

May 19, 2024 -Day of Pentecost

Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church

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Reflection Upon Entering The Pew:

Jesus answered, "The first is, Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these. Mark 12; 29-31

Holy one, you have made it clear to us that it all comes down to love - - love god, love one another. as we seek to live into your way of love, help us to see and honor your Divine image in each and every living being. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen. Daily Text April 26, 2024

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Watchword: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all. Psalm 104:24

(Please Stand if able.)

Call To Worship:

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

A: For God has done wondrous things for us.

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

A: For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

A: Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen. Amen

Gathering Hymn: "On Pentecost They Gathered"

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On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day, a band of Christ's disciples to worship, sing, and pray. A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air, and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised. What universal message, what great good news was here?- That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe, on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive. That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and pow'r. The church, formed and reforming, responds in ev-'ry hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago, re-kin-dle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow. O give us ears to listen and tongues a-flame with praise, so people of all nations glad songs of joy shall raise.

(Please remain Standing if able.)

Liturgy: Pentecost

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Holy Spirit of God, we praise and worship you as the one who gave birth to Christ's church. With the sound of mighty wind and flashing fire, you brought life to the church in Jerusalem.

You filled those frightened new believers with power, and they became Christ's witnesses, speaking boldly the word of truth.

You continue to transform believers-healing, reconciling, empowering. Lives are turned around. Emptiness is filled. Drifting hearts are given direction.

You vitalize your wavering church-lavishing gifts upon us, forging unity, giving new vision. You turn our eyes from the wistful memories of yesterday to the new things you are doing among us now.

We worship and extol you, our Teacher, Guide, and Comforter. You make Christ known to us and make us your holy temple.

By your presence, the church in all its diversity is welded together in unity.

(Sitting)

Interceding Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought; but you understand our deepest needs and present them with love to the Father. Lead us now to repentance and confession.

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Please join me in this prayer: **Spirit of holiness, we confess that we are sinful people. In thought, word, and deed, we quench the fire of your love and dissipate the power of your presence. You long to restore us to the image of God, but we let it tarnish as we nurse selfish attitudes. You nurture unity, but we sow discord. You come to make our bodies your temples, but we desecrate them. We dishonor your good intentions for us. Forgive us, merciful Spirit. Burn away our impurities, and forge us into renewed and useful instruments in your service. Amen.**

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

We believe God's promise in these last days: I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy; your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Upon both men and women in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall speak my message.

The Spirit of God dwells in us if we belong to Christ. The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

When the Holy Spirit comes upon us, we receive power, and we become God's witnesses.

The fruit that the Spirit brings to the lives of those who follow Christ is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The diverse and empowering gifts of the Spirit are given to each one for the common good. None of us is useless to God. None of us is sufficient alone. We serve through the body of Christ, and we depend on the people of Christ.

The Spirit's gifts are given to equip believers for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.

BEECHER

For your gift of God the Spirit, pow'r to make our lives a-new, pledge of life and hope of glory, Savior, we would worship you. Crowning gift of resurrection sent from your ascended throne, fullness of the very God-head, come to make your life our own.

Father, grant your Holy Spirit in our hearts may rule today, grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered, work in us his

sov-'reign way. Fill us with your holy fullness, God the Father, Spirit, Son; in us, through us, then forever, shall your perfect will be done.

(Standing if able)

Come, heavenly Dove, and alight upon us. Anoint us to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release, recovery, and freedom to those in need.

Empower us to work for God's kingdom in such a way that life becomes a Jubilee, for us and for all people.

Lift up the lonely, the neglected, the outcast. Comfort the grieving. Restore the lost. Be the advocate of the afflicted.
Teach all your people. Remind us of Jesus, and lead us into all the truth.

Keep us on the edge of dynamic living, wrapped in the flames of new beginnings, and filled with power for personal renewal.

Form us in the likeness of Christ, that we may glorify God's name.

Renew your church. Fill stagnant and empty lives with the breath of God. Overcome our apathy, and energize us with your engaging presence.

Give your church new vision, new hope, and a driving desire to claim the promise of new birth.

Spirit of power, work in all who confess the risen Christ to spread your message of hope, love, and salvation to every person and nation.

Hasten the day when every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

AZMON

Spirit of truth, and grace, and pow'r, blow through your church, we pray. Transform us from this very hour in all we do and say.

Anoint us all to be good news to sad and weak and poor. Make us the instruments you use to praise the Savior more.

Pour out your gifts, wrap us in flames of energy and drive; and make our goal, our guiding aim, that Jesus' church will thrive. Amen.

(Sitting)

Offering Our Gifts To God

Offertory

(Standing if able)

Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Prayer of Blessing:(All) O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all. Spirit of truth come among us to guide us in the footsteps of Jesus. Your Spirit comes and we are lifted up and linked to one another. We bring our offerings as an expression of thanksgiving for all your gifts you have provided and given to us. May we glorify your name in all we give and all we do. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Sitting)

Blessing of Prayer Shawls

God's Word For Us Today:

1st Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21

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2nd Scripture Reading: Romans 8:22-27 (Responsive Reading)

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22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. **23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.** 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? **25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.** 26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. **27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.**

The Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:4b - 15

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Message: Another Perspective regarding Pentecost.

Sister Susan Attzs - Mendoza

Hymn Response To Message: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

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Stand up, stand up for Jesus, as soldiers of the cross: lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss. From vic-t'ry unto vic-t'ry his army he shall lead, till ev-'ry foe is van-guished and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trum-pet call o-bey; then join the mighty conflict in this, his glorious day. Be strong in faith and serve him against un-num-bered foes; let courage rise with danger, and with God's strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone; the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own. Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer; where duty calls, or danger, be ever faithful there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the fight will not be long- this day the noise of battle, the next the v-ictor's song. To ev-'ry-one who conquers, a crown of life shall be; we with the king of glory shall reign e-ter-nal-ly.

Prayers of the People:

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.

(Standing if able)

Parting Hymn: "I Love To Tell The Story"

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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 it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory and 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 a story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word. I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory and tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

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, I'll sing in the old, old story that I have loved so long. I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory and tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Benediction

Musical Response:(All) In the name of Jesus'. Amen.

(Please remain seated in quiet meditation during the postlude.)

Postlude

Next Sunday, May 26, 2024, we will be celebrating Trinity Sunday. Pastor Jesus Laguerra will be bringing the message. Please come and worship with us at 11:00 am.

- **The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day. This Memorial Day, we're thankful for those who gave their lives while serving. And we're thinking of those who have lost someone they love. Thank you for your sacrifice.**

