



## **Pentecost Sunday — May 31, 2020**

**Prelude:** *“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart,”* by Cindy Berry

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*read responsively*)

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! Renew our congregation, inside and out.

**Congregation:** Send your sacred flames onto our heads.

**Join our hearts together, even while we worship apart.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Renew our lives, inside and out.

**C: Revive our faith. Restore our relationships. Rekindle our trust in your grace.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Renew ourselves, inside and out.

**C: Stir up our dying passion. Revive our weary souls. Emblazon us with courage.**

L: Come Holy Spirit! Renew our congregation, inside and out.

**C: With fire and wind, blow through our homes and offices.**

**Fill us with a new vision of what it means to be church in this world.**

L: Come Holy Spirit! Renew our love, inside and out.

**C: Open our sleepy eyes to the needs of our community. Make our hearts burn with compassion.**

ALL: Come Holy Spirit! Renew our Church, inside and out. Amen.

**Gathering Hymn:** ELW #627 – “O Day Full of Grace”

- 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.**
- 2 O day full of grace, O blessed time, our Lord on the earth arriving;  
then came to the world that light sublime, great joy for us all retrieving;  
for Jesus all mortals did embrace, all shame and despair removing.**
- 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.**
- 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.**
- 5 When we on that final journey go, that Christ is for us preparing,  
we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, all joy of the heavens sharing,  
and there we will join God's endless praise, with angels and saints adoring.**

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**Greeting:**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day:**

L: Let us pray. O God,

**C: On this day, you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending us your Holy Spirit.**

**Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may be inspired with new visions of how to share the Gospel in this world and creative ways to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Reading: Acts 2:1-21(NRSV)**

- Brian Buteyn

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b** (*read responsively*)

- Kari Mehr

L: How manifold are your works, O LORD!

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

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

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

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

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

**C: When you hide your face, they are terrified;**

**when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

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

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

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

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

L: May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

**C: Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

L: The Holy Gospel according to John the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter. **C: Glory, to you O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23** (NRSV)

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon:** “Shalom,” – Pastor Joe

## Hymn of the Day: ELW #396 – “Spirit of Gentleness”

**Refrain:** Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*
- 2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*
- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

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**Prayers of Intercession** - *Each petition ends with the following response:*

L: Lord in your mercy,      C: Hear our prayer.

**Great Thanksgiving:**

L: The Lord be with you.      C: And also with you.  
L: Lift up your hearts.      C: We lift them to the Lord.  
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Words of Institution**

**The 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.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**Communion:** *We invite you to share the bread and wine/grape juice with one another at home.*

**Communion Hymn:** ELW #400 – “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind” - Verses 1, 3 & 4

- 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!
- 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!
- 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!

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Blessing**

**Dismissal** - L: Go in peace. Share the Good News! C: Thanks be to God!

**Postlude:** “*God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind,*” - Phillip Keveren

**Thanks to Today's Worship Leaders:**

Pastor Joe Larson  
Alpha Roeszler, Piano  
Brian Buteyn, Lector  
Kari Mehr, Psalm  
Tammy Lanaghan, Media Coordination

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**St. Mark's Lutheran Church** is a member congregation of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** and a **Reconciling in Christ** congregation—welcoming all people, including LGBTQ individuals.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP:** We are not holding onsite worship at Temple Beth El Synagogue until further notice. Live-stream services will be on Sundays at 10 am via Facebook at:  
**[www.facebook.com/stmarkslutheranfargo](http://www.facebook.com/stmarkslutheranfargo)**.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME:** Join us on Zoom through the internet or by phone following Sunday worship:  
**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212693>**  
*You can also call into this meeting at: 1-301-715-8592;*  
**Meeting ID: 874 725 599; Password: 037564**

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE INVITED** for the sick: Jim Jordan (Charlie's brother), Matuor Dot Alier and family, Patti Pranke (Alpha's sister), Jerry Jacobson (Mel's brother), Kermit Jensen, Leah Martell Torkelson, Chris Maki, Dona Jordan, Viola Ware, Brad Graber, Avis Twamley, and Karla Ware.

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER:** Mel and Brenda Jacobson, Jay Jansen and Jeff Ware, Kermit and Marilyn Jensen. **Fargo Conference Prayer:** Shepherd of the Prairie parish: Christine, Hickson, Walcott - Pastor Karin Moberg

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** The members of the St. Mark's church council for 2020-2021 are as follows: Tara Jensen, Elna Solvang, Maxine Fagerland, Tammy Lanaghan, Mel Jacobson, Jay Jansen, Barbara Edin (new), and Peter Schott (new). Outgoing members are Carly Gaddie and Mary Jane Haugen. Many thanks to Carly and Mary Jane for their leadership and dedication through the many transitions that St. Mark's has experienced in their tenure!

**OFFERINGS:** During this time, please continue to send in your offerings as you are able. Our mailing address is **St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 417 Main Ave, Ste #401, Fargo, ND 58103**. You can also donate **online** on our website at: **[www.stmarkslutheranfargo.com/donate.html](http://www.stmarkslutheranfargo.com/donate.html)**.



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