

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

2100 16th Street SW, Austin, MN 55912 Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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www.CLClutheran.org www.ilc.edu/home.htm <u>PRESERVICE PRAYER</u> Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that, having fed our souls upon the Bread of life, we may live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

HYMN 224 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

1. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord! Be all Thy graces now outpoured On each believer's mind and heart; Thy fervent love to them impart. Lord, by the brightness of Thy light Thou in the faith dost men unite Of ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue; This to Thy praise, O Lord, our God, be sung. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2. Thou holy Light, Guide Divine, Oh, 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. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. Thou holy Fire, Comfort true, Grant us the will Thy work to do And in Thy service to abide; Let trials turn us not aside. Lord, by Thy pow'r prepare each heart And to our weakness strength impart That bravely here we may contend, Thro' life and death to Thee, our Lord, ascend. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021Pentecost SundC: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Together let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: 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.

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you**.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 1:1-21

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. ⁷ Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? ⁸ And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia,

Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." ¹² So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" ¹³ Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. ¹⁵ For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,

That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants

I will pour out My Spirit in those days;

And they shall prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in heaven above

And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness,

And the moon into blood,

Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.

²¹ And it shall come to pass

That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved. (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 7:37-39

On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 232 Let Songs of Praises Fill the Sky

1 Let songs of praises fill the sky: Christ, our ascended Lord, Sends down His Spirit from on high According to His Word. All hail the day of Pentecost, The coming of the Holy Ghost! 2 The Spirit by His heav'nly breath Creates new life within; He quickens sinners from the death Of trespasses and sin. All hail the day of Pentecost, The coming of the Holy Ghost!

3 The things of Christ the Spirit takes And shows them unto men; The fallen soul His temple makes, God's image stamps again. All hail the day of Pentecost, The coming of the Holy Ghost!

4 Come, Holy Spirit, from above With Thy celestial fire; Come and with flames of zeal and love Our hearts and tongues inspire. Be this our day of Pentecost, The coming of the Holy Ghost!

THE SERMON: Acts 2:22-41

Theme: Pentecost: The Commencement of the Age of the Holy Spirit.

- I. The Holy Spirit Directs the Message of Christ
- II. The Holy Spirit Calls Sinners to Repentance

SERMON TEXT: Acts 2:22-41²² "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by

God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—²³ Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; ²⁴ whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the Lord always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. ²⁶ Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. ²⁷ For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.' ²⁹ "Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, ³¹ he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. ³³ Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

³⁴ "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at My right hand,

³⁵ Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." '

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

³⁷Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?"

³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

⁴⁰ And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying,
"Be saved from this perverse generation." ⁴¹ Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them* (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 233:1-4 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

1 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, Vouchsafe within our souls to rest; Come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid And fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

2 To Thee, the Comforter, we cry, To Thee, the Gift of God Most High, The Fount of life, the Fire of love, The soul's Anointing from above.

3 The sev'n-fold gifts of grace are Thine, O Finger of the Hand Divine; True Promise of the Father Thou, Who dost the tongue with speech endow. 4 Thy light to every thought impart And shed Thy love in every heart; The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might invigorate.

BENEDICTION C: Amen.

HYMN 233:7 Praise We the Father and the Son

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!

CALENDAR

<u>TODAY</u>: Thank you for coming to hear the Word. Used bulletins should either be taken home or deposited in the wastepaper basket at the narthex door. Your offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the nave. **Bible Class** is scheduled to follow the service.

<u>TUESDAY</u>: Catechism class via Zoom beginning at 5:00 p.m. **Please note day and time change for this one week only**! Our last class before summer recess will be on Wednesday, June 2 at 4:00 p.m.

<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>: Worship at 9:30. (Bible class enters summer recess) Sermon text: John 3:1-17.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>June 5:</u> Minnesota Delegate Conference at Immanuel in Mankato from 10:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

<u>June 24-27</u>: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Convention is scheduled for a Thursday – Sunday. For a digital copy of the convention prospectus go to: <u>tinyurl.com/clcprosp-21</u>

If anyone would like a printed rather than a digital copy, the pastor can print one. (It is 109 pages)

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 16 worship – 11

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Memorial offerings
Offerings Received	\$1345.00	
Needed for Year:	\$25,700.00	
Received for Year:	\$24,190.00	

May Church Cleaning – Congregation Spring Cleaning! May Lawn Mowing – Hellickson

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