "Holy Spirit"

WELCOME to OUR SAVIOR! We are so happy to have you worship Our Savior with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time or in a long time, we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come worship with us again! **God bless you.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP On the gold liturgy sheets and in red TLH Hymnal p.5 .

Service	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	225 (5v)	Come, Holy Spirit, Come! Let Thy Bright
Psalm 104	Ps. 104 '3v'	Lord, Send Out Your Spirit And Renew ☞
Hymn of the Day	231 (4v)	We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost
Offertory Verse	235 (8v)	Sing v.1 O Holy Spirit, enter in And in... →
Third Hymn	236 (4v)	Creator Spirit by Whose Aid-The World's
Closing Hymn	215 (5v)	Draw Us to Thee For Then Shall We

☽ 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 ☽ JUNE 9TH, 2019

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!

...from Psalm 104 & Veni, Sancte Spiritus

SCRIPTURE LESSONS (printed on outside back page of the bulletin)

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

Ser. Acts 2:1-11 (& 3Yr. John 15:2-16:11) "WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT..."

(NEW) PSALM 104 LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

Refrain C: ♪ 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!

Refrain C: ♪ 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 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.

Refrain C: ♪ 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 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.

Refrain C: ♪ Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth;
Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth.

OFFERTORY 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...
Dee Kurczewski (David)	Dee - rehabbing. David working & helping Mom	
Jon (Sister) Martha Herbert	Surgery at LRMC. Andrea (Sister) Emily Cancer	
Vivian Temple (Tom)	Vivian is at home recovering. Tom is helping her	
Stacy Terhune (Don & Bev Wienke daughter)	Spinal pain and surgery	
Joe Thacker (Bev Foster)	Joe had blood work done in MI. Not good results	
James Vanesky & Delores Platt	Neither able to get to church due to health	

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	(Volunteer)	(Volunteer)
Treaters	Cookies & Coffee	Dave & Pat 50th Anniversary!

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday Attendance (LORDSupper)	27 / (22)	27 / 23
Bible Class Attendance: Sun.Wed.	6, 7	10, 8
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1.3K)	YTD \$, .(\$29.3K)

Calendar of Events		
Today, June 9th	9:00 am	BibleStudy Christian Life: The LAW
Pentecost Sunday	10:00 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
Holy Spirit Comes!	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!
Sun. PM, Mon. Tues.	2-1/2 days	(Pastor away) ELS-FLA Youth Camp-Orlando
Wednesday 6/12	6:00 pm	Midweek Bible Study: Jesus' Teachings SoM
Next Sunday 6/16	9:00 am	BibleStudy Christian Life: Miracles, Signs
Trinity Sunday	10:00 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
3 In 1 and 1 in 3	11:15 ff...	FFF-Food, Fun & Farewell Pastor(3wks)

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

Next Sunday 6/16 Trinity/C (p.15 L.S.) Hymn #s 246 Ps.104 250 644 315 244

PENTECOST/C Acts 2:1-11(John 15-16) **“WE BELIEVE IN HOLY SPIRIT” 06.09.19**

(NICENE CREED) *“We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets....”*

THE “50’s” Today is the Holy Spirit’s Day, Pentecost Day, a day full of grace and favor. It is the day the crucified, risen, and reigning Lord Jesus Christ breathed out on His church – 120 believers gathered together in a room. **Pentecost means “fifty” in Greek. Fifty days.** In the Old Testament, it was the **Harvest Festival** of the winter wheat, **fifty days** after the Feast of Unleavened Bread. In the rabbinic tradition, it celebrated the giving of the Torah to Moses on Mt. Sinai **fifty days** after the Exodus.

(50) The Lord employs the symbolism of the day to its maximum effect. It was now fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus. Seven weeks. Fifty days after **Jesus’ “Exodus” from death to life** comes the outpouring of the Spirit and the “new Torah” the Gospel of Jesus is preached to the world in all of its languages. Fifty days after Jesus’ Resurrection from the grave, the first-fruits of the Resurrection’s “harvest” is gathered – 3000 people heard the proclamation of salvation in the Name of Jesus, believed and were baptized.

