

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

May 19th, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 am Services

Day of Pentecost

Introduction for the Day: Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

Gathering

Prelude

Veni Creator Spiritus – Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire - arr. by Anne Krenz Organ & Nance Raabe

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Ann Williams

Please stand as you are able.

Call to Worship

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. (Rom. 5:5)

Response

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart; wean it from earth, through
all its puls - es move; stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im -
part, and make me love you as I ought to love.

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860. Music: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897. Tune: Morecambe 10 10 10 10.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed.

Let us open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in faith.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Holy Spirit,

**like fire you came upon the disciples at Pentecost. But our lives this past week
have not blazed with your Spirit. Forgive us, we pray, and fill us with your
Spirit.**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of
Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Live in the joy and peace of that assurance.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit!

Gathering Song

They Heard the Sound of Rushing Wind



1. They heard the__ sound of rush - ing wind, They saw__ the tongues of fire.
2. They heard the__ won - ders of this God Who sent__ his Son to die;
3. His Spir - it__ comes to us, al - so; He seeks to win our souls.



The Spir - it__ none could com - pre - hend Would now__ these men in - spire.
And through his__ sac - ri - fice be - stowed His grace in rich sup - ply.
Our hearts and__ lives he sets a - glow, E - quips us for his goals.



They spoke in lan - gu - ages that__ they Had__ ne - ver known be - fore.
In__ these last days his Spir - it__ came To__ fill both young and old.
Though heav'n and earth shall pass a - way, The__ Spir - it still re - mains.



To na - tions close and far a - way God's prais - es now would soar.
They pro - phe - sied in his great name, Their faith__ was strong and bold.
In dark - est__ days he helps us pray, His pow'r our faith sus - tains.

Pentecost Litany

In the form of tongues of fire, the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to the people of God.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Our God sends the Spirit to all nations to celebrate the diverse identities of all.

Come, Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of God bestows wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge, awe, and joy in the Lord.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Good and gracious Holy Spirit,

burn within our hearts.

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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.

Please be seated.

Anthem 11:00 Service *O Holy Spirit, Praise to You* by Howard Helvey
– Senior Choir (*See page 8 for text*)

Word

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

The Spirit of Our God

The Spir - it of our God de - scends the earth to fill, To
breath new life a - broad by God's a - bid - ing will. Al - le - lu -
ia! By wind and flame the Spir - it came. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

The holy gospel according to John, the 15th and 16th chapters.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Ann Williams

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

#400 God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

Prayer Cards, which can be found in the pew racks, will be collected during the Hymn of the Day

(8:30 Service)

Profession of Our Church's Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

—from A Brief Statement of Faith

Please be seated.

(8:30 Service, please turn to page 7.)

(11:00 Service Continues Here.)

Service of Holy Baptism for Michael & Myles Hafemann

Please follow along in your Hymnals on Page 227.

Please be seated.

Presentation

Please stand as you are able.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? If so answer, I renounce them.

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

Please be seated.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning . . .

. . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Baptismal Response

#212 You Belong to Christ

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia.

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Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

(Both Services Continue Here)

Please stand as you are able.

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

...God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other. The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

Meal

Musical Offering 8:30

O Holy Spirit, Praise to You by Howard Helvey
– Senior Choir*O Holy Spirit, Flowing Light, of sun's gold sheen and mirror's bright, reflect in us your clear delight: Laus tibi, Sanctus Spiritus. [O Holy Spirit, praise to you.]**O Holy Spirit, Wisdom's Fire, of leaping flame and steeple's spire, uplift our intellects' desire: Laus tibi, Sanctus Spiritus. [O Holy Spirit, praise to you.]**O Holy Spirit, Healing Balm, of scent-filled air and salving calm, distill our tears to crystal psalm: Laus tibi, Sanctus Spiritus. [O Holy Spirit, praise to you.]**O Holy Spirit, Heav'nly Dove, reach through the lattice of your love and train us toward the life above: Laus tibi, Sanctus Spiritus. [O Holy Spirit, praise to you.]**O Holy Spirit, Paraclete, make strong our hands and swift our feet to serve the Christ in all we meet: Laus tibi, Sanctus Spiritus. [O Holy Spirit, praise to you.]***Anthem Notes:** *The text is by Mary Louise Bringle who wrote this hymn to the Holy Spirit using imagery from various writings of Hildegard von Bingen, 1098-1179, especially her chant "O Ignee Spiritus laus tibi sit" [O Fiery Spirit, praise be to you.]*

11:00

Come to Us, Creative Spirit – Castlewood - by
Richard Proulx, arr. Anne Krentz Organ*Please stand as you are able.*

Offertory Response

Come, Gracious Spirit

1. Come, gra-cious Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, with light and com - fort
2. Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part, and shed your love in

from a - bove. Come, be our guard - ian and our
ev - 'ry heart; your own un - fail - ing might sup -

guide; o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.
ply to strength - en us is now our cry.

Text: 1. Simon Browne, 1680-1732, alt. 2. Rhabanus, Maurus, 776-856; tr. composite, alt. Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561. Tune: Old Hundredth, LM

Offertory Prayer

God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit. We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that have been poured out upon your children.

Accept us with our gifts to be living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth, through Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be 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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Table Prayer (8:30) *This morning we have the 3 and 4 Year-olds sharing the Table Prayer*

(11:00 Service)

First Communion

We celebrate with Charlie Huth his First Communion today.

Today this community of faith rejoices because Sunday is the day Christ arose from the dead. Once again Jesus calls us to join him for a meal. We celebrate with those who today join in sharing of the Lord's Meal—Holy Communion.

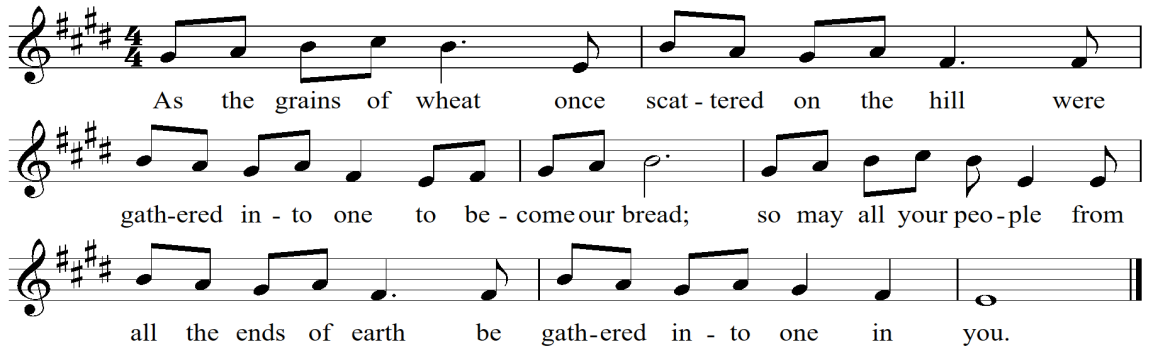
We welcome you to the Table for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We thank God for your life. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal. Come among us, O God, as we gather to worship you.

Invitation to Communion

Lord Jesus, may your good and Holy Spirit fill us, even as we are filled with the rich foods offered at your table.

Empower us. Unite us for we share your one bread and body with all Christians, everywhere.

Call to Communion

As the Grains of Wheat


As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

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Communion Hymn

#804 Come Down, O Love Divine

Please stand as you are able.

Communion Response

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his light and grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have nourished us with your love. Fill us with your Spirit and send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Veni Creator Spiritus: Final – Maurice Duruflé