**Pentecost sunday- may 28, 2023- zion, philipsburg**

**GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**Good morning everyone! (pause)** We begin our worship with the land acknowledgment

**LAnd acknowledgement**

We acknowledge the traditional territory upon which we gather this morning. For thousands of years, the Anishinabewaki, Haudenosaunee , Mississauga’s, and Neutral peoples have sought to walk gently on this land. They aided the first European travellers to this territory and shared their knowledge for survival in what was at times a harsh climate. We remember their love of this land and seek a new relationship based in honour and deep respect.

**GATHERING SONG*O Spirit All-Embracing* ( ACS 944)**

1 O Spirit all-embracing and counselor all-wise,  
unbounded splendor gracing a shoreless sea of skies:  
unfailing is your treasure, unfading your reward;  
surpassing worldly pleasure, the riches you afford.  
Come, stream of endless flowing,  
and rescue us from death;  
come, wind of springtime blowing,  
and warm us by your breath.  
  
2 O Beauty ever blazing in flower, field, and face,  
you show yourself amazing in unexpected place.  
We see you and remember what once our dreams had been;  
you fan the glowing ember and kindle hope within.  
Come, fire of glory gracious,  
bless all who trust in you;  
undying flame tenacious,  
burn in your church anew.  
  
3 Come, passion's power holy, your insight here impart,  
and give your servants lowly an understanding heart  
to know your care more clearly when faith and love are tried,  
to seek you more sincerely when false ideals have died:  
for vision we implore you,  
for wisdom's pure delight;  
in prayer we come before you  
to wait upon your light.

**ANNOUNCMENTS**

**GREETING (ELW p. 138)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**KYRIE (ELW p. 138)**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE: THIS IS THE FEAST (ELW p. 139)**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 142)**

Let us pray.

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.**

**WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21**

A reading from Acts.

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ’s resurrection.*

1When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.  
 5Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” 12All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”  
 14But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. 16No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:  
 17‘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.  
 18Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. 19And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
 20The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,  
   before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.  
 21Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

24How manifold are your works, O Lord!  
  In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.  
 25**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,**  
  **living things both small and great.**  
 26There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.  
 27**All of them look to you** **to give them their food in due season.**  
 28You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.  
 29**When you hide your face, they are terrified;**  
  **when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**  
 30You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.  
 31**May the glory of the Lord endure forever;** **O Lord, rejoice in all your works.**  
 32You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains, and they smoke.  
 33**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;** **I will praise my God while I have my being.**  
 34May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.  
 35b**Bless the Lord, O my soul.** **Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another’s diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.*

3bNo one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.  
 4Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.  
12For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Come, O Holy Spirit, Come* (WOV 681)**

Come, O Holy Spirit, come. (Holy Spirit, come.)  
Come, almighty Spirit, come. (Almighty Spirit, come.)  
Come, come, come. (O Spirit, come.)  
  
**HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**

The Holy Gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord**

A reading from John. 19When 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." 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of our Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON (ELW p. 143)**

**HYMN OF THE DAY*Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading: Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema* (ELW 401)**

1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading,  
fashion us all anew.  
It's your leading that we're needing,  
help us to follow you.  
  
Refrain  
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.  
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.  
  
2 Come to teach us, come to nourish  
those who believe in Christ.  
Bless the faithful, may they flourish,  
strengthened by grace unpriced. Refrain  
  
3 Guide our thinking and our speaking  
done in your holy name.  
Motivate all in their seeking,  
freeing from guilt and shame. Refrain  
  
4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
nor rootless liberty;  
turn disquiet to contentment,  
doubt into certainty. Refrain  
  
5 Keep us fervent in our witness;  
unswayed by earth's allure.  
Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
which you alone assure. Refrain

**CREED (ELW p. 104)**

**We believe in one God,** **the Father, the Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth,** **of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,** **the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,** **God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God,** **begotten, not made,** **of one Being with the Father;**

**through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation** **he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary** **and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;** **he suffered death and was buried.** **On the third day he rose again** **in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven** **and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,** **and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\***

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

\*Or, “who proceeds from the Father.” The phrase “and the Son” is a later addition to the creed.

**Prayers of Intercession**

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We remember the people of Alberta. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers, emergency personnel and firefighters, Renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. We remember Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Ethiopia, Libya, Myanmar, Mali, Afghanistan and Iraq. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort *especially* Sarah, Chris, John, Vivian, Stuart, Edna, Marlene, Felix, Randy, Brian, Gary, Debbie G, Ethan, Larry, Donna, Erin, our members in long term care Robert, Rob, and Evelyn, and those we name out loud or in the silence of our hearts (good pause)... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ’s resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

**PEACE (ELW p. 143)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING*To God Our Thanks We Give:*(ELW 682)**

To God our thanks we give, to God our thanks we give,  
to God our thanks we give, our thanks to God we give.  
  
**OFFERING PRAYER**

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

 Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE (ELW p. 144)**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit,

uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,

with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,** **God of pow’r and might,** **heaven and earth are full of your glory.** **Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.** **Hosanna in the highest.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God,

Breath of life and Fire of love: with a mighty wind you brought creation into being, and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom.

We praise you for the gift of your Son, who poured out your Spirit on his disciples of every race and nation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit, we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth.

Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal: anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love, that, with thankful hearts, we may be witnesses to your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

**LORD’S PRAYER (ELW p. 145)**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

**COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**COMMUNION SONG- LAMB OF GOD  (ELW p. 146)**

**COMMUNION HYMNS- #582, 396**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being.

With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together.

Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**BLESSING**

God, the Source of glory, God, the Word of life,

God, the Spirit of truth ☩ bless you all, now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG*God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind* (ELW 400)**

1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind,  
as on Pentecost descend!  
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;  
past these walls your people send!  
Sweep us into costly service,  
there with Christ to bear the cross,  
there with Christ to bear the cross!  
  
2 God of blazing, God of burning,  
all that blocks your purpose, purge!  
Through your church, Christ's living Body,  
let your flaming Spirit surge!  
Where deceit conceals injustice,  
kindle us to speak your truth,  
kindle us to speak your truth!  
  
3 God of earthquake, God of thunder,  
shake us loose from lethargy!  
Break the chains of sin asunder,  
for earth's healing set us free!  
Crumble walls that still divide us;  
make us one in Christ our Lord,  
make us one in Christ our Lord!  
  
4 God of passion, God unsleeping,  
stir in us love's restlessness!  
Where the people cry in anguish,  
may we share your heart's distress.  
Rouse us from content with evil;  
claim us for your kingdom's work,  
claim us for your kingdom's work!

**DISMISSAL (ELW p. 146)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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