



THE DAY OF PENTECOST  
May 23, 2021

**AS WE GATHER:** When the Holy Spirit fills you with power, amazing things can and do happen. Micah, an Old Testament prophet, was filled with the Spirit's power and was called upon to speak out to the corruption he saw in his society. By the Spirit of God, he became a man who was bold and courageous. Centuries later, during Pentecost, we likewise see the Holy Spirit turn chickens into heroes. As members of the Holy Christian Church, we are chosen and empowered to speak the truth of God's Word to a sin-ridden society and world.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN #913**

*"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"*

- 1     O Holy Spirit, enter in,  
      And in our hearts Your work begin,  
      Your dwelling place now make us.  
      Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
      Around and in us brightly shine,  
      To joy and gladness wake us  
      That we may be  
      Truly living,  
      To You giving  
      Prayer unceasing  
      And in love be still increasing.
- 2     Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,  
      That in our hearts from this good hour  
      As fire it may be glowing,  
      That in true Christian unity  
      We faithful witnesses may be,  
      Your glory ever showing.  
      Hear us, cheer us  
      By Your teaching;  
      Let our preaching  
      And our labor

3      O mighty Rock, O Source of life,  
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,  
In us be strongly burning  
That we be faithful unto death  
And live in love and holy faith,  
From You true wisdom learning.  
Your grace and peace  
On us shower;  
By Your power  
Christ confessing,  
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

### INVOCATION

Pastor:      On the Day of Pentecost, we begin in the name of our  
Triune God, which was placed on us at our Baptism.

### OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor:      Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
People:      And kindle in them the fire of Your love.  
Alleluia.

Pastor:      Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead  
me;  
People:      Let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your  
dwelling!

Pastor:      Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,  
People:      My salvation and my God.

Pastor:      All the earth worships You and sings praises to  
You;  
People:      They sing praises to Your name.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor:      Creator Spirit,  
People:      we confess our alienation from You both by  
nature and by choice. We have not allowed Your  
love to have free reign in us, and so our love for  
You, for ourselves, and for other people keeps  
on faltering. Dishonesty and image-protection  
often characterize our way of being, and we  
forget who we are and where we belong. Kindle  
within us the fire of Your love. Blow over us  
with Your wind of transformation. Heal us with  
forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit! Breathe over and ignite the love of God both within and among us!  
Our dear Holy Trinity in mercy has given the Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

#### HYMN OF PRAISE #496

*"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"*

- 1 Holy Spirit, light divine,  
Shine upon this heart of mine;  
Chase the shades of night away,  
Turn the darkness into day.
- 2 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.
- 3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,  
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;  
In Thy mercy pity me,  
From sin's bondage set me free.
- 4 Holy Spirit, joy divine,  
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;  
Yield a sacred, settled peace,  
Let it grow and still increase.
- 5 Holy Spirit, all divine,  
Dwell within this heart of mine;  
Cast down ev'ry idol throne,  
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

#### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

#### HANDBELL ANTHEM

*"All Creatures of Our God and King"*  
arr. Behnke

#### FIRST READING

*Micah 3:8-12; 6:6-8*

*But as for me, I am filled with power,  
with the Spirit of the LORD,  
and with justice and might,  
to declare to Jacob his transgression  
and to Israel his sin.*

<sup>9</sup>*Hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob  
and rulers of the house of Israel,  
who detest justice*

*and make crooked all that is straight,*

<sup>10</sup>*who build Zion with blood  
and Jerusalem with iniquity.*

<sup>11</sup>*Its heads give judgment for a bribe;  
its priests teach for a price;  
its prophets practice divination for money;*

*yet they lean on the LORD and say,  
"Is not the LORD in the midst of us?  
No disaster shall come upon us."*

<sup>12</sup>*Therefore because of you  
Zion shall be plowed as a field;  
Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins,  
and the mountain of the house a wooded height.*

<sup>6</sup>*"With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?*

<sup>7</sup>*Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"*

<sup>8</sup>*He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Heidi

*"Happy Birthday, Church!"*

## SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-21

*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 people 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.'*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**                    **“Be Bold and Courageous”**  
Pastor Jeff Schubert

**HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)**  
**#479**                    *“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”*

- 1            Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,  
              With all Your graces now outpoured  
              On each believer’s mind and heart;  
              Your fervent love to them impart.  
              Lord, by the brightness of Your light  
              In holy faith Your Church unite;  
              From ev’ry land and ev’ry tongue  
              This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:  
              Alleluia, alleluia!
- 2            Come, Holy Light, guide divine,  
              Now cause the Word of life to shine.  
              Teach us to know our God aright  
              And call Him Father with delight.  
              From ev’ry error keep us free;  
              Let none but Christ our master be  
              That we in living faith abide,  
              In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.  
              Alleluia, alleluia!
- 3            Come, Holy Fire, comfort true,  
              Grant us the will Your work to do  
              And in Your service to abide;  
              Let trials turn us not aside.  
              Lord, by Your pow’r prepare each heart,  
              And to our weakness strength impart  
              That bravely here we may contend,  
              Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend.  
              Alleluia, alleluia!

