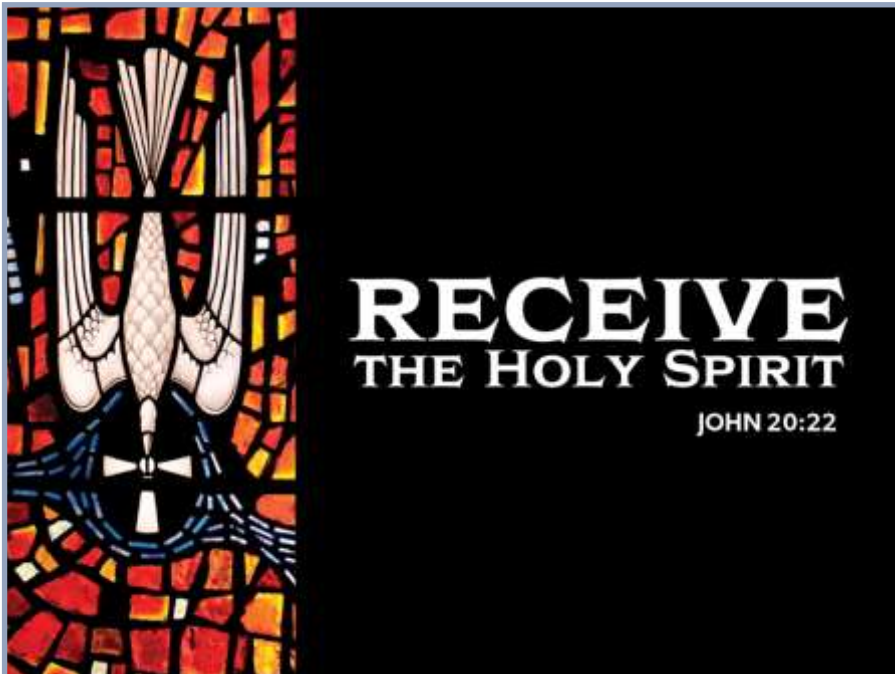


Day of Pentecost



Lakeside Worship
May 28, 2023 | 9:30 a.m.

*Big Bend, Borgund, Immanuel, Kviteseid,
Minnesota Valley, and Zion Lutheran Churches*

Milan Beach Resort - Lac qui Parle Lake

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at the lake. Today, Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the Holy Spirit's establishment of the church — the body of Christ that still embraces and empowers all.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL DAY LITANY AND PRAYER

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.

OPENING HYMN

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

Verse 1

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high;
living, life-imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify.

Verse 2

Holy Spirit, ever living as the church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ:
you we praise with endless worship for your gifts and fruits unpriced.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

C Lord of patience and persistence, we live in a broken and shattered world. All around us we see great evidence of hatred and alienation. We cannot help but observe the alienation of your people from each other. We create devices to separate rather than unite; to divide rather than come together in hope. Forgive us for our sins. These sins cause such division and hurt. Remind us today that the disciples, too, lived in a fearful world and that one day you came to them, as they sat huddled in fear, and you empowered them. You gave them hearts of courage and faith. Please bring to us the same hearts that we may serve you well, bringing peace and hope to our world. In the name of Christ, we offer this prayer. Amen.

P The power of God’s Holy Spirit has set us free from the prison of doubt and fear! Now is the time to shine with the light of God’s love, given to you by Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN “O Day Full of Grace” *interspersed with* **PENTECOST LITANY**

Verse 1

O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.

Verse 2

How blest was that gracious midnight hour, when God in our flesh was given;
then brightened the dawn with light and pow'r that spread o'er the darkened heaven;
then rose o'er the world that Sun divine, which gloom from our hearts has driven.

Verse 3

For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the cross was hanging;
and then he arose and moved the stone, that we, unto him belonging,
might join with angelic hosts to raise our voices in endless singing.

Verse 4

God came to us then at Pentecost, the Spirit new life revealing,
that we might no more in death be lost, its pow'r over us dispelling.
This flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all true healing.

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HYMN “Spirit of the Living God”

Verse 1

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Verse 2

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love.
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing –
Spirit of the living God, move among us all.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **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.**

LESSON: 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.

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

Judy Thompson

L ²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

C ²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

L ²⁶There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

C ²⁷**All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

L ²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

C ²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

L ³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

C ³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

L ³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

C ³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

L ³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.

C ^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Judy Thompson

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Vicar Sara Larson

HYMN OF THE DAY "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

Verse 1

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.

Verse 2

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Verse 3

Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

APOSTLES' CREED

C **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.**

**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.**

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

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P For all that you have given and will yet give, we give you thanks.

C **May we always be open to your Spirit. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P For all you have given, for all we have received, we give you thanks. We bring before you our gifts of substance and the gift of our lives. May they refresh and enliven our church and community, as the wind of your Spirit did long ago.

C **Amen.**

THE 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.**

BENEDICTION

P God, out of God's great love, has created you. Jesus Christ, out of his great love, has redeemed you. The Holy Spirit, out of great love, has lifted and inspired you to go in peace and service throughout God's world, proclaiming the good news of peace, love, hope, and joy to all.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

Verse 1

God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!

Verse 2

God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose, purge!
Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge!
Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth,
kindle us to speak your truth!

Verse 3

God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord,
make us one in Christ our Lord!

Verse 4

God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness!
Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress.
Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work,
claim us for your kingdom's work!

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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WELCOME

to all those joining us today for this Lakeside Worship

Serving You Today

Pastor Kristine Isder	Kviteseid and Big Bend Lutheran Churches
Pastor Linda Wimmer	Borgund, Minnesota Valley and Zion Lutheran Churches
Vicar Sara Larson	Borgund, Minnesota Valley and Zion Lutheran Churches
Pastor Linda Estling	Immanuel Lutheran Church

Today's undesignated offering will be given to food shelves in Chippewa, Lac qui Parle and Swift counties.

Please join us following worship for coffee and fellowship. Free will donation for coffee and goodies provided by Randall's.

Please mark your calendars and join us again on:

Sunday July 2 (Fourth of July Weekend)
at 9:30 a.m. at the Milan Beach Resort

Sunday, September 3 (Labor Day Weekend)
at 9:30 a.m. at the Milan Beach Resort

Remember to bring a lawn chair!



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