LAST DAY/S Pentecost also indicates the **beginning of the “last days,”** the days leading up to **The Last Day.** Everything has been done for your salvation. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ has ascended to the throne of glory at the Father’s right hand. It is finished. Nothing more needs to be done except to broadcast the victory. Proclaim it. Preach it. Make it known far and wide. That takes breath. **The Church must have breath if she is to proclaim the victory and reign of Christ.** Before you can shout or sing, you **need to inhale,** take in a good deep breath. **That’s Pentecost.** The Spirit is the Church’s breath. The rushing wind and tongues of fire. That’s Jesus breathing the living Breath of God into the Church giving life and vitality and breath to speak.

SIGNS The breath of God blew through the church like **a mighty wind. Divided tongues of fire** rested on each of the disciples gathered there. Wind and fire were Sinai signs. Jesus promised He would Baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. They were all filled with the Spirit and began to speak in various languages and dialects. And the people who were gathered in Jerusalem from all over the Mediterranean world heard the Good News of Jesus in their very own language and dialect. Pentecost is a **miracle of both speaking and hearing.** The Holy Spirit works both at the mouth and at the ear to convey the Word.

DIFFERENT TAKES That’s why **two people can get two different things from the same sermon, or react in two different ways.** I’ve learned that over fourteen years of preaching. No two people hear the same sermon the same way. I believe, on the basis on Pentecost, that this is precisely how the

Holy Spirit works. He always works through Means, in this case words. Nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, subjects, predicates. Human language. It is one of the most amazing gifts of the Spirit that the Word of God that kills and makes alive, that tears down and builds up, that is sharper than any two edged sword, can be conveyed in ordinary human language. It’s really no different than Baptism using ordinary water, or ordinary bread and wine being the Body and Blood of Christ. God works through means.

FOR YOU! The languages spoken here were coherent human languages. People heard the Gospel in their own native tongues. It was God’s way of saying **“for you.”** This death and life of Jesus, this Baptism, this forgiveness is **“for you.”** Take it personally and trust it. Own it. The words **“for you”** require hearts to believe.

BABEL **Genesis 11** speaks of a different language event – the **Tower at Babel** where God intervened in the ambitious plans of men to build a city and a tower to the heavens by confusing their languages. It’s wonderfully simple and subversive. If you want people to scatter, make it so they don’t understand each other’s subjects and predicates. confuse languages and people scatter.

NO-ONE WORLD It was a **protective act of judgment,** lest a united humanity do something worse. It reveals God’s mistrust of our unity as sinners. You always hear talk about everyone all being together as one and how great that would be. The Lord doesn’t appear to think that **“one world”** ...anything(!) is a good idea. God knows the mischief that **sinners will make** when they **“just all get together.”**

BABBLE The place where God confused the languages of men was called **Babel.** It sounds like what it is – **babbling.** It forms the root for Babylon, the city that man builds, the city destined for final destruction on the last day. We are reminded, by way of this narrative, that the **ambitions of man without God will result in nothing but confusion and chaos.** All of our attempts to be united, to be **“one people,”** will be nothing more than tower building without the Lord. It also reminds us of who runs the verbs, if not the nouns. We don’t, God does. **We don’t reach up to him,** neither with our towers reaching to the Heavens nor with our religions that attempt to do the same. **God comes down to us.** God becomes One of us and One **with us.** *“The Word became Flesh.”*

BABEL UNDONE At Pentecost, the **confusion of Babel is not undone.** The diversity of languages remains. Instead, God uses the diversity of tongues as a sign of His Spirit, and He brings people together not by giving them a common language but by giving them a common Savior. (We heard last Sunday) *“There is **One LORD, One faith, One Baptism, One God and Father of all.**” There is **One Spirit, One Bread, One Cup.*** Our union in Christ is the true unity of the Church and the only way in which we can be united without destroying one another in the process.

SKEPTIC-WORLD The world remains skeptical. Some thought the disciples were drunk at nine in the morning, though I’ve never met

anyone whose language skills improved much less expanded with drinking. And, as the last days play out, the skepticism is bound to increase, as will false teaching and teachers, deceptive spirits and spiritualities, any distraction from Jesus and His Cross. **Apostle Paul** wrote in **1 Timothy**: *“Now the Spirit expressly says that in the later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared.”* Our day is one of “many spirits” and many beliefs. **It’s a religious Babel out there**, and sometimes that babbling confusion even leaks into the Church.

