DAY OF PENTECOST RESURRECTION REALITY: CHRIST HAS NOT LEFT US ALONE



Pastor Zietlow's Sermon: John 15:26,27 "The Gift That Keeps On Giving"

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We pray that you find comfort, peace, and motivation through God's Word today. In our worship bulletin, you will find an outline of **today's order of worship**. The entire service can be found in the hymnal, up on the screen on Sunday at St. John's and Emmanuel and livestreamed at <u>www.stjohnsmontello.org</u> and also at St. John's in the Lower Level. At St. John's, the **restrooms** are located in the link way, out the church entry way, to the left and down the stairs. At Emmanuel, they are located in the Parish Hall. You may also find a **nursery changing station** in the lower level of St. John's.

ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES May 18 & 19, 2024 Emmanuel: Sun. 8:00am St. John's: Sat. 4:30pm & Sun. 10:00am

RESURRECTION REALITY

St. Paul writes, "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Big word: Indeed! Paul is stressing that we must not think of Jesus' resurrection like a happy ending to another epic fable. The resurrection is not legend. It really happened. Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. On time's infinite line, Jesus' resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. If Christ remained dead, he is a fraud and failure. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality: Jesus' resurrection proves that "all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but the way we look at life now. The greatest theologian of the early church, Augustine, called the season of Easter "a joyful week of weeks"—seven wonderful weeks, each seven glorious days long. In this glorious season, let us meditate upon the breath-taking implications of the resurrection reality.

THEME OF THE DAY: CHRIST HAS NOT LEFT US ALONE

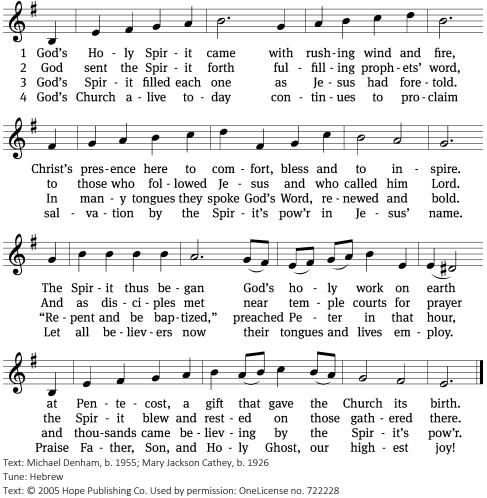
Jesus told his disciples that, though he was going to ascend into heaven, he wasn't going to leave them alone. He was going to send "the Advocate," a title for the Holy Spirit. But Jesus wasn't sending the Spirit just to keep us company. Jesus would have the Advocate give us spiritual power so that we might participate in Christ's saving work. 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.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting Three, Hymnal Pages 188-198,171 **HYMNS:** 479, 463 v. 1 & 5, 585, 592 (Hymns also posted on the screen) **PSALM:** Psalm 104 "LORD, Send Out Your Spirit"

SERMON: John 15:26,27 "The Gift That Keeps On Giving - 1. Through Pentecost God gives the gift of His Spirit to you - 2. Through the Gospel God gives the gift of His Spirit to others "

OPENING HYMN: 479 "God's Holy Spirit Came" *Sunday at Emmanuel & St. John's: Adult Choir sings "Come, Holy Spirit" in place of Opening Hymn

OPENING HYMN: 479 "God's Holy Spirit Came"



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In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PENTECOST DIALOGUE:

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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."

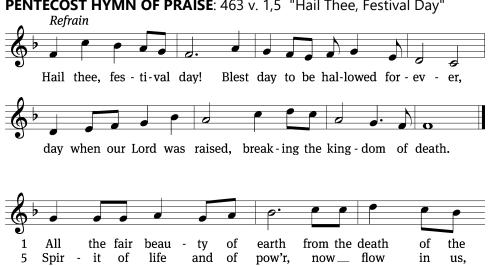
No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

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

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.

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

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



PENTECOST HYMN OF PRAISE: 463 v. 1,5 "Hail Thee, Festival Day"



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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

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, "Prophesy 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, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, 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 prophesy 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.' "

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 104 "LORD, Send Out Your Spirit" * Sunday at St. John's: Sunday School children sing: "Wind, Wind" in place of the Psalm *Refrain*



How many are your / works, LORD

In wisdom you / made them all.

All creatures / look to you

to give them their food at the / proper time.

When you give it to them, they gather / it up;

when you open your hand, they are satisfied / with good things. Refrain

May the glory of the LORD endure for- / ever; may the LORD rejoice / in his works he makes winds his / messengers, flames of fire his / servants. I will sing to the LORD / all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live. Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit, as it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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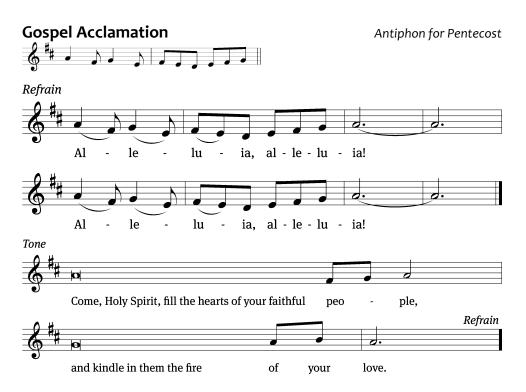
SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21

