



Pentecost: Fruits of the Spirit

May 23, 2021—9:30 am

GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, our light and our salvation.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans, rivers and streams bless you.

All life is sustained by you, our Source.

We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life. Here, death is washed away forever.

Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace. Amen.

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
 O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright:
 on you the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
 sing, "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God triune.

On you, at earth's creation, the light first had its birth;
 on you, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
 on you, our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heav'n;
 and thus on you, most glorious, a threefold light was giv'n.

Today on weary nations the heav'nly manna falls;
 to holy convocations the silver trumpet calls,
 Where gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams
 and living water flowing with soul-refreshing streams.

New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,
 we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.
 We sing to you our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
 the church its voice upraises to you, blest Three in One.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
 and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Barb Kay

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Acts 2:1-4, 12-18...When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place.² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Galatians 5:22-26...By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.²⁶ Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

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Hymn of the Day

“Spirit of Gentleness ”

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*(Refrain) Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing:
“Awake from our slumbers and rise on your wings.” *(Refrain)*

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *(Refrain)*

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *(Refrain)*

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
With bold new decisions your people arise. *(Refrain)*

Prayers

As each petition concludes: “Hear us, O God.” please respond **“Your mercy is great.”**

Sharing God’s Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **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**

Communion

The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

*(Refrain) Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
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Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,
Out of his mouth came fire and smoke. *(Refrain)*

All around me looked so fine,
Asked my Lord if all was mine. *(Refrain)*

Jordan river, chilly and cold,
Chills the body but not the soul. *(Refrain)*

Dismissal

Be safe...Embrace grace.
Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Announcements

- ⇒ **In-Person Worship** The CDC has recently given some new safety guidelines regarding COVID 19. At the Council meeting this past Tuesday, it was decided that we would begin making changes to in-person worship based on these new guidelines beginning in June. We will therefore continue with our current in-person worship guidelines this Sunday, May 23, and next Sunday May 30. Our reason for waiting is to give ourselves time to carefully think through what changes should be made and when to phase them in. (The city of Omaha mask mandate is also still in effect through May 25. Complete information regarding the new guidelines will be available in the June newsletter which will be emailed out May 28 or 29. The most important thing we can all do to help get things as close to back to normal as possible is get vaccinated. If you need any assistance in getting your vaccination shots, please ask for help. We will continue Facebook Live Worship each Sunday.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our first Saturday of the month Pantry is June 5. If you would like to assist with pantry prep on Friday, June 4 or the day of the pantry, Saturday, June 5, please [CLICK HERE](#).
- ⇒ **Prayer Requests** If you have prayer requests for Sunday worship, email [PASTOR JIM](#).

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, May 23

9:30 am Pentecost Worship
In-Person & Facebook Live

Monday, May 24

6:30 pm Boy Scouts
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, May 25

10:00 am Staff Meeting (Zoom)
7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Thursday, May 27

1:30 pm Centering Prayer Group (Zoom)
7:00 pm Alanon

Sunday, May 30

9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live

Prayer Requests from our Church Family

Member Concerns

Kelley Kennedy as she recovers from shoulder surgery.

Phyllis Beam as she recovers from surgery.

Irene Schnack as she recovers from knee replacement surgery.

On-Going Member Concerns

Eddie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives

Ronald Gulbranson & Sharon Kelley, Julie Noteman's brother & sister; **Aaron McDonald**, McDonald's grandson; **Larry Rolles**, Linda Kohrs' daughter-in-law's father; **Diane Aden**, friend of Linda Kohrs.

Grieving

Jim Schneider and his family as they mourn the death of his father.