

St. John Lutheran Church

Pentecost Sunday
9:00 am Sunday, May 23, 2021



St. John's Mission Statement

We confess Jesus as Lord and Savior and conform our lives to his by:

- † Being a presence in the community
- † Nurturing children in the faith
- † Providing a place to belong
- † Showing compassion to those in need

Order of Service

The assembly will speak the words in bold print.

Hymns may be found in the back of the bulletin.

**The assembly stands.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

READING..... Acts 2:1-4

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day
of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,
come, Holy Spirit.

With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,
come, Holy Spirit.

With the gifts to speak the Good News of God in Jesus Christ
come, Holy Spirit.

With love that crosses the boundaries of race and nation,
come, Holy Spirit.

That we might be witnesses to the mercy and grace God has shown us,
come, Holy Spirit, enter into this place!

*GATHERING HYMN– Red #401 *“Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading”*

GREETING

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

WORD

READINGS **Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – **Dakota Road**..... *“Alleluia”*

*GOSPEL..... **John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY – **Red #396** *“Spirit of Gentleness”*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS – AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Affirmation

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY 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.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN – **ELW #551** *“The Spirit Sends Us Forth”*

DISMISSAL

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading



Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.

- 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
- 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
- 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

- 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*

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NJOOKWETU, ROHO MWEMA. Wilson Niwagila

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Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le - lu - ia

Lord, to whom shall we go? *Fine* You have the

words of e - ter - nal life.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a 6/8 time signature. It consists of three staves. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le - lu - ia'. The second staff contains 'Lord, to whom shall we go?' followed by a fermata and the word 'Fine' above the staff, then 'You have the'. The third staff contains 'words of e - ter - nal life.' and ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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