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AS WE GATHER

Pentecost, the “Birthday of the Church,” is also a reminder that we are not alone in this world. Before Jesus’ ascension He promised that His disciples will “receive power from on high.” (Luke 24:49) Today that promise is fulfilled! To those who struggle in a world of sin and death, Jesus’ promised Spirit brings hope, joy and new power for daily living. We praise the promised Holy Spirit!

PRELUDE/BELLS

HYMN – LSB #650 “Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling”

WELCOME

INVOCATION

P: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Your faithful people!

C: Come, bring Your life to Your church once more!

P: Come, Holy Spirit, inspire us with Your Word ever new!

C: Come, bring Your renewal to Your church once more!

P: Come, Holy Spirit, unite Your faithful people with a tongue of praise!

C: Come, bring Your unity to Your broken church once more!

CONFESSION

P: As Your disciples once gathered to await the Spirit on that first Pentecost, so we gather now in expectation. Let us confess our sin as we await the power of the Holy Spirit. *(A silent moment for private confession)* For our reluctance to believe all that the Lord has told us.

C: Forgive, Holy Spirit, forgive!

P: For our proud self-sufficiency to the exclusion of God’s help in our lives.

C: Forgive, Holy Spirit, forgive!

P: For our contentment with silence when the Spirit would lead us into making a bold confession concerning Christ.

C: Forgive, Holy Spirit, forgive!

P: For our hollow worship, routine prayers and dulled hearing of the inspired Word of God.

C: Forgive, Holy Spirit, forgive!

P: For our failure to believe that the Spirit works through the lives of other Christians.

C: Forgive, Holy Spirit, forgive!

P: For our deafness in hearing the Spirit speak to us through the Law and Gospel.

C: Forgive, Holy Spirit, forgive!

P: Hear the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, after He breathed His Spirit on His disciples: “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven. If you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Trusting His promise, I announce to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. Be at peace. You are free in the Spirit!

C: Come, Holy Spirit, and renew us by Your coming! Amen

KYRIE

P: In peace, in peace we pray to God.

C: Have mercy Lord; have mercy Lord!

P: For peace and our salvation, Lord.

C: We call upon Your Spirit now.

P: That all the world may know Your peace.

C: Have mercy Lord; have mercy Lord!

P: That unity may bind Your church.

C: We call upon Your Spirit now.

P: Help, save and comfort those in need.

C: Have mercy Lord; have mercy Lord!

P: And always our Defender be.

C: We call upon Your Spirit now.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in communion with the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Numbers 11:24-30 (ESV)

(The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is announce)

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ²⁶ Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” ²⁹ But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!” ³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

HYMN – AGPS #136 “In God We Believe”

EPISTLE – Acts 2:1-21 (ESV)

(The holy presence of the Spirit is revealed to the apostles.)

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who

dwelt in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on 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 on my male servants^[a] and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

HOLY GOSPEL – John 7:37-39 (ESV)

(Christ, in His own Words, proclaims the works of the Holy Spirit.)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

HYMN – LSB #497 “Come Holy Ghost, God”

SERMON

CONFESSION OF FAITH

(The Third Article of the Creed with the explanation by Dr. Martin Luther.)

P: Dr. Martin Luther wrote his “Small Catechism” in plain language, which has endured over the centuries. In his explanation to the third article (concerning the Holy Spirit) Dr. Luther focuses on the hope of eternal life given to all Christians through this Spirit.

We confess our faith in the hope of eternal life.

C: 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

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength 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. 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 richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN – AGPS #254 “We Come to Praise You”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus, imploring the Holy Spirit to hear us. Come, Holy Spirit, as once You came to disciples on that first Pentecost! Enliven this gathering of disciples. Open our ears to hear Your Word of power and our lips to proclaim it boldly! Come, Spirit, come!

C: Come upon us with Your power!

P: Come, Holy Spirit as once You came upon disciples who were broken and fearful. Come upon those who are now discouraged and disheartened by life’s sin and sadness. Come upon families where anger and misunderstanding have left no room for love. Come upon children and youth who struggle for love. Come upon the aged who have lost all hope. Come, Spirit, come!

C: Come upon us with Your power!

P: Come upon the sick in our congregation. We remember especially (*the names of the sick may be mentioned*). Upon those who await death, come gently in Your good time. Come to the grieving (*names of the mourners may be mentioned*) and to all who are weary. Come, Spirit, come!

C: Come upon us with Your power!

P: Come, Spirit, come upon a world broken by sin. Where there is warfare and oppression raise up wise messengers of peace and justice, and come upon us all that we too might be peacemakers. Come, Spirit,

come!

C: Come upon us with Your power!

P: Come upon us now as we would come to the table of our Lord. Through bread and wine, unite Your church once more that we might be filled with Your gifts to share with a hungry world. Come, Spirit, come!

C: Come upon us with Your power, and never leave us! Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION — Consecration

Communion Hymns

LSB #590 "Baptized into Your Name"

LSB #940 "Holy God, We Praise"

LSB #761 "Rock of Ages"

LSB #905 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

BENEDICTION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you always!

C: Amen! Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

HYMN – LSB #913 "O Holy Spirit"

ANNOUNCEMENTS / POSTLUDE

† † † HOLY COMMUNION † † †

We ask our visitors to note that our Lutheran understanding of Holy Communion is different than that of most other churches. We have always believed that Christ's body and blood are present, in a very real way, in, with, and under the bread and wine. (*"This is my body . . . This is my blood."* Matt. 26:26,28) We also believe that this eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood forgives our sins and the strengthens our faith.

By communing together we become united, not only in saving faith, but also in belief regarding the scriptural teachings of the Lord's Supper. Expressions of unity we feel should be honest. We love and respect other Christians who believe differently, and welcome all to worship with us. ***Because of our understanding of communion fellowship, we invite only members of First English Lutheran Church and those who are members of the Lutheran Church Missouri synod (LCMS) to commune here.***

If you are a member of the LCMS, please follow the four steps of preparation for Holy Communion, which are printed out on the white cards found in the rack on the pew in front of you. When you attend Holy Communion, please register by filling out one of the white cards and pass them to the inner aisle during the offering so that the ushers can collect it.

For those who prefer, the cup in the center of the communion tray is grape juice with a drop of wine. If you do not feel secure taking the individual cup from the tray, please hold out your hand to indicate your concern and the cup will be handed to you. Small children are invited to accompany their parents if they desire to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

† † VISITORS and MEMBERS † †

Sometime during the service we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God, and encourage you to visit us again when possible.