

Sunday, May 28, 2023
Pentecost Sunday A
Pastor Warren Egebo



GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Pentecost Reading: Acts 2:1-21

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

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'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. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Cranberry #582



1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er dwell-ing in the ho - liest realms of light;
 2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er liv - ing as the church's ver - y life;
 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er work-ing through the church's min - is - try;



Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through us in a cease - less strife;
 quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 you we praise with end - less wor - ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.
 in com - mu - nion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*, 1710

Prayer of the Day

The Lord is with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray, Come, Holy Spirit,
**rattle the rooms in which we are hiding,
shake the tired foundations until unjust institutions crumble,
break the rules that keep You out of all our sacred spaces,
then lift from the dust and rubble a new creation.**

Come, Holy Spirit,
**enter our lives, whisper our names,
speak to us in the language of our hearts
and scatter Your gifts of grace with wild abandon.
Give Your silent strength to all imprisoned
and let Your raging fire be our sign of liberty.**

Come, Holy Spirit!
**Help us find ourselves in vital places,
bringing Your word and freedom
to the poor, the oppressed, the outcast.
Help us to work for peace in our lives and ministries. Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

The Word for All Ages

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Cranberry #174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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Gospel: John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

Sermon



1 Come, gra - cious Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, with light and
 2 The light of truth to us dis - play and make us
 3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way, nor let us
 4 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share full - ness of



com - fort from a - bove. Come, be our guard - ian
 know and choose your way; plant ho - ly fear in
 from his pas - tures stray. Lead us in ho - li -
 joy for - ev - er there; lead us to our e -



and our guide; o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.
 ev - 'ry heart, that we from God may ne'er de - part.
 ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God
 ter - nal rest, to be with God for - ev - er blest.

Text: Simon Browne, 1680–1732, alt.

Music: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINES, German folk tune, 15th cent.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For what else do the people of God pray?

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.

Remembrance of Veterans (led by Charlie Hilla & Linda Grunewald)

Hymn

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Insert

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,
 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,
 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
 4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty,

of thee I sing: land where my fa - thers died, land of the
 thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and
 sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake; let all that
 to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with free - dom's

pil - grims' pride, from ev - 'ry moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.
 tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
 breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
 ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our king.

Text: Samuel F. Smith, 1808-1895
 Music: NATIONAL ANTHEM, *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, 1744

Peace

The peace be with you.
And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Offering Prayer

Let us pray, Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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

Thanks be to you, O God, for the power of your loving Spirit.
We worship you for your Spirit, who forms life out of chaos and dust.
We bless you for your Spirit, who ignites the words of the prophets.
We praise you for your Spirit, who carries your people together in unity.

Glory be to you, O God, for the comfort of your creative Spirit.
By your Spirit your Son preached and healed, rebuked and forgave.
Dying on the cross for a wounded world, he gave over his Spirit.
Risen from death, he pours out your Spirit on all who believe.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and O
thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my
body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

On this bread and wine, **Come, Holy Spirit.**

On this assembly, **Come, Holy Spirit.**

On this earth, its waters and lands and skies, **Come, Holy Spirit.**

On plants and animals, and even on the stars, **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Breathe your life into our bones.

Anoint us for service with your oil of gladness.

Translate our speech into tongues of wisdom.

Show us your gifts: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Sanctify the whole earth with your truth.

We praise and bless you,

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,

God of supreme mercy and might,

God of the cross and the empty tomb,

God of the power of justice and peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As Jesus taught friends and disciples, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion Hymn

Hymn

Spirit of Gentleness

Cranberry #396

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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SENDING

Announcements

Thank you: to Pastor Warren Egebo and Michelle Oakland for leading the service today.

Reminder: that on Tuesday at 6:30 pm is first communion class. Next Sunday we will be celebrating first communion and confirmation.

Midweek Summer Worship: On Wednesday at 6:30 pm we will begin our midweek summer worship in the lounge.

Are there additional announcements?

Benediction

The God of all,
who raised † Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

Hymn

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind Cranberry #400



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932
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Dismissal

Give us strength, give us power. **Holy Spirit, fill us up.**
Make us one, sisters and brothers. **Holy Spirit, fill us up.**
Give us strength to share your truth. **Holy Spirit, fill us up.**
Send us out to live for you. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister:	Cindy Michalski
Reader:	Roberta Krouth
Altar Guild:	Marilyn Meister
Communion Assist:	Debra Kasulke
Ushers:	Linda Grunewald & Dick Schoen
Video Tech:	Rick Johnson
Fellowship Hour:	Taylor & Shannon Hansen

The Bethel Weekly

Thank you: to Pastor Warren Egebo and Michelle Oakland for leading the service today.

Fellowship Hour: Thank you to Taylor and Shannon Hansen, In Honor of Hailey Hansen's 6th Birthday and All Perished Veterans!! for providing Fellowship Hour today. Please if you are able to help on a future date, June through August sign up in the hallway.

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Midweek Summer Worship: On Wednesday at 6:30 pm we will begin our midweek summer worship in the lounge.

NEW Shelter Meal: Sunday, June 11th. Sign-up is in the hallway.

Bike Blessing & Tune-up: Bethel's 2nd Annual Bike Blessing & Tune-up will be held on Sunday, June 11th. Worship will be at 9am in the parking lot with the celebrations happening afterwards. Bring your bike for a free tune-up and a blessing for this season on the road. Yard signs from last year, can still be updated with the proper information, please drop off at the office. If you want the sign back please leave your name. **A few yard signs are available**, please pick them up at your convenience.

Landscape Edging Donations: Donation cards available in hallway for those who would like to remember a loved one through a donation for the landscape edging.

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