ITCHING EARS We ourselves are tempted too. **We also have this itch for things new.** We are fascinated by things spiritual. Some people expect the church always to be like its opening day, with wind and tongues of fire and speaking in languages and thousands baptized at one time. That may indeed happen every so often where it’s needed. But that’s not the ordinary way. It did happen on Pentecost. That was **“Opening Day.”**

THEY DID LIKE US The “ordinary” way of Pentecost is the **Preaching of Jesus. Baptism. Body and Blood.** Immediately after this episode in the book of Acts it says of those who were gathered, *“They continued in the doctrine of the Apostles, in the fellowship, the Breaking of the Bread, and in the prayers.”* In other words, they worshipped together in much the same way that we do here. Preaching, teaching, fellowship in the Bread which is the Body of Christ and the Cup that is His Blood, and in Prayer.

EVERY SUNDAY...SPECIAL?! Can you imagine what would happen if **wind and fire and tongues** were part of **every Service every Sunday?** We’d get bored with it in a month or two. We’d complain about the wind, we’d worry that the tongues of fire might start a fire. And that chatter of all those languages(?!). We’d rather settle on one.

JESUS KNOWS BEST Jesus knows this. **He knows what is best for His Church.** And He’s promised always to be with us. The Spirit is how Jesus can both **“go away”** and **“come to us.”** In one sense, Jesus “went away” when He Ascended. He didn’t go “somewhere” in the sense of place, but He did withdraw His visible and earthly Presence. We can’t see Him as His disciples did, nor would we want to, not in His glory. But in another greater sense, **He comes to us.** He comes to us by **the Spirit He sends**, in the Spirit-fed Word that has Jesus’ Personal approval, so that the Apostles who wrote were guided by the Spirit who inspired the Word.

US 2 That same Spirit is at work **here among us. Subtly, humbly, hiddenly.** Delivering the peace of 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.”* That’s the peace of sins forgiven. The peace of standing before God justified. The Peace of having death conquered for you. The peace of eternal life and the promise of Resurrection to life. **Pentecost Peace and Joy.** *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. **IJ’N, Amen. SDG***

POSSIBLE Prayer of the Church ☽ The Day of Pentecost ☽ June 9th, 2019

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

Lord of mercy, for our good You **dispersed the nations**, but in love You have **gathered those** whom You had scattered, that in Jesus Christ every division may be bridged and every nation united in faith. Help us to be faithful in speaking forth Your Word and showing forth the healing power of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of power, according to Your promise, You gave **Your Spirit to Your sons and daughters** and placed in them the fire of Your love for the sake of those who do not know You. Give to Your Church passion for Your work, and raise up those whom You call to be successors to the apostles in proclaiming Your Word and teaching the faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of might, preserve Your people from their enemies, bring **peace to the nations**, prosper the cause of life and bless our leaders, especially our president, governor, Congress, legislature, and all judges and magistrates. Give them a relentless pursuit of just laws for the common good of all, with a heart of mercy for the weak and vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, preserve for our use the **good fruits of the earth and prosper all honest labor and work**, that all industry and technology may serve Your noble purpose and be employed first for the sake of the work of Your Kingdom. Accept the prayers and praise of Your people and the tithes and offerings we bring in thanksgiving before You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our....**

Lord of compassion, forget not the sick and the suffering, and grant them healing according to Your will [*especially we name the: **OSL Prayer List***].

Dee Kurczewski (David) Dee - rehabbing. David working & helping Mom
Jon (Sister) Martha Herbert Surgery at LRMC. Andrea (Sister) Emily Cancer
Vivian Temple (Tom) Vivian is at home recovering. Tom is helping her
Stacy Terhune (Don & Bev Wienke daughter) Spinal pain and surgery
Joe Thacker (Bev Foster) Joe had blood work done in MI. Not good results
James Vanesky & Delores Platt Neither able to get to church due to health

Give them confidence that You know their need and will well supply them with all that they need to endure to the day of Your coming, when all affliction will end and You will grant the perfect consummation to us and all who have loved Your appearing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of love, give to **those who do not know the joy** of Your presence, to those who are still without the hope of the Resurrection, and to those who are alone and afraid – give them the consolation of Your Spirit, that they may not despair nor be overcome by affliction. Help them to know the joy of Your presence through our love and care. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of rest, You know the struggles of Your people and have promised **rest from our labors and peace at the last.** Give Your comfort to those who mourn, and raise up our hearts with the promise of the Resurrection and the blest Reunion when we shall stand before You without fear and enjoy Your perfect peace forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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