

Holy Cross Lutheran
THE DAY OF PENTECOST
May 23, 2021 – 9 AM



AS WE GATHER The outpouring of the Holy Spirit reaches to all who belong to Christ, granting a renewed and eternal life. In his Letter to Titus, Paul writes of the salvation of God our Savior and the renewal of the Holy Spirit that is for all God's people. Assuring us that we are God's children, the Spirit enables us to address God as our Father with all boldness and confidence—as Martin Luther affirms in his explanation of the Lord's Prayer. When we are directed by the Spirit, our daily lives are ordered in such a way that we continually walk in a heavenly direction. The Spirit shapes our lives of prayer and of worship, interceding for us—and with us—as we worship in spirit and truth. Today, is also a special day as Melvin and Nive Stephens bring their new baby Darvin Thaddeus to be baptized. We give thanks to the Lord sending to Darvin the Holy Spirit, faith and forgiveness, the certain promise of eternal life, and being blessed as a child of our Lord God, all in the sacramental gift of Holy Baptism, being grafted into the vine of Christ. To Jesus, all glory be His name!

† **IN DOMINE JESU** †
(In the Name of Jesus)

PRELUDE

WELCOME "This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." *Psalm 118:24*

BAPTISM HYMN "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" *LSB 913 vs 1-2*

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

BAPTISM (*JESUS' COMMAND TO BAPTIZE & HOLY SCRIPTURE'S PROMISES*)

RECEIVING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS (*UPON THE FOREHEAD & HEART*)

PROMISE OF PARENTS, SPONSORS, AND CONGREGATION

P: Children are gifts to their parents..... (*pledge of support*)

C: I will support him, with the help of God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*WE PRAY CHRIST'S COMPLETE PRAYER FOR DARVIN*)

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*CONFESSED IN THE FAITH IN WHICH BAPTIZED*)

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST (*FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT*)

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED (*WE ASK GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON DARVIN*)

BAPTISMAL GIFTS OF REMEMBRANCE (*SHARE OFTEN WITH DARVIN*)

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

P: Through Baptism God has added Darvin Thaddeus Stephens to be part of His own people to confess Jesus as Lord and Savior. Together let us welcome him into the family of God:

C: Darvin, we welcome you into God's family. We greet you as our brother in Christ to share God's love and forgiveness with you always. Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" *LSB 913 vs 3*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In repentance, let us now confess our sins unto our gracious God.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, grant us Your divine absolution so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and for eternity. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. To them that believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

† **THE LIVING WORD** †

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together, **O Holy Spirit, You call people to faith and faithfulness and gather them in the Church. Breathe Your life into us that we may ever rejoice in the power of Your presence among us and share Your outpoured blessings as You direct us from generation to generation. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1–14

(The prophet Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones)

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." ⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1–21

(The Holy Spirit comes on the Day of Pentecost.)

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,

¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“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; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Acts 2:17b; Romans 10:10

Alleluia. I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. With the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26–27; 16:4–15

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth & sixteenth chapters.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Jesus promises to send the Spirit.)

²⁶“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

LSB 497

SERMON “Let Go of Self and Let the Spirit of Truth Guide You!

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth,” John 16:13

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(after petitions, Pastor prays “Lord in your mercy” please pray, “Hear our prayer”) (after all the petitions have been prayed, we commend all the prayers with these words)

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

† CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER †

THE PREPARATION

(please take your communion vessel in hand for our Lord’s Words of Institution)

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also after supper, He took the cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also, with you.**

ONE BODY IN CHRIST

(As brothers and sisters in Christ, in one body we commune with the invitation of the following words)

P: Take and eat this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ given into death for all your sin.

P: Take and drink this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sin.

P: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast, in the true faith, to life everlasting. Know that His peace, joy, love and forgiveness is yours now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

“The Lamb”

LSB 547

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray together, **Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; and we humbly ask You so to assist us by Your grace that, strengthened for service and for witness, we live each day in thankfulness to You for the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing us to and keeping us in the saving faith; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

OFFERING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

SONG OF SENDING “Build your Kingdom Here” *By: Rend Collective*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and join Jesus on His mission!

C: Amen! We will! Amen!

POST SERVICE MUSIC

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† SOLI DEO GLORIA †
(To God be the Glory)

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE (9:00 am)

Elder/Communion: Brit Weimer

Lectors: Judy Weimer

Ushers: Meg Batchelder

Acolyte: Colin Kruse

AV: Rostina Vannett

Offering Counters: Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze

The logo for Holy Cross, featuring the words "Holy Cross" in a serif font. The word "Holy" is in a smaller size than "Cross". A stylized cross symbol is integrated into the letter "y" of "Holy". Below the main text, it says "A Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Congregation".

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