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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses."

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.

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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- Just ask an usher! We have large print hymnals available. A cry room with audio feed and a window into the sanctuary is available for parents who find it necessary to carry their children out of the sanctuary during the service.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Come, oh, come, life-giving Spirit, God from all eternity! May your power never fail us; dwell within us constantly. Then shall truth and life and light banish all the gloom of night. Grant our hearts in fullest measure wisdom, counsel, purity, that we always strive to please you, working for you willingly. Let the gospel spread and grow, bringing Satan's overthrow. Amen.

SERVICE THEME On Pentecost, the Festival of the Holy Spirit, we praise our God for sending his Promised Holy Spirit.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of the Word

OPENING HYMN

Hail Thee, Festival Day | CW 179

*The choir will sing the refrain followed by the congregation singing the refrain.
Congregation will sing the refrain after each verse.*

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er,

Day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the world with his grace.

Lo, in the likeness of fire, on those who await his appearing
He whom the Lord had foretold suddenly, swiftly descends. **Refrain**

Forth from the Father he comes with heavenly wisdom and courage,
Pouring upon the new church pow'r to proclaim and baptize. **Refrain**

Hear how in myriad tongues Christ's own, his chosen apostles,
Preach to the ends of the earth Christ and his wonderful works. **Refrain**

See the communion of saints increase through the gospel of Jesus.
Praise to the Spirit of life; praise to the Spirit of pow'r! **Refrain**

Stand

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

C: **(spoken) 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: **(spoken) Amen.**

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

SONG OF PRAISE

Holy Spirit, Light Divine | CW 183 v 1, 2, 5

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.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Be Seated

THE WORD OF GOD

LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

In fulfillment of Joel's Old Testament prophecy, on the great day of Pentecost Jesus poured out his Holy Spirit, giving birth to the New Testament Church.

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."

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!**

ADULT CHOIR IN SUNDAY SERVICES

"On the Day of Pentecost"

by Douglas Nolan

On the day of Pentecost the faithful were gathered to pray
When the Spirit of God appeared above them in tongues of flame.

The power of the Lord came down in glory from on high.

With shouts of joy the people spoke and raised a jubilant cry.

On the day of Pentecost when early was the hour the breath of God
Swept through the room in mystery and power.

The Spirit of the Lord was poured upon that holy place.

They all began to testify of God's amazing grace. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Now on this day of Pentecost we worship in one accord.

Just as they did so long ago, we praise the risen Lord.

May God reveal His awesome love in power and in might,

And kindle in our hearts a flame of everlasting Light.

Stand

GOSPEL


John 14:25-27

On the night before his death Jesus promised to send his Holy Spirit.

²⁵“I have told you these things while staying with you. ²⁶But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you.

²⁷“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C:  **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

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

Creator Spirit, by whose aid The world’s foundations first were laid,
Come, visit ev’ry humble mind; Come, pour your joys on humankind.
From sin and sorrow set us free; May we your living temples be.

O Source of light, our Counselor, The Father’s help to us assure.
Come down, as promised, with your fire, And hearts with heav’nly love inspire.
Your sacred, healing message bring To sanctify us when we sing.

Giver of grace, descend from high In answer to our earnest cry.
Help us eternal truths receive And practice all that we believe.
Give us your wisdom that we see The glory of the Trinity.

Immortal honor, endless fame, Attend th’ almighty Father’s name;
The Savior-Son be glorified, Who for all humankind has died;
And equal adoration rise To you, O Spirit, in the skies.

SERMON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

In a vision, the LORD showed Ezekiel the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit — the Spirit of prophecy.

The hand of the LORD was upon me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley, which was full of bones. ²He had me pass through them and go all over among them. There were very many on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

³He said to me, “Son of man, can these dry bones live?” I answered, “LORD God, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.’”

⁵This is what the LORD God says to these bones.

I am about to make breath enter you so that you will live. ⁶I will attach tendons to you. I will put flesh back on you. I will cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling, as the bones came together, one bone connecting to another. ⁸As I watched, tendons were attached to them, then flesh grew over them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.

⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the wind. Prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind that this is what the LORD God says. From the four winds, come, O wind, and breathe into these slain so that they may live.”

¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me. Breath entered them, and they came back to life. They stood on their feet, a very, very large army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They are saying, ‘Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost. We have been completely cut off.’ ¹²Therefore, prophecy and say to them that this is what the LORD God says. My people, I am going to open your graves and raise you up from your graves and bring you back to the soil of Israel. ¹³Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. I will settle you on your own land, and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.”

“The Spirit Breathes Life into Dry Bones”

Pastor Zuberbier

1. We were skeletons of sin.
2. We are bodies of life.

Stand

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.

Be Seated

PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING & ADULT BELLS IN THURSDAY SERVICE

“Rejoice and Ring Praises!”

by Robert B. Allen

Stand

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.

Be Seated

HYMN

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling | **CW 182**

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light,
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night,
Holy Spirit, ever raising Those on earth to thrones on high,
Living, life-impacting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life,
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife,
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ,
You we praise with endless worship For your gracious gifts unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry,
Teaching, strength'ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free,
Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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

God Be with You till We Meet Again | **CW 327**

God be with you till we meet again, By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you – God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain: Till we meet, Till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, Till we meet – God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again, 'Neath his wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you – God be with you till we meet again. **Refrain**



ORGANIST
Pam Zuberbier

GREETERS
7:45 ~ Joe & Nancy Birkholz
10:30 ~ Jim & Marcia Pflum