

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May God's Holy Spirit equip you with everything good for doing his will!

Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.

- Family restrooms are available in the multi-purpose room off the narthex or on the right side of the large hallway leading to the school wing.
- A parent's room with audio feed and a window into the sanctuary is available.
- Listening devices and six large print hymnals are available, please ask an usher.
- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Holy Spirit, God of love, who our darkness brightens, poured on us from heaven above, and our faith enlightens, in your light we gather here; show us that Christ's promise clear is Amen forever. Jesus, our ascended Lord, oh, fulfill your gracious Word; bless us with your favor! Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME We thank God for the Gift of his Life-giving Spirit.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of the Word on page 38 in the front of the hymnal

OPENING HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord | **CW 176**

M: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE

Holy Spirit, Light Divine | **CW 183 v 1-3**

Holy Spirit, Light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the gloom of night away; Turn the darkness into day.

Holy Spirit, Love divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In your mercy pity me; From sin's bondage set me free.

Holy Spirit, Joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Fill me with your heav'nly peace; Let it grow and still increase.

M: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: **♪Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

LESSON

Genesis 11:1-9

In disobedience to the Lord, mankind refused to fill the earth and subdue it. By means of different languages, God compelled sinful mankind to scatter throughout the world.

The whole earth had one language and a single vocabulary. As people traveled in the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they settled there. ³They said to one another, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used mud brick instead of stone for building material, and they used tar for mortar. ⁴They said, "Come, let's build a city for ourselves and a tower whose top reaches to the sky, and let's make a name for ourselves, so that we will not be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." ⁵The LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the people were building. ⁶The LORD said, "If this is the first thing they are doing as one people, who all have one language, then nothing that they intend to do will be too

difficult for them. ⁷Come, let's go down there and confuse their language, so that they cannot understand one another's speech." ⁸So the LORD scattered them from there over the face of the whole earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹It was named Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

VERSE OF THE DAY

♪ **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15:26-27

On the night before his death, Jesus promised to send his Holy Spirit, who would equip his disciples to be his witnesses.

²⁶“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷And you also are going to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid | **CW 188**

SERMON

Acts 2:1-21

Ten days after his ascension, in fulfillment of his promise, Jesus poured out his Holy Spirit on his disciples.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently. ⁵Now

there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely baffled and said to each other, “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” ¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.” ¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. ¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷This is what God says will happen in the last days: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions. Your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹I will show wonders in the sky above, and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke. ²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

“Participate in the Holy Spirit’s Harvest!”

Pastor Zuberbier

1. He gives you the tools to do his work.
2. He gives you the field in which to work.
3. He gives you the time to work.

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he

rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE 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.

HYMN

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling | CW 182

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: ♪Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Holy Spirit, Light Divine | CW 183 v 4-5

Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne; Reign supreme and reign alone.

See, to you I give my heart; Cleanse my life in ev'ry part;
Your own temple I would be Now and for eternity.



ORGANIST

David Koepsell

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Travis & Brindah Birkholz, Reiley & Carley

10:00 ~ Joe & Nancy Birkholz