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Worship for the Festival of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

Opening Hymn: Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

CW 586

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
and make our hearts your place of rest;
come with your grace and heav'nly aid,
and fill the hearts which you have made.
- 2 To you, the Counselor, we cry,
to you, the gift of God most high,
the fount of life, the fire of love,
the soul's anointing from above.
- 3 In you, with graces sevenfold,
we God's almighty hand behold
while you with tongues of fire proclaim
to all the world his holy name.
- 4 Your light to ev'ry thought impart,
and shed your love in ev'ry heart;
the weakness of our mortal state
with deathless might invigorate.
- 5 Drive far away our wily foe,
and your abiding peace bestow;
with you as our protecting guide,
no evil can with us abide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and you, from both, as Three in One
that we your name may ever bless
and in our lives the truth confess.

7 Praise we the Father and the Son
and Holy Spirit, with them One,
and may the Son on us bestow
the gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Dialogue for the Day of Pentecost

P: I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says,
“Jesus be cursed,”

C: and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

P: As it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has
conceived what God has prepared for those who love him” —

C: but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.

P: Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery.

C: Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

P: And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,

C: with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Confession of Sins

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess
unto you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have
sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. Therefore we
flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your
grace for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for
us, have mercy on us and for his sake forgive us all our sins. By
your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your
will, and true obedience to your Word, to the end that by your
grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our
Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given his only Son to die for and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name he gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.

C: Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that with a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament: Isaiah 44:1-5

But now listen, O Jacob my servant,

O Israel, whom I have chosen.

²This is what the LORD, your Maker, says,

the LORD who formed you from the womb, who will help you.

Do not be afraid, my servant Jacob,

Jeshurun, whom I have chosen,

³because I will pour out water upon a thirsty land,

and streams of water upon dry ground.

I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring,

and my blessing on your descendants.

⁴They will spring up like a tree in a grassy meadow,

like willows beside flowing streams.

⁵One person will say, "I belong to the LORD."

Another will be called by the name of Jacob.

Another will write on his hand, "Belonging to the LORD,"

and he will take the name of Israel.

Psalm: Psalm 51b

Refrain

Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, re - new our hearts and
kin - dle in us the fire of your love.



Refrain

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

O Lord, open my lips,*
and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;*
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure heart, O God,*
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence*
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,*
and sinners will turn back to you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

Epistle: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came

from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
³They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely baffled and said to one another, “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans and Arabs — we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” ¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. ¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷This is what God says will happen in the last days:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions.

Your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the sky above,
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
21And this will happen:

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

P: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Apostles' Creed

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**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.

Hymn: Holy Spirit, Light Divine

CW 593

- 1 Holy Spirit, light divine, shine upon this heart of mine;
chase the gloom of night away, turn the darkness into day.**
- 2 Holy Spirit, love divine, cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
in your mercy pity me, from sin's bondage set me free.**
- 3 Holy Spirit, joy divine, cheer this saddened heart of mine;
fill me with your heav'nly peace, let it grow and still increase.**
- 4 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine, dwell within this heart of mine;
cast down ev'ry idol throne, reign supreme and reign alone.**

**5 Holy Spirit, fill my heart, cleanse my life in ev'ry part;
your own temple I would be now and for eternity.**

Sermon: John 7:37-39

³⁷On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and called out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink!" ³⁸As the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from deep within the person who believes in me." ³⁹By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were going to receive. For the Holy Spirit had not yet come, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

The Holy Spirit Brings Jesus To Thirsty Souls

I. Jesus calls to all who are thirsty, "Come to me and drink!"

II. Then from you will flow streams of living water

Offering

Prayer of the Church for the Day of Pentecost

P: Praise to you, O Holy Spirit, on this day of Pentecost. We worship and glorify you as the Lord and giver of life. You were present at the beginning of the world to shed life on all created things. You gave new understanding to your disciples when you baptized them with fire of the day of Pentecost. By the baptism of water with the Word, you have made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus Christ as our Lord. As you enabled your disciples to speak in new tongues on the day of Pentecost, so you have taught our tongues to confess:

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing 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.

