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# “THE HOLY SPIRIT . . .

WILL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS AND WILL REMIND  
YOU OF EVERYTHING I HAVE SAID TO YOU.”

JOHN 14:26

**HOLY  
BIBLE**



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## Worship Service

*Sunday, May 23, 2021 10:00 a.m.*

## The Day of PENTECOST



Pentecost

**Theme of the day:** Come, Holy Spirit! The Spirit is given on the first Christian Pentecost in fulfillment of promise and prophecy, and he continues to come to his faithful through Word and sacrament. Thus the Church never ceases to be renewed and to grow.

## WELCOME

A warm welcome to our friends and visitors! Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church is eager to share with you the blessings of its Christ-centered ministry. If you are a new or long-time resident of the Central Coast looking for a church home, we invite you to meet with us at the close of this worship service or at your convenience. All are welcome to stay for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

**Families** are encouraged to worship together. If you need to step out with your children, the service can be seen and heard in the fellowship hall or narthex area. Feel free to enter and return at any time.

## OUR MISSION

Our congregation exists for the purpose of "HOLDING OUT THE WORD OF LIFE." This is accomplished by faithfully preserving and proclaiming all of God's inerrant word, and administering the Sacraments as they were instituted by Christ.

**HYMN: # 723 “Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven”**

♪ **Holy Spirit, the dove sent from heaven,  
Ever one with the One who is Three,  
From the Father You came,  
Word of peace to proclaim,  
Come and comfort us, speak tenderly,  
You, the fragrance of life we are seeking;  
Fill Your temple, Your altar make clean.  
Joyous shelter of love, Gracious friend from above,  
In Your care we are resting, serene.**

**Holy Spirit, the fire celestial,  
Who on Pentecost came as foretold,  
To descend from on high And the Church occupy  
As the cloud filled the temple of old;  
All the baptized You seal with Your promise,  
All believers Your gift there receive, So that all the elect  
All in Christ may expect To enjoy what by grace they believe.**

**Holy Spirit, the unction of blessing,  
Sacred oil of the green olive tree, Giving heat, giving light,  
As the tent lamps ignite And as Aaron praised God joyfully.  
Blessed living and life giving water,  
Now preserve us from evil within; For in Jesus, God's Son,  
All believers are one In this washing that cleanses from sin.**

**Holy Spirit, the wind of great power,  
Source of strength and of peace and of love,  
Truest Comforter, plead, As You bring all our need  
To the throne of God's glory above.  
Be the light that enlightens the Scriptures;  
Keep our feet from each devilish snare;  
Only You can make whole All that troubles our soul;  
By Your chrism, Christ's triumph we share.**

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.** (*spoken*)

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and  
serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and de-  
serve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our  
sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.**

**C: Amen.**

**M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.**



**C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are**



**they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -**



**ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -**



**ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -**



**ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.**



**Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.**

M: Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

## FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. <sup>7</sup>They were completely baffled and said to each other, “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” <sup>12</sup>They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. <sup>15</sup>These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>This is what God says will happen in the last days:  
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.  
Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.  
Your young men will see visions.  
Your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>I will show wonders in the sky above,  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

<sup>20</sup>The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the  
Lord will be saved.

### Psalm of the Day: Psalm 51

#### *Refrain*

Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, re - new our hearts and  
kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

#### *Psalm tone*

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O Lord, open my lips,\*  
and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;\*  
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;\*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

#### *Refrain*

Create in me a pure heart, O God,\*  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence\*  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,\*  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

**Then I will teach transgressors your ways,\*  
and sinners will turn back to you.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

**Verse of the Day:**

**M: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people,  
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

**C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**These words are written that we may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:25-27**

**<sup>25</sup>“I have told you these things while staying with you. <sup>26</sup>But the  
Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you.**

**<sup>27</sup>“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the  
world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and  
do not let it be afraid.**

**HYMN: # 182 “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”**

**♪ Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light,  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O’er a world of gloom and night,  
Holy Spirit, ever raising Those on earth to thrones on high,  
Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.**

**Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church’s very life,  
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife,  
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ,  
You we praise with endless worship  
For your gracious gifts unpriced.**

**Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry,  
Teaching, strength'ning, and absolving,  
Setting captive sinners free,  
Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul  
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.**

**SERMON: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

**The hand of the LORD was upon me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley, which was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He had me pass through them and go all over among them. There were very many on the valley floor, and they were very dry.**

**<sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Son of man, can these dry bones live?" I answered, "LORD God, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.' "**

**<sup>5</sup>This is what the LORD God says to these bones.**

**I am about to make breath enter you so that you will live. <sup>6</sup>I will attach tendons to you. I will put flesh back on you. I will cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the LORD.**

**<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling, as the bones came together, one bone connecting to another. <sup>8</sup>As I watched, tendons were attached to them, then flesh grew over them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.**

**<sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the wind. Prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind that this is what the LORD God says. From the four winds, come, O wind, and breathe into these slain so that they may live." <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me. Breath entered them, and they came back to life. They stood on their feet, a very, very large army.**

