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Worship for the Festival of Pentecost

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Opening Hymn: #188 "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

1 Creator Spirit, by whose aid

The world's foundations first were laid,

Come, visit ev'ry humble mind;

Come, pour your joys on humankind.

From sin and sorrow set us free;

May we your living temples be.

2 O Source of light, our Counselor,

The Father's help to us assure.

Come down, as promised, with your fire,

And hearts with heav'nly love inspire.

Your sacred, healing message bring

To sanctify us when we sing.

3 Giver of grace, descend from high

In answer to our earnest cry.

Help us eternal truths receive

And practice all that we believe.

Give us your wisdom that we see

The glory of the Trinity.

4 Immortal honor, endless fame,

Attend th' almighty Father's name;

The Savior-Son be glorified,

Who for all humankind has died;

And equal adoration rise

To you, O Spirit, in the skies.

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: We have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God,

C: that we may understand what God has freely given us.

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.

Epistle: Acts 2:1-14; 36-42

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say...

³⁶"Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

³⁷Now when the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Gentlemen, brothers, what should we do?"

³⁸Peter answered them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call."

⁴⁰He testified solemnly with many other words and was appealing to them, saying, "Escape from this crooked generation."

⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added.

⁴²They continued to hold firmly to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers.

Psalm: Psalm 51b (CW, p.87)

Refrain



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

Psalm tone *



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

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

Gospel: John 16:5-15

⁵“But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶Yet because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth: It is good for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to tell you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. For he will not speak on his own, but whatever he hears he will speak. He will also declare to you what is to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵Everything the Father has is mine. This is why I said that he takes from what is mine and will declare it to you.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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: #183 "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

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 See, to you I give my heart; Cleanse my life in ev'ry part;
Your own temple I would be Now and for eternity.

Sermon Text: Genesis 11:1-9

The whole earth had one language and a single vocabulary. ²As people traveled in the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they settled there. ³They said to one another, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used mud brick instead of stone for building material, and they used tar for mortar. ⁴They said, “Come, let’s build a city for ourselves and a tower whose top reaches to the sky, and let’s make a name for ourselves, so that we will not be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”

⁵The LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the people were building. ⁶The LORD said, “If this is the first thing they are doing as one people, who all have one language, then nothing that they intend to do will be too difficult for them. ⁷Come, let’s go down there and confuse their language, so that they cannot understand one another’s speech.”

⁸So the LORD scattered them from there over the face of the whole earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹It was named Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Take In The View From The Tower Of Babel

I. We can see ourselves

II. We can see our Savior God

III. We can see our celebration today

Hymn by Senior Choir: (Sunday only) “Spirit, Come Down”

Offering (offerings may be placed into the plates found in the narthex)

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: #176 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

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: #176 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"
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!

Members, Visitors & Guests—Welcome to St. Matthew's!

Let us take in the view from the tower of Babel where we can see ourselves, our Savior God, and our celebration of Pentecost today!

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—273 (190/83) Bible Class – 9

Offering—\$10,488.00

(Meeting our 2022 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$14,078.00.)

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

Psalms 143:10.

Announcements:

1. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Penny Pucher in loving memory of her parents.
2. **Bible Class** Please note that we have paused our Sunday morning Bible class until Sunday, July 10. When we resume class we will begin a study of the Book of Psalms.
3. **Woman's Bible Class** – The Women's Bible Study (Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.) is continuing a series of lessons based on the book "Prepared to Answer" by Mark Paustian. This week we will have an hour of fellowship together and the following week we will continue with "Prepared to Answer".

4. **A Voter's Meeting** has been scheduled for **Sunday, June 5** right after the 9:00 a.m. church service. Topics to be discussed are a hearing loop for the church to assist with sound for hearing impaired members and new bleachers for the gymnasium. Please plan to attend.
5. **Summer Bible Camp Dates** Please save July 19, 20, and 21 for St. Matthew's Summer Bible Camp. More information to follow.
6. **New Bleachers Needed:** Our present day bleachers were purchased from Milton College for \$150.00 in 1979. Since that time, they have been replaned, restained, and restored several times. They have seen better days! We would like to purchase new bleachers which are ADA approved and will be safer for all our church and school events. To date, over the past several years, we have saved \$32,000.00. The approximate cost of this project is \$44,000. The school children have been helping out by saving their coins for a special Penny Wars collection program during the month of April. Total monies collected were \$2,486.11. Special donations of \$500.00 was given in addition to what the children collected. We would also like to invite others, wishing to donate toward this cause to do so. If you would like to help out with this program, please contact Mr. Proeber.

St. Matthew's Bible Classes

Sunday Bible Class

Bible class will resume on Sunday, July 10 at 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

"Fellowship Time"

Assisting with Worship

Organist:

Thursday: Abigail Schewe

Sunday: Meredith Moeller

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Gerald Wellnitz, Richard Stout, Nathan Stout, Evan Burnside

Next Week Ushers:

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

CODS:

6:30 p.m. – Steve Sage

9:00 a.m. – Rich Hatfield

Next Week CODS:

6:30 p.m. – Trevor Sanchez

9:00 a.m. – Jim Daley

Church Cleaning:

June 11, 2022 – Mark Schulz & David Schumann families

June 18, 2022 – Todd Schwark & Russ Scott families

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

No Bible Class

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Voters' Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday

Fin'l Planning Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

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

Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Worship 6:30 p.m.

Sunday

No Bible Class

Worship 9:00 a.m.