P: Holy Spirit, Comforter and Counselor, source of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful flesh. Grant us a right understanding of the truths our Savior taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, and teach us to pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, which is the body of Christ, and of which we confess:

C: 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 fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

P: Holy Spirit, our highest comfort in every need, in these last dark days of the world strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees and encourage our fearful hearts. Remind us of God's Word and promise: "Be strong; do not fear. Your Lord will come again. He will come to save you." And in your last mighty, creative act, O Holy Spirit, raise up our mortal bodies so that we with all the saints, may lift up our heads and with glorified eyes see our Savior as we confess:

C: 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. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Hymn: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord *CW 585*

1 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

**May all your graces be out-poured
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,
And 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!**

Prayer

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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 on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" CW 585

**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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Members, Visitors & Guests – Welcome to St. Matthew’s!

As we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit today let us pray that God’s Spirit would take us to the Spring of living water and make us into springs of living water.

If you are visiting our service, please sign a “care card” in the church pew or our guest book and come back to visit again soon.

Attendance Last Week – 290 (75/215) Bible Class – 11

Offering Last Week – \$14,190.50

(Meeting our 2023 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$14,735.00.)

*“Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground”*

Psalm 143:10.

Announcements:

1. **Woman’s Bible Class** – We will continue with the book “More Prepared to Answer” by Mark Paustian. Each lesson stands alone so feel free to join at any time. Hope to see you there!
Debbie Lenser.
2. **7th & 8th Grade Teacher Call Meeting** – A call meeting for a 7th and 8th grade teacher and athletic director has been scheduled for Sunday, May 28, after the 9:00 a.m. service. This will be a one-year call. Please attend!
3. **Summer Bible Camp Save the Date** Our Summer Bible Camp for 2023 will be held on July 18, 19 and 20. Please mark your calendars for this fun adventure!
4. **Summer Schedule:** Please note that we will begin our summer worship schedule on Sunday, May 28. That means that on Sunday, May 28, which is the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, we will have just one service on Sunday morning beginning at **9:00 a.m.** There will be no Bible Class on the 28th and during the month of June. Bible Class will resume on Sunday, July 9 at 8:00 a.m. However, please keep in mind that we will continue to have our Thursday evening worship service throughout the summer beginning at 6:30 p.m.

5. **Kids Toys and Clothing Exchange** Do you have extra kids clothing, toys, or accessories that you plan to give away? Consider having a table at our St. Matthew's Kids Toy and Clothing Exchange on Saturday, June 10th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. instead! Items for all ages from newborn to teenager are welcome and encouraged. Sign up for your table on the bulletin board or with Lori Sage in the office. If you have any questions, please call Liz Sanchez at (847)-346-2066.
6. **Thank you to the women** who served on the altar guild for the month of May: Jean Ruppier, Theresa Biele, Jean Muche, and Katie Schwark. Serving for the month of June will be: Kris Kroening, Erin Stout, and Kate Carlson.
7. **2023 LWMS Convention**-the annual LWMS convention is just around the corner! This year it will be held in LaCrosse, WI, from June 22-25, 2023. Our Rock River Circuit (of which St. Matthew's is a part), is co-hosting the event with the Crow River Circuit in Minnesota, which means that many of our members have been busy planning and getting ready to host this huge event! If you've already attended an LWMS convention, you know how uplifting and rewarding they are. If you have never been to one, this is a great opportunity since it is so close to home! Early bird registration is due by April 1. Please see the information posted on the bulletin board in the narthex, or visit www.lwms.org for convention information and forms. Please continue to pray for the spread of the Gospel through our WELS missionaries and mission opportunities!
8. **Luther Prep Summer Camps** Luther Prep is excited to offer a variety of day camps & overnight camps for various sports AND for the 3rd year in a row our Phoenix Adventure Camp! We hope to see many of your children join us! Go to https://www.lps.wels.net/apps/pages/summer_camps for all the details & registration info!

Assisting with Worship

Organist:

Meredith Moeller

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Doug McIlvain, Dane McIlvain, Jeff Burandt

Next Week Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Tom May, Ben May, Eddie May

CODS:

Sunday, May 28, 9:00 a.m. – Tom Timmermann

Thursday, June 1, 6:30 p.m. – Phil Fry

Next Week CODS:

Sunday, June 4, 9:00 a.m. – Brian Hartwig

Thursday, June 8, 6:30 p.m. – Tim Stirmel

Greeters

9:00 a.m. – Jerry & Sally Wellnitz

Next Week Greeters:

9:00 a.m. – Mary Howard

Church Cleaning:

June 3, 2023 – Fred Shadoski & Craig Sonntag families

June 10, 2023 – Tim Stirmel & Richard Stout families

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Call Meeting after Worship

Service

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Music Meeting 1:00 p.m.

Thursday

Worship 6:30 p.m.

Sunday

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.