**<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They are saying, 'Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost. We have been completely cut off.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore, prophecy and say to them that this is what the LORD God says. My people, I am going to open your graves and raise you up from your graves and bring you back to the soil of Israel. <sup>13</sup>Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. I will settle you on your own land, and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD."**



## **APOSTLES' CREED - Third Article**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*What does this mean?*

**I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing 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 fully forgives all sins to me and 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.**

## **HYMN: # 183 "God Has Spoken by His Prophets"**

♪ **Holy Spirit, Light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine;  
Chase the gloom of night away; Turn the darkness into day.**

**Holy Spirit, Love divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;  
In your mercy pity me; From sin's bondage set me free.**

**Holy Spirit, Joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine;  
Fill me with your heav'nly peace; Let it grow and still increase.**

**Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;  
Cast down ev'ry idol throne; Reign supreme and reign alone.**

**See, to you I give my heart; Cleanse my life in ev'ry part;  
Your own temple I would be Now and for eternity.**

## *OFFERING*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: **♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN: # 471 “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.**

**Destroy in me the lust of sin;  
From all impureness make me clean.  
Oh, grant me pow’r and strength, my God,  
To strive against my flesh and blood.**

**Create in me a new heart, Lord,  
That gladly I obey your Word.  
Oh, let your 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.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by the Evers on the occasion of Jared’s birthday.

**PRAYERS** Remember to pray for: Gordon Hillberg, Shawn Lozano, John Velasques, Ruth Fabian, little Elias, Shawna Bushey, Rose Marie Hillberg, Atalia (Moore’s granddaughter), Dennis Douglas, Julieanna Saenz, Bob Ward, George Caravana, Don Fabian, Doris Scheuffele, Molly Webb (and her brother Jim), Helen Marten, Doug Ward, Kathy Jones, Art Amarillas, Val Wheelock, Linda Hill & Christina, Wayne Chapman, Gwen Reuter, Lynn Oberg, Louise Perry, Ilene Trevarrow, and Lynn & Anne Oberg.

# 723 Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent From Heaven

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, the dove sent from heav - en, Ev - er  
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, the fire ce - les - tial, Who on  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, the unc - tion of bless - ing, Sa - cred  
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, the wind of great pow - er, Source of

one with the One who is three, From the  
 Pen - te - cost came as fore - told To de -  
 oil of the green ol - ive tree, Giv - ing  
 strength and of peace and of love, Tru - est

Fa - ther you came, Words of peace to pro - claim, Come and  
 scend from on high, And the Church oc - cu - py As the  
 heat, giv - ing light, As the tent lamps ig - nite And as  
 Com - fort - er, plead As you bring all our need To the

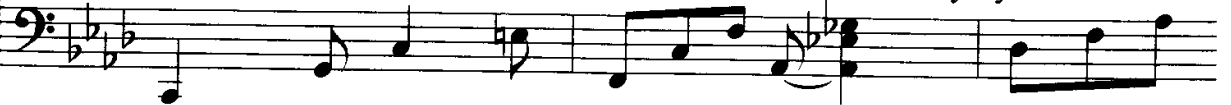
com - fort us, speak ten - der - ly.  
 cloud filled the tem - ple of old;  
 Aar - on praised God joy - ful - ly.  
 throne of God's glo - ry a - bove.



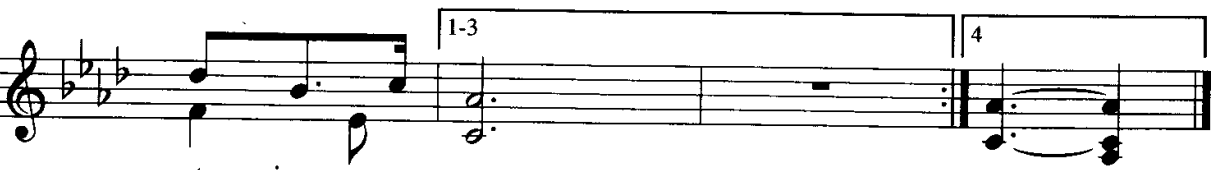
You, the fra-grance of life we are seek - ing; Fill your  
 All the bap-tized you seal with your prom - ise, All be-  
 Bless-ed liv - ing and life - giv - ing wa - ter, Now pre-  
 Be the light that en - light-ens the Scrip - tures; Keep our



tem - ple, your al - tar make clean. Joy-ous shel - ter of  
 liev - ers your gift there re - ceive, So that all the e -  
 serve us from e - vil with - in; For in Je - sus, God's  
 feet from each dev - il - ish snare; On - ly you can make



love, Gra-cious friend from a - bove, In your care we are  
 lect— All in Christ—may ex - spect To en - joy what by  
 Son, All be - liev - ers are one In this wash - ing that  
 whole All that trou - bles our soul; By your chrim, Christ's



rest - ing, se - rene.  
 grace they be - lieve.  
 cleans - es from sin.  
 tri - umph we share.