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### **THE THIRD ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**People:**            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.

**Pastor:**            What does this mean?

**People:** I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength 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 richly forgives all my sins and the sins of 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.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*1) We are forming our outreach team and are looking for folks who have a passion to spread the Good News in our community! We have some exciting events planned such as a new program called "Pray and Go" that we will be launching this fall all designed to get us out in the community praying for our neighbors. We also will be partnering with Operation Christmas Child to support missions around the globe. Join us as our next meeting will be on Monday, June 7th at 6:30. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to me (Pastor Adam) or Cheryll Maas!*

*2) Divine Redeemer School will be hosting a special reception on Sunday, June 6th, between the church services, to celebrate the dedication and missions of the following teachers:*

*Dr. Nancy Bretzmann will be leaving Divine Redeemer and moving to South Carolina to join her husband in his retirement. She plans to use her passion for reading and writing literacy in new areas. Nancy will also be celebrating her 25th anniversary in the teaching profession.*

*Mrs. Cindy Stoltmann will also be leaving Divine Redeemer at the end of the school year to spend time caring for her grandchild, and officially, becoming a "snowbird" during Wisconsin's cold winter months.*

*Mrs. Jen Boris will be celebrating her 25th anniversary with 15 of those years spent here at Divine Redeemer. Mrs. Boris is NOT leaving Divine Redeemer and will continue to serve the Lord teaching in 4th Grade.*

*The congregation is invited to stop by before or after the church services to visit with these teachers in the Media Center*

*between 9 -11 a.m. Cake and morning beverages will be served and a gift/card table will be provided. Divine Redeemer has been blessed with the witness and teaching of these faithful servants.*

*3) A Voters' Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 6 at 11:45 AM in the gym to vote on a proposed FY 21-22 budget.*

*NOTE to say something about offering*

#### **OFFERTORY**

*"Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling"*

- 1      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 of earth to thrones on high;  
         Living, life-imparting Spirit,  
         You we praise and magnify.
- 2      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 gifts and fruits unpriced.
- 3      Holy Spirit, ever working  
         Through the Church's ministry;  
         Quick'ning, 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.

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor:      Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people  
                 according to their needs.

Counselor Spirit, thank You for Your ministry  
among us through Your Law and Gospel. Use them  
to convict Your people of all the ways we turn  
away from Your love and to comfort us with  
healing forgiveness through Jesus. Lord, in Your  
mercy,

People:      **Hear our prayer.**



Pastor: Fire of Love, pour out the love of Jesus into the hearts of Your people. Inspire all who speak Your Word among us with wisdom and faithfulness.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Spirit of Peace, there is much unrest and turmoil in this world. Grant to the leaders of our communities, regions, and all nations courage to serve all who are marginalized, impoverished, and outcast; to listen to the voices of the voiceless; to put an end to warfare and violence; and to protect life in all its forms; that all people live in peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Breath of God, breathe Your healing presence among all people who suffer any affliction of body, mind, or spirit. Lift up the downcast, restore the fallen, strengthen the weak, and fill the hungry with good things. Help all who suffer to trust in Your abiding presence and to rest in Your love that surrounds us all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Spirit of Unity, You call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the people of God in every tribe, kindred, nation, and language throughout the many diversities of this world. Help us to live with our families, neighbors, fellow students, and co-workers with the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Keep us in Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life until that day when we dwell together under God's reign of love among all the saints in light. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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**

Pastor: The blessing of almighty God the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit be upon you and be with you  
all.

People: Amen.

#### **CLOSING HYMN #850, vs. 1,4 “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

1 God of grace and God of glory,  
On Your people pour Your pow’r;  
Crown Your ancient Church’s story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

4 Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.

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#### **Thank you to the Worship participants:**

##### **Lay Readers:**

8:00AM: Nancy Niedziela

10:30AM: Andy Portale

##### **Acolytes:**

8:00AM:

10:30AM: Aaron Bronner

##### **Sound:**

8:00AM: Shannon Bader

10:30AM:

**Elders:**

8:00AM: Paul Ewan

10:30AM: