

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

9:30 Service

## *Day of Pentecost*

**Introduction for the Day:** Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

### Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Karen Natterstad

*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**

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart'. It is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line, ending with a double bar line.

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,

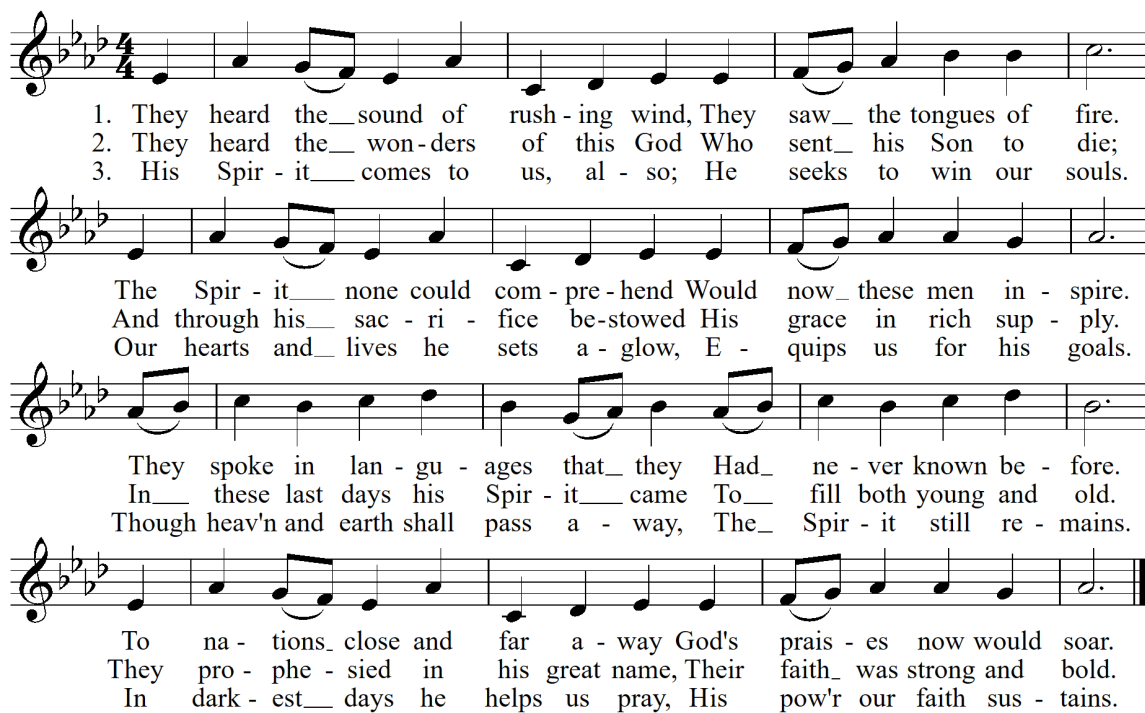
**like fire you came upon the disciples at Pentecost. But our lives this past week have not blazed with your Spirit. Forgive us, we pray, and fill us with your Spirit.**

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.

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

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

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your  
Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right  
judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ,  
your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

Word

## First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

*Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)*

Let us read responsively from Psalm 104.

How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

**All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

**May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains, and they smoke.

**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.*

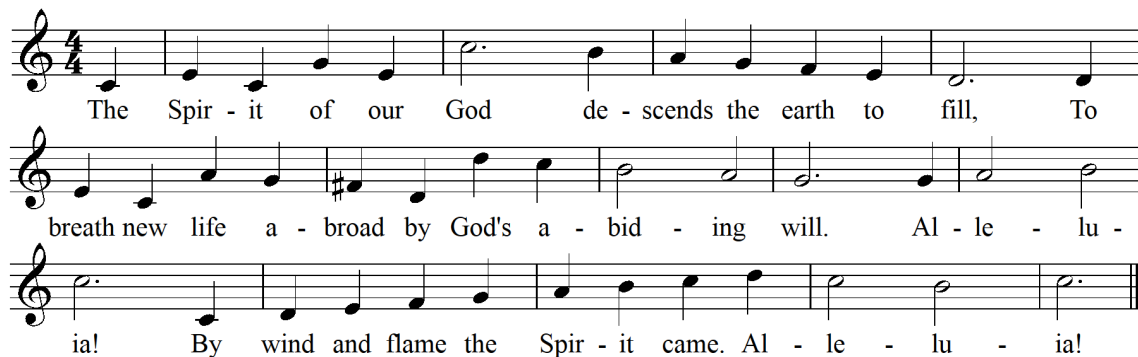
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**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Gospel Acclamation

### The Spirit of Our God



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Music: John Darwall, 1731-1789. Tune: Darwall's 148th, 66 66 88.

Gospel

John 20:19-23

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

The holy gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Karen Natterstad

*Please stand as you are able.*

Hymn of the Day

**#400 God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind**

*(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)*

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*

## Prayers of Intercession

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

...Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## Meal

### Musical Offering

*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God* – arr. Lloyd Larson  
– Grace Note Quartet - Mark Wulff, Andy Cherney, Al Van Lith, Steve Winters; Andy Sadjak, Cello

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Offertory

### 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.**

### *First Communion*

We celebrate with Ebben Tanem 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

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

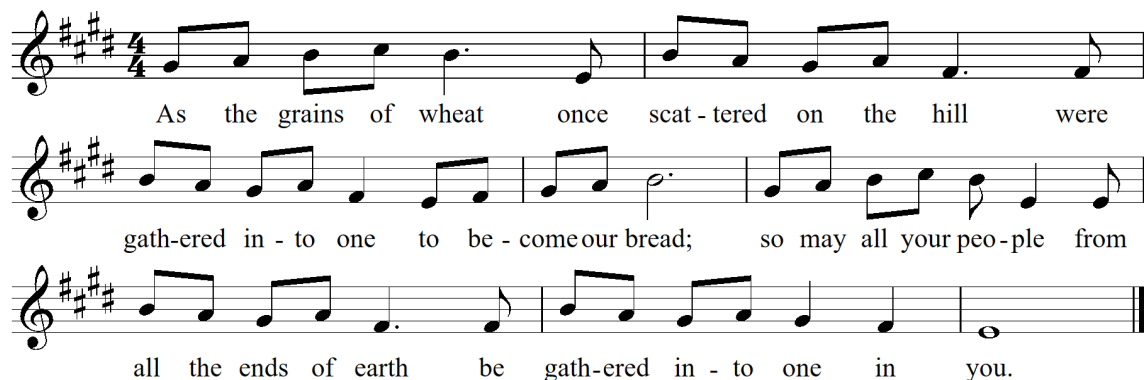
**We who are hungry, we who are thirsty, we come.**



*Please be seated.*

## Call to Communion

## As the Grains of Wheat

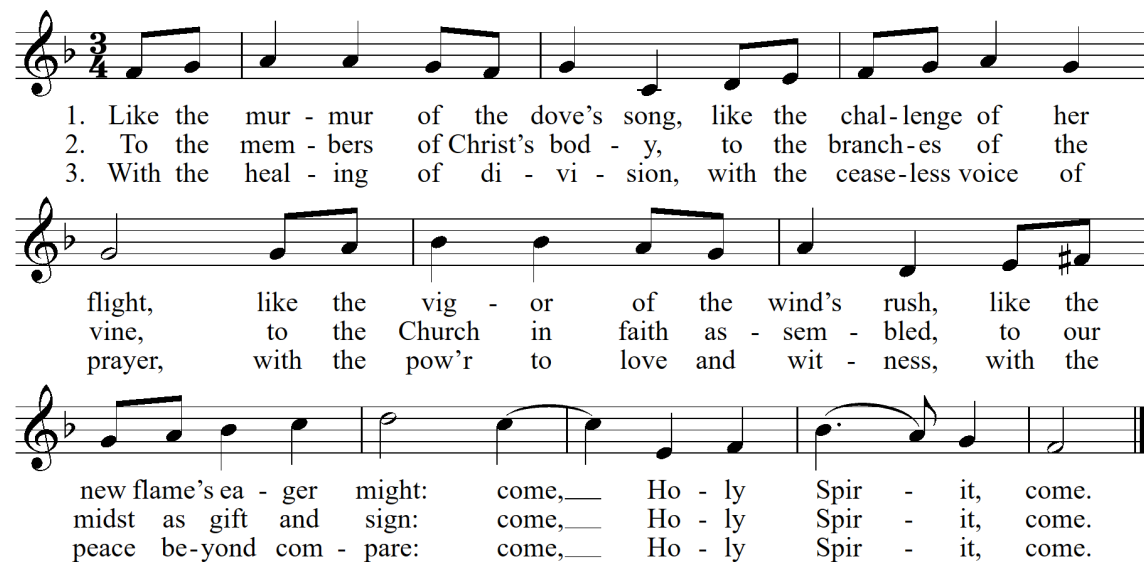


As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

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## Communion Hymn

## Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song



1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her  
2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the  
3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of  
flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the  
vine, to the Church in faith as - sem - bled, to our  
prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the  
new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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*Please stand as you are able.*

Communion Response

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

**Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

In fulfillment of Christ's promise, you poured out the Holy Spirit upon the chosen disciples and filled the church with power. We thank you for sending your Spirit to us today to kindle faith and lead us into all truth, working in the church to make us faithful disciples and empowering us to proclaim the living Christ to every nation.

**Amen.**

*Sending*

Memorial Day Remembrance (*from the ELW Prayer book for the armed services*)

Eternal God, we give thanks for all those who have shown the greatest love by laying down their lives for others.

**We thank you for those in our military throughout history who have sacrificed their lives for their fellow citizens, and for us who came after.**

As we remember their service, keep us mindful of all those for whom this day is a burden.

**Send your Holy Spirit of comfort to them. Be present with all women and men who serve in our military today.**

Let them live for the peace known only from you.

**Help us to be worthy of their legacy and keep us mindful of their service.**

That in and through all things we may live our lives in praise and thanksgiving to you.

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song

## God of the Ages

1. God of the ag - es, whose al - might - y hand,  
 2. Re - fresh Your peo - ple on their toil - some way,  
 leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band.  
 Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.  
 Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,  
 our grate - ful songs be - fore Your throne a - rise.  
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

## Blessing

The Spirit sends us out in ministry

**to preach good news to the poor, righteousness to the nations, and peace among all people.**

As people of Pentecost, we will serve you and proclaim your good news with joy.

**Your glory has filled our hearts. Help us to glorify you in all things.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be among us and remain with us always.

**Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>"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.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

*or Numbers 11:24-30 [not printed]*

**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**  
[not printed]

*or Acts 2:1-21 [see First Reading]*

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

*or John 7:37-39 [not printed]*

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Genesis 1:1—2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20.

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