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Pentecost

*Resurrection Reality:
Christ Has Not Left Us Alone*

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Father in heaven, bless our worship today as we are refreshed once again by your word. Send us your Spirit and bring us lasting comfort and peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: Jesus told his disciples that, though he was going to ascend into heaven, he wasn't going to leave them alone. He would send them the Holy Spirit. Jesus would send the Spirit to give us spiritual power to live as he calls us to live and to share the Gospel of Christ. Here is the final resurrection reality: The Spirit gives us the ability to raise the spiritually dead to life. We see this happen on Pentecost. The festival of Pentecost was held fifty days after the Passover. (Pentecost is Greek for "fifty.") It was a time to thank God for the harvest. But on that day, through the Church at work, the Holy Spirit gathered another harvest, a harvest of souls. Therefore, Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church, along with the Nativity and the Resurrection. With the Festival of Pentecost, the festival half of the Church Year comes to a close.

WORSHIP SERIES: Resurrection Reality: St. Paul writes, "***Christ has indeed been raised from the dead***" (1 Corinthians 15:20). The resurrection is not legend. It really happened. Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. Since Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, we know Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. Since Christ has indeed been raised, we know that "***all will be made alive***" (1 Corinthians 15:22). Jesus' resurrection brings eternal life and eternal hope. In this glorious season, we meditate on the breath-taking implications of the resurrection reality.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

Guest Preacher: Pastor Philip Henselin
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Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting Two



Please remain seated.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

DIALOGUE FOR PENTECOST

M: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

C: **The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.**

M: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

C: **If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

M: The Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever."

C: **O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.**

M: Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in agony.

C: **Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.**

M: Jesus said to his disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

C: **No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**

M: The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

C: **There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.**

M: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

Hymn: God's Holy Spirit Came

CW 479



1 God's Ho - ly Spir - it came with rush - ing wind and fire,
2 God sent the Spir - it forth ful - fill - ing proph - ets' word,
3 God's Spir - it filled each one as Je - sus had fore - told.
4 God's Church a - live to - day con - tin - ues to pro - claim



Christ's pres - ence here to com - fort, bless and to in - spire.
to those who fol - lowed Je - sus and who called him Lord.
In man - y tongues they spoke God's Word, re - newed and bold.
sal - va - tion by the Spir - it's pow'r in Je - sus' name.



The Spir - it thus be - gan God's ho - ly work on earth
And as dis - ci - ples met near tem - ple courts for prayer
"Re - pent and be bap - tized," preached Pe - ter in that hour,
Let all be - liev - ers now their tongues and lives em - ploy.



at Pen - te - cost, a gift that gave the Church its birth.
the Spir - it blew and rest - ed on those gath - ered there.
and thou - sands came be - liev - ing by the Spir - it's pow'r.
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, our high - est joy!

THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

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 in 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.**

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Lord allows Ezekiel to see that the Spirit would give that prophet's words the power to raise the dead to life.

¹The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!' ⁵This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.' "

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' " ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.' "

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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 their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our 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. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“ ‘In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-11

Jesus promised he would not leave us alone but would send us the Spirit of truth to give us the courage and power to testify to the world.

²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.

²⁷And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’

⁶Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Children’s Devotion

Hymn of the Day: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

CW 585



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your grac - es
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, and cause the Word of
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the will your



be out-poured on each be - liev - er’s mind and heart;
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
work to do and in your ser - vice to a - bide;



your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright-ness
and call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - ’ry er - ror
let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow’r pre -



of your light you gath - er and in faith u - nite
 keep us free; let none but Christ our mas - ter be
 pare each heart, and to our weak - ness strength im - part



your Church from ev - 'ry land and tongue: this to your
 that we in liv - ing faith a - bide, in him, our
 that brave - ly here we may con - tend, through life and



praise, O Lord our God, be sung. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Sermon

Based on Ezekiel 37

“The Spirit Gives Life”

1. *He gives life to the dead*
2. *He forgives and heals the broken and hopeless*

Please stand after the sermon.

THANKSGIVING

Apostles’ Creed

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.**

Be seated.

Offering



Connect Card

Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



Give Online

Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

M: 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.

Be seated.

Hymn: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

CW 592



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the Church's



realms of light, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
ver - y life, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
min - is - try, teach - ing, strength - ning, and ab - solv - ing,



o'er a world of gloom and night, Ho - ly Spir - it,
 through us in a cease - less strife, Ho - ly Spir - it,
 set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free, Ho - ly Spir - it,



ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high, liv - ing,
 ev - er form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ, you we
 ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to soul in com -



life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 praise with end - less wor - ship for your gra - cious gifts un - priced.
 mun - ion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

Summer Worship Series Intro

WELS Connection Video

Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning, children ages 3yrs to 6th grade are invited to learn more about Jesus in Sunday JAM, starting at 9:15am in the Kindergarten room. Our guest preacher will present on Institutional Ministries at the same time in the fellowship hall downstairs

For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: Only a Triune God can deliver what a Triune God can offer

Bible Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8, Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

Hymns: 483, 586, 480, 671

Worship Time Change

Our summer worship schedule begins next weekend! From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend we have one service on Sunday morning at 9am. Starting after the holiday weekend, stay after worship for a half-hour Bible study and fellowship starting at 10:15 each week! The Saturday service remains at 5pm throughout the year.

Welcome to worship!

FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help. Please take note of a few helpful things:

- † **Restrooms** are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Both men's and women's restrooms are equipped with **diaper changing tables** for your convenience.
- † Our sanctuary is equipped with an amplified "loop" system for **hearing assistance**. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position.
- † You will find a **connection card** in your pew. We ask members and guests to share their names and contact info, and invite you to share requests for contact or prayers. Cards can be placed in the offering basket or left on the table near the sanctuary entrance.
- † Salem members give an **offering** to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.

FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing and pray and grow with us in our services. Please note these special worship aids and helps for families:

- † Children's bulletins & "*quiet bags*" for your child's use in worship are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- † If your child needs to be nursed or quieted for a few moments you can use our "*cry room*" down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is shown live on a TV in the room.
- † Sunday mornings, before the hymn of the day and sermon, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for a short devotion on God's Word. Parents may accompany their children as they wish.

**Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.**

