

COME,
Holy Spirit,



FILL THE HEARTS
OF THE FAITHFUL, AND
KINDLE IN THEM
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.

The Day of Pentecost
God the Spirit Does the Impossible for Us

BROOKLYN LUTHERAN CHURCH | Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

May 20, 2018

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are thankful that you've chosen to worship with us.

We love children worshipping with us, but we understand that kids can get restless. We have a few options for your convenience: Quiet Bags in the back of church, a Quiet Area in the library area of our Commons, and Changing Tables in both washrooms down the hallway to the right as you exit the chapel.

Most of the service is projected on the front wall. You can also find the service and hymns in the hymnal. *Please be sure to silence your mobile device so you don't disrupt the service or distract people's worship.*

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Jesus gave us Communion to strengthen our fellowship with the Triune God and to express our fellowship with one another. For this reason, we practice **Close Communion**. If you have already established communing fellowship with us, you may prepare yourself to receive the Lord's Supper using the questions in the hymnal on page 156. If you would like to establish communing fellowship with us, please speak with the pastor after worship about how to make that happen.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Though he has withdrawn his visible presence, Jesus is closer to us than ever. Therefore, whatever the future holds, we will not fear!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Holy Spirit, thank you for calling me from spiritual death to spiritual life in Christ. Help me live for you. Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist

Pastor Erich Westphal

Organist

Jan Budach

Ushers

Kirk Graen, Glen Lieder

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DIVINE SERVICE II | Christian Worship Supplement (page 28)

Divine Service II is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church. This order is intended to be used when Holy Communion is celebrated.

OPENING HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In | 184

STAND

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

"The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners." (The Small Catechism; First: What is the use of the keys?) See John 20:21-23.

Kyrie is the Greek word for *Lord*. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

Kyrie

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.)

GLORY BE TO GOD *Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid* | **188** (verses 2,4)

Gloria in Excelsis

2. O Source of light, our Counselor,
The Father's help to use 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.

4. 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.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section (page 33) of the service.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

The Prayer of the Day is spoken.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

SOLO

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

Words And Music By Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The breath of God is active and life-giving,
where the Word of God is proclaimed.

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, “Prophesy to the wind. Prophesy, 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, prophesy 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.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 51b | *Christian Worship*, page 87

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

The breath of God is violent – creating curiosity and inspiring dread.

The breath of God is gentle – creating faith and inspiring confidence.

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

STAND

GOSPEL

John 14:25-27

The Holy Spirit is the breath of God
who makes us holy by his Word.

*The congregation
stands and speaks
words of acclamation
out of respect for the
words of Christ, our
King.*

M: The Gospel according to *John* chapter 14:25-27.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

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

The Hymn of the Day is assigned to this day because of its rich content and connection to the day's Gospel.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit* | **181**

SERMON "From Bones to Brawn" | **Ezekiel 37:1-4**

1. What is the **MAIN THING** that God teaches me in this passage?

2. What **SIN** does God lead me to confess, based on this passage?

3. What does God lead me to **GIVE THANKS** for, based on this passage?

4. What does God lead me to **PRAY** for or about, based on this passage?

STAND

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

Please help us connect with you by recording your visit on the Connection Card.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

*The original text here reads "catholic," a word meaning "universal." The Church consists of all believers in heaven and on earth, of every time in history.

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

THE SACRAMENT

PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Here at Brooklyn Lutheran we observe the historic practice of Close Communion. **We do this out of love for God's Word.** Scripture teaches that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ. In a miraculous way, we receive his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. However, the Bible warns that those who participate without recognizing Jesus' body and blood do so to their spiritual harm. Scripture also teaches that those who participate in the Lord's Supper are closely united around a common confession of faith. **We do this out of love for you.** We do not want you to bring spiritual harm to yourself. Nor do we want you to make a confession of agreement with our beliefs before you've had a chance to learn them.

We are eager to celebrate the Lord's Supper with you. If you have questions concerning our communion practice, please read the laminated card in the *Connect With Us* binder. If you want to establish communing fellowship with us, please speak with the pastor following the service. If you have already established communing fellowship with us or with another Wisconsin [WELS] or Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS] congregation and desire to receive the Lord's Supper with us today, please use the following questions to help you prepare:

- Q: Do I recognize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment?

- Q: Do I want forgiveness for my failures (according to the Ten Commandments) to carry out the responsibilities of my calling(s)?

- Q: Do I believe that Jesus purchased forgiveness for me by his sinless life for me and death on the cross as the payment for all my sins?

- Q: Do I believe that Jesus gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of my sins?

- Q: Do I intend, with Christ's help, to fight temptation, do what I can to correct the wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works?

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, *who on this day poured out his promised Holy Spirit to testify to the truth and to remind his followers of everything he had said to them.* Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Sanctus

1 O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.

2 Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!

Sanctus means "holy." Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:24,25

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

Jesus is God's Lamb (*Agnus Dei*), who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



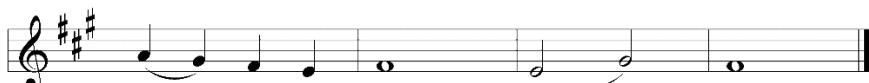
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grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Today Your Mercy Calls Us | 339

STAND

The *Nunc Dimittis* ("Now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon." Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.)

SONG OF SIMEON

Sent Forth by God's Blessing | 318

Nunc Dimittis

- 1. Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended; Oh, be now extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us; His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.**
- 2. With praise and thanksgiving, To God everliving,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us; With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost* | 190

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTHER'S DAY TEA was a huge success. We had 30 women in attendance. Thank you to all for coming to our first 'Tea Party'.

TATER DAZE PARADE sign-up sheet is in the Information Center. The parade is on Thursday, June 14, and we will be meeting at church at 5:45 pm to carpool to the starting point.

INVITE THE NEIGHBORHOOD! canvassing event the weekend of June 23 & 24. We will have four students from MLC training us on how to canvass and also assisting us throughout the area. However, we will need a **minimum** of 12 volunteers for this event.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY will be starting a new book, '*Speaking of Jesus*', on Tuesday, May 22. Everyone is welcome to join us.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held on June 25 – June 28 from 9:00 – 11:30 am. We will be looking for volunteers. Let Stephanie Hill know if you are willing to help out.

MEDITATIONS new editions are in the Information Center.

WEST LUTHERAN UPCOMING EVENTS

Graduation **May 26** **2:00 pm**

WEST Self Defense Classes

June 11 – 15 **Fee: \$40**

Girl's 5th – 8th Grade • 9:00-10:00 am

Girl's High School • 10:15-11:15 am

Women's Self Defense • 3:00-4:00 pm

Women's Self Defense • 6:00-7:00 pm

Calendar Week

Today - Pentecost

LAST Family Class **8:45 am**
Worship **10:00 am**

Monday

Men's Softball **7:20 pm**
Centennial North

Tuesday

Bible Class **3:15 pm**

Saturday

Graduation **2:00 pm**
at West Lutheran High School

Sunday – Holy Trinity

No Bible Study
Worship **10:00 am**

Serving in The Lord

Ushers

Today: Kirk Graen
 Glen Lieder
Next Sunday: Jackson George
 Jean Sulzle

Organist

Today: Janice Budach
Next Sunday: Janice Budach

Money Counter

June: Brian Larson

Blessings from The Lord

Attendance

Family Bible Study – **18**
Sunday Service – **63**
Tuesday Bible Class – **9**

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