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OUR WORSHIP

The Church's Birthday

SERVICE THEME Along with Christmas and Easter, Pentecost is a “big” day for the Christian Community. It is the Christian Church's Birthday. With the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Christian Church becomes a force that shares a powerful message that our antagonism and hatred of God is overcome when we are cut to the heart, turn away from our self-sufficient mind-set, are Baptized into a living and life-giving relationship with Jesus and receive the empowering gift of the Holy Spirit.

+ Preparing Ourselves to Hear God's Word +

INVOCATION

Pastor: We begin by remembering that we have received the washing of renewal and regeneration when we were Baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

ENTRANCE HYMN *LSB 498/499, vv. 1-2, 4, 7* “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”

**Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And make our hearts Your place of rest;
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid, And fill the hearts You have made.**

**To You, the Counselor, we cry, To You, the gift of God Most High;
The fount of life, the fire of love, The soul's anointing from above.**

**Your light to ev'ry thought impart, And shed Your love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might invigorate.**

**Praise we the Father and the Son And the Holy Spirit, with them One.
And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: How do we see the Christian Church? Most of us think of the Church as a gathering of frail humans, a group struggling to keep its head above water with little power and even less relevance in our modern world.

People: We confess that we do not see the Church, and certainly not ourselves, as the Life-giving force in our dying world, a world that is desperately seeking fulfilling and satisfying life.

Pastor: God's forgiveness makes our hearts and lives right with God and this is the source of a fulfilling and satisfying Life. You have been Baptized into a living and Life-giving relationship with Jesus; in which you are given the Holy Spirit as the source and strength of a new and exciting Life.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Heavenly Father, without Your Holy Spirit, given to us through the message of Jesus' death and resurrection, we have no power, either as individuals or as a Christian community. Energize us today to rejoice in and to witness to the reality of Jesus in our lives by enabling us to live with confidence and courage through forgiveness and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

People: We ask in the name of Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

+ Hearing God's Word for Us +

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING Psalm 51:9-13, 16-17

Pastor: Hide Your face from my sins

People: and blot out all my iniquity.

Pastor: Create in me a pure heart, O God,

People: and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Pastor: Do not cast me from Your presence

People: or take Your Holy Spirit from me.

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation

People: and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Pastor: Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,

People: so that sinners will turn back to you.

Pastor: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;

People: You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

Pastor: My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;

People: a broken and contrite heart, You, God, will not despise.

ACTS READINGS Acts 1:1; 2:1-4, 12-17, 21-24, 36-40

¹ In my former book, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach.

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² All of a sudden, a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

¹² Amazed and perplexed, the Jews asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴ Then 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. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, 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. . . ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through Him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him.

³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Be saved from this corrupt generation.”

EPISTLE READING Romans 4:6-7

⁶ David (in Psalm 32:1-2) speaks of the blessedness of the one to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: ⁷ “Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ⁸ Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them.”

Pastor: These Readings are from **God’s holy Word.**

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING John 20:19-23

Pastor: The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of John, the twentieth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After He said this, He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." ²² And with that He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Happy Birthday"

MESSAGE HYMN *The Other Song Book 255* "Wind, Wind"

Refrain

Wind, wind, blow on me;

Wind, wind, set me free;

Wind, wind, my Father sent the blessed Holy Spirit.

**Jesus, told us all about You,
How we could not live without You,
With His blood the power bought
To help us live the life He taught.**

Refrain

**When we're weary you console us;
When we're lonely You enfold us;
When in danger You uphold us,
Blessed Holy Spirit.**

Refrain

**When unto the Church You came,
It was not in Your own but Jesus' name.
Jesus Christ is still the same,
He sends the Holy Spirit.**

Refrain

**Set us free to love our brother;
Set us free to live for others
That the world the Son might see
And Jesus' name exalted be.**

Refrain

MESSAGE "The Power of Pentecost?"

Introduction

Pentecost is the Christian Church's Birthday.

How is the Church Born?

Jesus has stormed back into the disciples' hearts and lives.

Peter's Sermon

[1] We killed God; therefore,

[2] Repent, and [3] Be Baptized.

Addendum

[1] Wake sleepy Christians up.

[2] Show nominal Christians the reality of grace.

[3] When [1] and [2] happen, the Church becomes a beautiful place.

+ Our Response to God's Word +

OFFERING *LSB 704* "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

**Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Your holy face.**

**Remove the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will Temptations of the flesh to still.**

**Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Your word
Let what You will be my desire; And with new life my soul inspire.**

**Grant that I only You may love And seek those things which are above
Till I behold You face to face, O Light Eternal, through Your grace.**

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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!**

+ The Lord's Supper – the Visible Word +

PREFACE

Pastor: Those who know their frailty, desire to be rid of it, and long for help, should regard this Meal and use it as a precious antidote against the poison which they have in them. For here in this Sacrament you are to receive from the lips of Christ forgiveness of sin, which contains and brings with it the grace of God and the Spirit with all His gifts, protection, shelter, and power against death and the devil and all misfortune.
[Luther's Large Catechism]

JESUS' WORDS

LAMB OF GOD *LSB 702, vv. 1-2* "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

**My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine, Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away; O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!**

**May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire! As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!**

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COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Father, Jesus has promised us His Holy Spirit after He was glorified by being lifted up on a cross for us. In this Supper, we have experienced Jesus' glory and received His Holy Spirit. May that Spirit not only strengthen our faith but enable us to live as freely forgiven people. We ask in Jesus' precious name.

People: Amen!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord is blessing you and keeping you;
The Lord is making His face to shine on you
and He is being gracious to you;
The Lord is smiling the biggest smile when He thinks of you,
and He is giving you peace.

People: Amen!

SENDING SONG *The Other Song Book 93* "I Love to Tell the Story"

**I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, Because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longing As nothing else could do.**

Chorus

**I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.**

**I love to tell the story; How pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, For some have never heard
The message of salvation From God's own holy Word.**

Chorus

**I love to tell the story; For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story, That I have loved so long.**

Chorus

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THEME: Jesus is the Light of the World

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Turn on the Light"

SERMON: The Light that Gives Life

