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I will  
put my  
**spirit**  
within  
**you,**  
and you  
**shall live...**

Ezekiel 37:14, NRSV

10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 23, 2021  
Sermon: Come, Holy Spirit Acts 2:1-21



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- A Family to Whom You Belong -  
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

## THE DAY OF PENTECOST

10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 23, 2021

### **Servants of God's House Today:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Kenny Hsu    **DCE Intern:** Grace Wolfgram

**Praise Team Accompanist:** Doris Hill

**Ushers:** Tim Draube Team

**Missionaries:** Charles Cortwright, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,  
Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Paul Flo

**Reader:** Judy Seaman

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**WELCOME!** We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

**AS WE GATHER** The outpouring of the Holy Spirit reaches to all who belong to Christ, granting a renewed and eternal life. In his Letter to Titus, Paul writes of the salvation of God our Savior and the renewal of the Holy Spirit that is for all God's people. Assuring us that we are God's children, the Spirit enables us to address God as our Father with all boldness and confidence—as Martin Luther affirms in his explanation of the Lord's Prayer. When we are directed by the Spirit, our daily lives are ordered in such a way that we continually walk in a heavenly direction. The Spirit shapes our lives of prayer and of worship, interceding for us—and with us—as we worship in spirit and truth.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Worship Service**

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

**The Ringing of the Bells**

**The Wave of Fellowship**

### **The Invocation**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Opening Sentences

*Psalm 43:3, 5b; 66:4*

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

**C: and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

P: Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

**C: let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!**

P: Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,

**C: my salvation and my God.**

P: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;

**C: they sing praises to Your name.**

## Opening Song

### “Shout to The Lord”

My Jesus my Savior Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love  
My comfort my shelter tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath all that I am never cease to worship You  
Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty praise to the King mountains bow down  
And the seas will roar at the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You (repeat)

Forever I'll love You forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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## Apostles' Creed

### First Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1–14

(The prophet Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones)

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O LORD GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.” <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on

them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are

clean cut off.'

<sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

## **Second Lesson**

Acts 2:1–21 (The Holy Spirit comes on the Day of Pentecost.)

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

<sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and 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, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

<sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>"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;

<sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and

female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the  
heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the  
great and magnificent day.

<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that  
everyone who calls upon the name of the  
Lord shall be saved.”

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

**Holy Gospel** John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15 (Jesus promises to send the Spirit.)

<sup>26</sup>“But when the Helper comes, whom I  
will send to you from the Father, the Spirit  
of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he  
will bear witness about me. <sup>27</sup>And you also  
will bear witness, because you have been  
with me from the beginning.

<sup>4</sup>But I have said these things to you,  
that when their hour comes you may  
remember that I told them to you.

“I did not say these things to you from  
the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But  
now I am going to him who sent me, and  
none of you asks me, ‘Where are you  
going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these  
things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

<sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is  
to your advantage that I go away, for if I do  
not go away, the Helper will not come to  
you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

<sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will convict the  
world concerning sin and righteousness  
and judgment: <sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because  
they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>concerning  
righteousness, because I go to the Father,  
and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>concerning  
judgment, because the ruler of this world is  
judged.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you,  
but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the  
Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into  
all the truth, for he will not speak on his own  
authority, but whatever he hears he will  
speak, and he will declare to you the things  
that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he  
will take what is mine and declare it to you.  
<sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I  
said that he will take what is mine and  
declare it to you.

**Confession and Absolution** *Psalm 38:18, 22; 140:6; 145:8*

P: With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: for the LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in  
steadfast love.**

P: I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

**C: Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!**

P: I say to the LORD, You are my God;

**C: give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires are known and from  
whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of  
Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy  
name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: In repentance, let us now confess our sins unto our gracious God.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, grant us Your divine absolution so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and for eternity. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. To them that believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C: Amen.**

### **Children's Message**

#### **The Song of Instruction "My Savior, My God "**

I am not skilled to understand  
What God has willed, what God has planned  
I only know at his right hand Stands one who is my Savior

I take him at His word and deed  
Christ died to save me: this I read  
And in my heart I find a need  
Of Him to be my Savior

That He would leave His place on high  
And for sinful man to die  
You count it strange, so once did I  
Before I knew my Savior

(Chorus) My Savior Loves, my Savior Lives  
My Savior's always there for me  
My God; He was, my God; He is  
My God; is always gonna be

Yes, living, dying: let me bring  
My Strength, my solace from this spring  
That He who lives to be my King  
Once died to be my Savior (chorus)

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### **The Word**

***"Come, Holy Spirit" Acts 2:1-21***

## **WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING**

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

**St. Paul's members** have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

**To our guest:** Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

*Psalm 50:14—Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High.*

### **Offertory “ I Worship You, Almighty God”**

I worship You, Almighty God, There is none like You. I worship You, O Prince of Peace,

That is what I want to do. I give You praise for You are my righteousness.

I worship You, Almighty God, There is none like You. (Repeat)

There is none like You.

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### **The Prayer of the Church**

**P:** For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Carson Jager, Patrick Carney, Olivia Wagner, Linda Arndt, Tom Murphy, Jim Ellickson, Brady Lyons, Sara Sparr, and William Winckler. Lord in Your mercy.

**C:** hear our prayer

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Benediction**

### **The Going Out Song “Forever”**

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King, His love endures forever  
For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever  
Sing Praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong, Forever God is with us – Forever,  
Forever.

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever  
By the grace of God, we will carry on, His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong, Forever God is with us, Forever

Forever God is faithful Forever God is strong, Forever God is with us – Forever  
Forever

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<b>Worship Services</b>	Traditional (Sat., 6:00 p.m. & Sun., 8:15 a.m.) Contemporary Service (10:45 a.m.)
<b>Sunday School:</b>	9:30 a.m.
<b>Youth &amp; Adult Bible Classes</b>	9:30 a.m.
<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. Kenneth Hsu
<b>DCE Intern:</b>	Grace Wolfgram
<b>Christian Day School: Principal:</b>	Preschool through Grade 5 (before and after school care) Mrs. Alyce Strong Davis
<b>School Financial Consultant:</b>	Mr. Lon Stuhr
<b>Other Ministries for Children:</b>	Vacation Bible School
<b>Other Ministries for Youth:</b>	Lutheran Youth Fellowship, Juniors in Fellowship Confirmation Program
<b>Other Ministries for Adults:</b>	Young at Heart Club (Dinners on 3rd Sunday noon) Friends of Christ Fellowship Club Women's League (first Thursday of the month) Women's Circles, Sewing Group (1st and 3rd Mondays) Prayer Chain, Soup Kitchen Volunteer Church Library, Lamplighters Evangelism (every Tuesday)

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