(The Day of Pentecost was the fulfillment of God's promise to pour out his Spirit.) ¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. 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 Rome¹¹(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.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



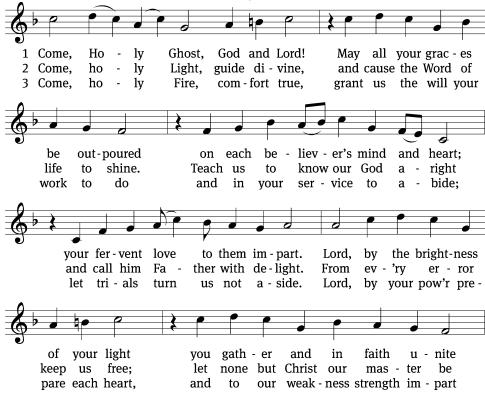
GOSPEL READING: John 15:26,27, 16:4b-11 (Sermon Text Underlined)

(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. The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!



HYMN OF THE DAY: 585 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"



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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.

PENTECOST & INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

OFFERING, CARE CARDS, FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS (St. John's) & ALTAR PRAYER SPECIAL MUSIC: Duet sings: "Holy Spirit Living Breath of God" (Sunday at St. John's during the offering) Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

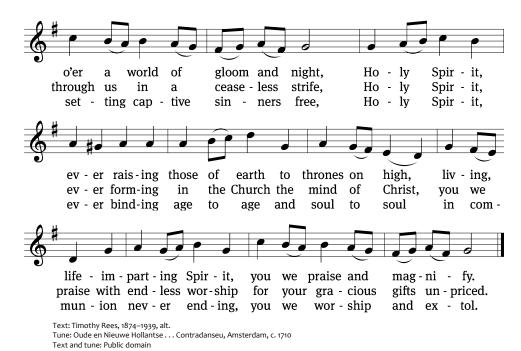
LORD'S PRAYER

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

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. **Amen.**





THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Holy Trinity - First Sunday after Pentecost A TOP-DOWN FAITH: ONLY A TRIUNE GOD CAN DELIVER WHAT ONLY A TRIUNE GOD CAN OFFER

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Mike Brown, Bob Buehrens, Michael Cox (Marjorie Fabian's brother), Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Edith Duesterhoeft, Don Ebert, Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, Bob & Christine Ferber, John Gaedke (Dan Finger's uncle), Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gray (Mary Dahlke's brother), Kelleen Grucza (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Kim Hanko (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Randy Hardell, Del & Jean Henke, Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, Orlene Johnson, Ruth Jones, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Jim Kirschbaum, Dale Kozlowski, Emily Krueger, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Darren Marceau, Julie Moran, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo Petrick, Sharon Priewe, Melissa Prater, Sharon Priewe, Karen Radke, Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak, James & Suzanne Weber, Cheryl Wegner, Stacy Weisensel, Paul Weldon, Tom Zietlow (Pastor's brother), Tama Zuehls (Zeb's mother) (added this week: Jim Kirschbaum)

- For the family of Bill Kurth, our non-member shut-in, called home on 5/9 (Ascension Day) at the age of 85

- For Armed Forces Day (5/18)

- For Martin Luther College graduation on Saturday (5/18), Call Day service & assignment of graduates (St. John's requested a graduate to serve as the director/teacher of Little Lambs Learning Center)

- For Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary graduation on Saturday (5/25), Call Day service (5/24) and assignment of graduates (Emmanuel/St. John's are requesting a graduate to serve as lead pastor)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: May 19-25, 2024						
Today	Noon	Little Lambs Graduation				
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	SJ Council Meeting				
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Montello Care Center Devotion				
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	CALA Graduation Princeton				
Friday		Last Day of School				
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	SJ Worship With Communion				

Next Sunday: May 26, 2024 Holy Trinity					
8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship With Communion				
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship With Communion				

St. John's	Usher's	
	Schedule	
Saturday, May 18	Saturday, May 25	
Sunday, May 19	Sunday, May 26	
James Wachholz	Paul Van Treeck	
Zeb Zuehls	Matt Borzick	
Thomas Wojtalewicz	Ken Borzick	
Kenny Wojtalewicz	James Henke	
Chuck Boetcher	Haiden Van Treeck	
Jesse Schable	Nolan Ban Treeck	
	Brody Henke	
	Milo Henke	

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_	Attendance						
	Date	EM	SJ				
	5/9/24	-	38				
	5/11/24	-	14				
	5/12/24	48	93				

Sunday School, Little Lambs & CALA Singing Schedule
5/23/22 CALA at SJ Princeton

Total March	Budget	March	Year to Date	Year to Date
Offerings	Needs	Expenses	Offerings	Expenses
\$25,278.62	\$33939.58	\$21,661.22	\$275,654.71	\$234,986.66

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:7**

Dear Members of Emmanuel and St. John's Lutheran Churches: Please join us in recognizing Barbara Stelter, who has resigned her position as Little Lambs teacher and director. Barb has served our program for the past two years and is resigning to have more time for family, being a Pastor's wife, and volunteering in her home church in Princeton. We thank God for Barb's service and dedication to the program.

We will recognize Barb after the service in Montello on Sunday, May 19. Cards and well-wishes are welcome.



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