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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION

### HYMN WOV#684 "SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS"

*Refrain*

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the  
valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your  
wings." *Refrain*

2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the  
sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a  
land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open  
their eyes. *Refrain*

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole  
world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush  
of the wind. *Refrain*

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient  
schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives  
dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise.  
*Refrain*

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## GREETING

The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... O God, on this day you open the hearts of your  
faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the  
light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things  
and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your  
Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE DAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR: THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the  
harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after  
Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as  
God's presence within and among us. In the book of Acts, the Spirit

arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

### **FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-21**

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'”

### **HYMN “EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT”**

<i>Refrain</i>	2	All around me looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine. <i>Refrain</i>
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.	3	Jordan river, chilly and cold, chills the body but not the soul. <i>Refrain</i>
1 Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke.		<i>Refrain</i>

Text: African American spiritual

### **EASTER VERSE & ALLELUIA**

*Alleluia.* Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. *Alleluia.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23**

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on

them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The Gospel of the LORD.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

*Pr. Mark E. Swanson*

**HYMN ELW#398 “HOLY SPIRIT, TRUTH DIVINE”**

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| 1 Holy Spirit, truth divine,<br>dawn upon this soul of mine;<br>breath of God and inward light,<br>wake my spirit, clear my sight. | 4 Holy Spirit, peace divine,<br>still this restless heart of mine;<br>speak to calm this tossing sea,<br>stayed in your tranquility. |
| 2 Holy Spirit, love divine,<br>glow within this heart of mine;<br>kindle ev'ry high desire;<br>purge me with your holy fire.       | 5 Holy Spirit, right divine,<br>king within my conscience reign;<br>be my guide, and I shall be<br>firmly bound, forever free.       |
| 3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,<br>fortify this will of mine;<br>by your will I strongly live,<br>bravely bear, and nobly strive.     |  |

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819-1892

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

P: Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of Holy Baptism and for Jake Russell Tietsworth, one with us in the Body of Christ, who affirms his baptism this day as a sign of his participation in the life of this community of faith and its mission in the world.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for Jake, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in Baptism. You have called him to yourself, enlightened him with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished him in the community of faith. Uphold your servant as he affirms the gifts and promises of Baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus, our LORD. **Amen.**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church.

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R/: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

R/: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

R/: **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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

R/: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

*The Pastor addresses the Confirmand:*

P: You have made public  
profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the  
covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:  
to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear God's Word and share in the LORD's Supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through  
word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of our LORD Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*The Confirmand answers:*

R/: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*The Pastor addresses the Assembly:*

P: People of God, do you promise to support Jake and pray for him  
in his life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, Almighty God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, wash us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Strengthen Jake with the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life. **C: Amen.**

**ANTHEM: "VENI, SANCTE, SPIRITUS"** *Holy Spirit, Come to Us*

Veni Sancte Spiritus. Veni Sancte Spiritus.

1 Come, Holy Spirit, from heaven shine forth with your glorious light. Veni Sancte Spiritus.

2 Come from the four winds, O Spirit, come, Breath of God; disperse the shadows over us, renew and strengthen your people. Veni Sancte Spiritus.

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Jake the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and fear of the LORD,  
the spirit of joy in your presence,  
both now and forever.

R/: **Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS** *Response: "Hear our prayer."*

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

We call on your spirit of unity, that our broken and divided world may know the reconciling work of Christ. Bless our Bishops and Church leaders, that they may boldly proclaim your love for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit that breathes life into all things. Heal with your breath the whole creation, so that all things may sing your praise. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Give each one of us a heart for justice and empathy. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for comfort (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of friendship. As Elizabeth welcomed Mary to her home, give us a spirit of welcome to those whom we meet in this congregation and outside these doors. Surprise us daily with unexpected grace, that we rejoice in every blessing you send. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of hope. As you have led your saints in all times and places, we pray now that your servant Jake may be filled with the Holy Spirit. Stir up in him and in all the faithful, the desire to follow the example of those who have gone before us from death to new life in you. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE** *A sign of peace is shown by bowing.*

The peace of the LORD be with you always.

**And also with you.**

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Send your Spirit upon us and feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

#### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The LORD be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the LORD.**

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Lord God of power and might:  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER** *The pastor offers the prayer.*

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

Come to the banquet. Behold the risen Christ.

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**



**PRAYER**

Let us pray...God our Father, may the Spirit you sent on your Church to begin the teaching of the Gospel continue to work in the world through all who have received this heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The LORD is near.

**Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN ELW#400 "GOD OF TEMPEST, GOD OF WHIRLWIND"

- 1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind,  
as on Pentecost descend!  
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;  
past these walls your people send!  
Sweep us into costly service,  
there with Christ to bear the cross,  
there with Christ to bear the cross!  
for earth's healing set us free!  
Crumble walls that still divide us;  
make us one in Christ our Lord,  
make us one in Christ our Lord!
- 2 God of blazing, God of burning,  
all that blocks your purpose, purge!  
Through your church, Christ's living Body,  
let your flaming Spirit surge!  
Where deceit conceals injustice,  
kindle us to speak your truth,  
kindle us to speak your truth!
- 3 God of earthquake, God of thunder,  
shake us loose from lethargy!  
Break the chains of sin asunder,
- 4 God of passion, God unsleeping,  
stir in us love's restlessness!  
Where the people cry in anguish,  
may we share your heart's distress.  
Rouse us from content with evil;  
claim us for your kingdom's work,  
claim us for your kingdom's work!

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***THIS WEEK ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR...***

**SUNDAY, MAY 31: VISIT OF MARY TO ELIZABETH**

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.

**MONDAY, JUNE 1: JUSTIN, MARTYR AT ROME, DIED AROUND 165**

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3: THE MARTYRS OF UGANDA, DIED 1886**

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3: JOHN XXIII, BISHOP OF ROME, DIED 1963**

When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5: BONIFACE, BISHOP OF MAINZ, MISSIONARY TO GERMANY, MARTYR, DIED 754**

Boniface was a native of England who became a Benedictine monk and was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes of Germany. With fellow workers, he established churches and schools, and he also worked to reform the church.

