

Alive By The Holy Spirit

The Day of Pentecost
May 31, 2020

AS WE GATHER

Water cleans. Water revives. Water brings refreshment. Water is necessary for life. It's fitting that Jesus, Himself the Living Water, would speak of His Holy Spirit being like water flowing from all who are alive in Him. Out of our lives, once dry and empty, flows the life of God the Holy Spirit. We are connected to Jesus through faith! The fruits of the Holy Spirit in us become evident: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Streams of living water flow from us toward others as the Spirit blesses the world with life!

WE CALL ON GOD

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WE SING

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

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WORDS OF PREPARATION

P: Gathered together today in this place, our hearts brought together in Christ by God the Holy Spirit, let us confess our sins to our God, trusting His gracious gift of life and forgiveness.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Almighty God, Heavenly Father, the emptiness of sin can be so evident in my life. I long to be filled, but tend to turn to places other than You for fulfillment. As a result, what so often flows from my life is that which comes from a world that does not follow You. I fail in my love for You; I fail in my love for others.

C: Forgive me, dear Father, for the sake of Jesus. Let Your Spirit come. By Your Holy Spirit, restore me to life. Fill me with Your Living Water and open up my heart so that Your life may flow from me. We pray through Jesus. Amen.

GOD FORGIVES OUR SINS

P: Our God is loving and gracious toward you and me. He declares the forgiveness of sins through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the forgiveness of sins. It is by faith created by God the Holy Spirit that you trust and believe this gift of forgiveness. Go and share God's good gifts! Your sins are forgiven. Amen!

WE SING

"Let Your Spirit Come"

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

The work of God's Word in and through the Church is empowered by the Holy 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 them speaking in his own language. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own 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 men 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 heaven 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.'

GOSPEL READING

John 7:37-39

The Holy Spirit brings refreshment of spiritual life to believers in Jesus. This life flows from believers to others.

³⁷On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." ³⁹By this He meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

KIDS' TIME

MESSAGE

"Overflow"
(John 7:37-39)

Pastor Aaron Asmus

WE PROFESS OUR FAITH

The Work Of The Holy Spirit

Third Article Of Apostles' Creed & Martin Luther's Explanation

C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

WE GIVE – *Our lives overflow with wonderful gifts from our Lord. We serve God and others with this overflow of blessing!*

WE PRAY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE SING

"Let The River Flow"

CLOSING BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor, and give you His peace. Amen.

