

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Pentecost



God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. + In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

READActs 2:1-21
(selected verses are below)

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

...Peter said, This is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: '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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy...

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Pentecost gets its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law to Moses on Mt. Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter we celebrate Pentecost. In Acts, the Spirit moves as a rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. In the gospel of John, Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We receive God's Spirit at our baptism and are sent to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world. The Spirit comes in wind and fire, water, and breath. Welcome to a time of worship.

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Please join me as we confess our sins. Most Merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

When 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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If 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.**

If watching on-line listen to the **SERMON**
If reading this at home, THINK, TALK, SHARE your thoughts on the gospel.

THINK, TALK, SHARE

- 1 Sometimes God comes to us in mighty ways, sometimes in the quiet of our next breath. Think of a time you were aware of the presence of God. Was it a strong and powerful experience or was it a gentle breeze? Tell someone about your experience.
- 1 Jesus sent the disciples into the world to forgive. This is the heart of Christ's message. Forgiveness can be difficult for humans to do. Can you announce God's forgiveness to someone without forgiving them yourself?
- 1 It has been said that the miracle of Pentecost is not that there was a rushing wind, tongues of fire, or speaking in other languages. The miracle was that each person present heard in their native language. As children of God our native language is love, mercy, forgiveness, beauty... Speak that language to someone this week.

MUSIC

Sing "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" ELW 800 (fun version)

For the melody you can go to

[youtube.com/watch?v=CPj6zhPDL7A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPj6zhPDL7A)

Listen to "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" by the David Crowder Band

[youtube.com/watch?v=qDbII01LrvM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDbII01LrvM)

PRAY

O God, breathe your Spirit upon us. Give us a spirit of unity even as we celebrate the diversity of gifts given to us, for they reveal your love for all.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

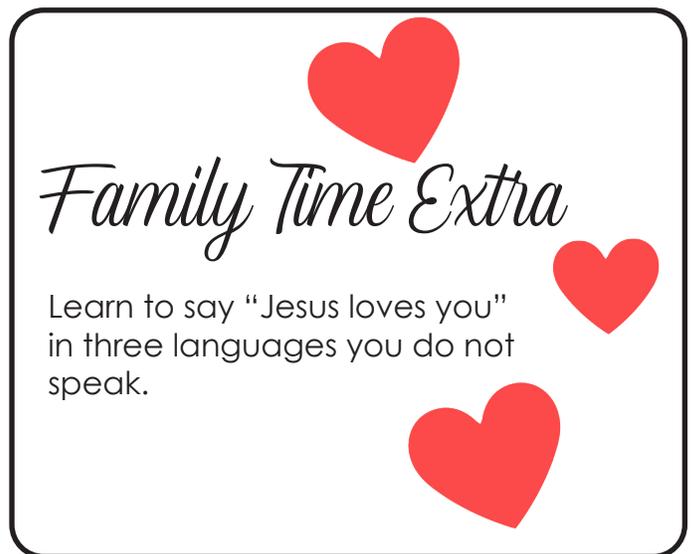
God of all, bring healing and comfort to those in need. Calm anxiety, relieve pain, grant patience in suffering. Give compassion and courage to all caregivers and healers. Surround the lonely with your presence.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All our cares and concerns we give to you as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:
Our Father who art in heaven...

BLESS

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Amen.



Family Time Extra

Learn to say "Jesus loves you" in three languages you do not speak.