



Milton Lutheran Parish

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Dear Friends of the Milton Lutheran Parish

Happy Pentecost! This weekend as we worship, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as we hear the story of disciples' experience of the Spirit descending on them. We celebrate Pentecost 50 days after Easter, as we are reminded of the Spirit alive and at work among us.

We see a theme of breath, wind and gifts in our readings for today. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into the disciples, equipping them and sending them out into the world to do the work they have been called to do. The Spirit arrives on Pentecost in a rush of wind and flame, allowing the apostles to speak in different languages and meet the first followers where they are, so that they can understand the Gospel message in their own language. In our Corinthians text, we are reminded of the gifts given to us, many of which help us to experience and understand the Holy Spirit.

I hope you will join us on Sunday, as you are able, for worship via the video that will be posted. Links can be found on our website (<https://miltonlutheranparish.faith/>) on my YouTube Channel, and on either church Facebook page. There is also a worship bulletin and weekly devotional included with this mailing.

Our Parish leadership continues to be in prayerful conversation surrounding in person gatherings for the Milton Lutheran Parish. When a decision has been made, we will communicate that decision to you as soon as possible.

As always, if you have questions, comments, or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Even if you just want someone to talk to! My e-mail is schaeffer0319@gmail.com and my cell phone is (845) 636-0194.

Many Blessings,

Gary Schaeffer

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Day of Pentecost
Milton Lutheran Parish- Milton, PA



Welcome and Announcements

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.

Opening Hymn-

Call to Worship

P- God of creation we thank you for fire.

C- To light our way and warm our hearts.

P- Jesus our source of salvation, we thank you for your love.

C- That we may know it and share it with others.

P- Holy Spirit our source of God's faithfulness.

C- Be our guide today and every day of our lives.

Confession of Sin and Forgiveness

P- God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P- Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P- Gracious God,

C- have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

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:

¹⁷In 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.' "

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

²⁴How manifold are your | works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y 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.

²⁷All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season. R

²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹When 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.

³¹May the glory of the Lord en- | dure forever;
O Lord, rejoice in | all your works. R

³²You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³I 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.
Hal- | lelujah! R

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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.

^{3b}No 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.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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."

Sermon- *Same Spirit Different Gifts*

Hymn-

Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed.

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

Prayers of Intercession

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We call on your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your church, that they reveal your love for all.

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

We call on your spirit of life, present in air, wind, humidity, storms, and oxygen in our atmosphere, breathing energy into all things. Heal with your breath the whole creation, especially those who struggle to breathe due to air pollution.

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

We call on your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Give each one of us a heart for justice and empathy.

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

We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for comfort. For the names we lift to you now either silently or aloud.

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

We call on your spirit of friendship. As Elizabeth welcomed Mary to her home, give us a spirit of welcome to those whom we meet in this congregation and outside these doors. Surprise us daily with unexpected grace, that we rejoice in every blessing you send. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of hope. As you have led your saints in all times and places, stir in us the desire to follow their example, leading us from death to new life in you.

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

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care as together we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us....

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.**

Blessing

May God warm your hearts with the love of the Spirit.
May Jesus guide your comings and goings.
May the Holy Spirit inspire you with the passion to use your gifts in the world.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, with breath and fire, to share the Good News.
C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Worship Devotional- 05/31/20



Opening Prayer

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.**

Readings (if you don't have a bible handy, biblegateway.com is a great resource. We use NRSV - "New Revised Standard Version" as our translation for worship)

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23

Questions to talk about:

1. When have you experienced cross-cultural understanding as the work of the Spirit? (Acts 2:1-21)
2. What spiritual gifts have you encountered? Does this list include them all? (1 Corinthians 12:3b-13)
3. When the risen Jesus breathes on the disciples, what other biblical passages come to mind? (John 20:19-23)

Pray the Lord's Prayer together

Bless one another saying:

May God bless you this week and always. AMEN

Resources:

Opening prayer: Sundaysandseasons.com #32232

Questions for discussion: workingpreacher.com

Spiritual Gifts Assessment Tool: https://www.lifeway.com/en/articles/women-leadership-spiritual-gifts-growth-service?fbclid=IwAR1OnC70Lbb1jnGrIaqptL5OB4SLLPYKOR3yhP2jhW7pzDS4m_tQnnCYlf0