

Church of the Divine Love
THE DAY OF PENTECOST:WHITSUNDAY
JUNE 5, 2022
9:00 A.M.
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn #225 – **Hail thee, festival day!**

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First Lesson: **Acts 2:1-21**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Second Lesson: **Romans 8:14-17**

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Gospel: **John 14:8-17, (25-27)**

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

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Sermon Sunday June 5, 2022

Acts 2: 1-21; Psalm 104:25-35,37; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

When we think of Pentecost today's reading from Genesis is probably not the first thing we think of. We do not usually associate Pentecost with making bricks, building ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens. We do not think of making a name for ourselves.

Mention Pentecost and most of us probably recall the story of the disciples gathered in the upper room. We hear a sound like the rush of violent wind filling the house. We imagine divided tongues, as of fire, appearing and resting on each disciple. We picture drunken chaos in which people are speaking, hearing, and understanding strange new languages. I suspect many, perhaps most, of us wish for such an experience of God. We want something tangible, a sign, a sound, a vision, that reveals God's presence, that guides us in our life, that reassures us. If that does not come in the way, we expect or think it should then we resort to making bricks and building our own cities with a tower that will reach to God. We work to make a name for ourselves. We try to experience God on our terms. We build walls and structures and try to raise ourselves up to God telling God to work within the walls and structures we have built. But that is not how God works. The uncompleted Tower of Babel and a scattered and confused people attest to that.

God does not work or act within the walls and structures we have built. Instead, God lives, works, and acts within us. The miracle of Pentecost is not in the upper room where the disciples gathered. It is not in a sound like the rush of violent wind blowing through the house. It is not in the divided tongues of fire, and it is not in the strange new languages. The miracle of Pentecost is the outpouring of God's spirit on all flesh; on you and me, on those we know as well as strangers, on those we love as well as enemies, on those who are like us as well as those who are different. All flesh. No one is left out. The outpouring of God's spirit, God's own life and breath, was prophesied by Joel. Later, John the Baptist would remind

us that while he baptized with water we would be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Finally, Jesus himself reassures us that we will be clothed with power from on high, that the Spirit of Truth will abide with us and in us as a Comforter, an Encourager, an Advocate who will teach us and remind us of all Jesus' words.

The Spirit of God is not simply a thing or an event. It is the abiding and transforming presence of God's life with us and in us. Wherever life is being created, renewed, put back together, inspired the Spirit is present. In that sense we might think of the Spirit more as a verb than a noun. The spirit of God has always been and continues to be our source and sustainer of life. In the beginning the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and spirited man into a living being when God breathed into man's nostrils. In the valley of dry bones Ezekiel watched as the wind of God spirited new life into old dry brittle bones. God spirited the Blessed Virgin Mary so that the child to be born would be holy and called the Son of Man. Jesus was spirited through the wilderness and anointed to bring good news to the poor, release to the captive, sight to the blind, and to let the oppressed go free.

Today we are spirited by the wind, the breath, the life of God. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost does not mean the Spirit was previously absent. The Holy Spirit has never been absent. With Pentecost it is now present in a different way. It is no longer limited to particular circumstances, events, or persons. It is poured out on all flesh making us members of the Body of Christ and empowering us to participate in Christ's victory over sin and death. This means we are free.

We are free from making bricks. We no longer need to build ourselves a city for we have become the city where God dwells. We no longer need to build a tower with its top in the heavens for we have become the tower that bridges heaven and earth. We no longer need to make a name for ourselves for we have been named Children of God. That is the miracle of Pentecost, God living, breathing, acting, and working within us. That means that Pentecost, more often than not, happens in what we see as the ordinary everyday circumstances of our lives. Our pentecosting looks like places of forgiveness and reconciliation; courage in the midst of a confusing and fearful life; hope in spite of what feels like unending sorrow and loss; joy and gratitude for everyone and everything you see; silence in which you hear over and over God's presence.

Every one of us could name those times when life seemed inspired and we dreamed new dreams, saw visions of hope and new possibilities; and spoke about God's deeds of power; deeds such as mercy and forgiveness, love, compassion, justice, beauty, generosity, healing, courage, hope. In every one of those moments, we were being spirited. This spiriting is what sustains and renews our lives and our world. God breathes out and we breathe in. We breathe out and God breathes in. Back and forth it flows. God and humanity sharing the divine breath of life. Take a deep breath, it is Pentecost. Let it all out, it is Pentecost. Now do it again, it is Pentecost!

Christ's Pentecostal breath resuscitates our lives. Again and again, he inspires and fills us with the Holy Spirit. Pentecost recalls the day of creation when God gathered dust from the ground and breathed God's own life into us (Gen. 2:7). Pentecost is an act of re-creation, freeing us to leave the darkness, to step out of our house into a new world and a new life. Nothing is retained against us so let us not retain against ourselves or another. We have been Pentecostal, God and humanity sharing one breath, one life. **Amen.**

Masks optional with social distance seating

THE DAY OF PENTECOST/WHITSUNDAY

9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II (also on zoom)
COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWS

MONDAY 8:00 AM AA MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM AL-ANON MEETING

THURSDAY 10AM-2PM THRIFT SHOP
8:00 PM AA MEETING

SATURDAY 10AM-2PM THRIFT SHOP

TRINITY SUNDAY

9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II (also on zoom)
COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWS

SUPPORT THE FOOD DRIVE – DROP OFF IN THE KITCHEN

	Today	Next Week
Eucharistic Minister	Roe Prosser	Jess Berbeck
Altar Guild	Roe Prosser	Deb Giordano
	Marie Quatorze	Jess Berbeck
Coffee Hour	Roe & Andrew Prosser	Judy Golden

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Give to all who suffer the refreshing waters of your compassion and healing.
Make them dwell in the safety of your care even in the midst of all that troubles
them. Especially we remember before you:

Carol K.	Harriet Capers	Bob Curley
Julia	Arlene Goodenough	Celeste
Chris Dickson	Kate Jones	Grace Schinella
Michael Echevarria	John Rocco	Robert Sweat
Martinisi Family	Michael & Family	Warren
Charlotte H.	Bernie Walther	Theresa K.
Mo (Rachael)	Bill Conklin Sr.	Laura
Anthony Paribello	Barbara Curran	Taylor
Ciara	Gabriel	Aidan
Elodie	Del	Dorothy
People of Haiti	Chrissy Neville	Vincent
Maggie & Family	People of Ukraine	Amy E.
Nathan Treadwell	Christopher & Family	Tim
Bob Lazevnick	Jen & Family	

Help us to speak words of encouragement and offer deeds of kindness to them.
Bring us with them, into the unending joy of your kingdom. Amen

Prayer before Worship

Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it, the spirit of grace. Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn to be sung during the consecration:

Father I adore you,
Lay my life before you,
How I love you.

Repeat twice with second verse starting with Jesus
and third verse starting with Spirit.

Prayer for Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominions and glory, now and for ever. Amen

