

Order of Service

Pentecost

May 31, 2020

"With one mind and one voice glorify God the Father."

Opening Hymn: ELH 11 vs. 1-2, 5

"Come, Holy Ghost in Love"

Come, Holy Ghost, in love Shed on us from above
Thine own bright ray. Divinely good Thou art;
Thy sacred gifts impart To gladden each sad heart.
O come today!

Come, tend'rest Friend and best,
Our most delightful Guest,
With soothing power. Rest which the weary know,
Shade mid the noontide glow,
Peace when deep griefs o'er-flow,
Cheer us this hour.

Come, all the faithful bless; Let all who Christ confess
His praise employ.

Give virtue's rich reward, Victorious death accord
And, with our glorious Lord, Eternal joy.

(P = Pastor C= Congregation)

The Invocation

P: We worship in the name of our Triune God – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: (sung) Amen.

The Response for Pentecost

P: “All of the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.”

C: “Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

P: “No one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, ‘Jesus be cursed,’”

C: “And no one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit.”

P: “We were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”

The Confession of Sins

P: “When the Spirit comes, He will convince the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment.” John 16:8

C: The Spirit has cut us to the heart. What shall we do? Acts 2:37

P: “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38

C: O Lord, listen to our cry for mercy. Ps. 143:1b

Congregational Response: (sung) ELH 453 vs. 1, 4

Out of the deep I call To Thee, O Lord, to Thee.
Before Thy throne of grace I fall; Be merciful to me.

Lord, there is mercy now, As ever was, with Thee.
Before Thy throne of grace I bow; Be merciful to me.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

C: Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.

The Collect (The Prayer of the Day)

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

C: (sung) Amen.

The First Lesson: Joel 2:28-29

(Joel prophesies the outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost heralding the dawn of the New Testament church. This outpouring will show itself in visions and dreams granted by God, but especially in the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ by young and old, men and women, and all when the Spirit is given.)

²⁸After this, I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will

prophecy. Your old men will dream dreams. Your young men will see visions.

²⁹Even on the male servants and the female servants, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. (Evangelical Heritage Version - EHV)

Congregational Response: ELH 1 v. 2

All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Thy Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
Thou alone to God canst win us;
Thou must work all good within us.

Second Lesson: Acts 2: 1-21

(On Pentecost the disciples receive the Holy Spirit and are given the ability to speak in other languages. God gave them this gift that they might share the gospel with people from every nation. This is the beginning of the end times as prophesied by Joel.)

¹When 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. (EHV)

The Third Article of the Apostles Creed & Luther's Explanation

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Children's Sermonette

Sermon Hymn: ELH 33 vs. 1, 2

"We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost"

We now implore God the Holy Ghost
For the true faith, which we need the most,
That in our last moments He may befriend us
And, as homeward we journey, attend us.
Lord, have mercy!

Shine in our hearts, O most precious Light,
That we Jesus Christ may know aright,
Clinging to our Savior, whose blood hath bought us,
Who again to our homeland hath brought us.
Lord, have mercy!

The Sermon: John 16:5-11

“How does the Holy Spirit Help Us?”

“But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶Yet because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth: It is good for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.” (EHV)

Hymn: ELH 402 vs. 1-4

“Holy Ghost, with Light Divine”

Holy Ghost, with light divine Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.

Let me see my Savior’s face, Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me Which are only known to Thee.

Holy Ghost, with power divine Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me, From sin’s bondage set me free.

Holy Ghost, with joy divine Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.

Offering Prayer

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, who together with your Son and the Holy Spirit created the universe and every living being, we, your creatures, praise you for your mighty works.

C: We thank you for sending your Son, who died as a righteous man for our unrighteousness.

P: Accept our appreciation for also sending your Holy Spirit.

C: He has created in us the faith to believe that your Son is our Savior.

P: We sing your praises for His coming and for Christ's resurrection and ascension.

C: On the anniversary of the founding of your Church on earth, we thank you for revealing to us the power of your Holy Spirit.

P: As you once manifested your power by curbing man's ambition at the tower of Babel with a confusion of tongues,

C: We praise you that on Pentecost you enabled everyone to hear in his own language about your saving works.

P: O Lord, we have seen your wonders in the heavens and have witnessed your power on earth.

C: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us that He may help us continue in the faith.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us Lord, as we bring our private petitions to you.

Silent Prayer

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with confidence that you will respond for our good.

The Lord's Prayer: (Congregation)

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.

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn to you in His favor and give you peace.

C: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: ELH 594 (Tune – ELH 376)

“On What Has Now Been Sown”

On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow’r is Thine alone
To make it spring and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise.

To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our power’s;
Accept what is Thine own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav’n, our home.
E’en so, Amen, Lord Jesus, come!