

The Day of Pentecost—Graduate Baccalaureate
May 19, 2024, 8:30 A.M.
St. John’s Lutheran Church

Announcements

Processional and Prelude

Festive Procession
Senior Bell Choir

Kerry Johnston

Ringing of the Church Bell

Confession and Forgiveness

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L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: 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.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: 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 heart; 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.

L: 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.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove

ELW #578, vss. 1-4

Greeting and Kyrie

“In peace, let us pray...”

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. **C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Prayer of the Day: L: 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. **C: Amen.**

Recognition of Graduates

We are delighted to recognize our high school graduates today. It is our privilege to affirm these members of our congregation who have completed one phase of their lives and move with great expectations onto another. High school graduates, please stand as your names are called.

Graduates, as you celebrate your achievements and prepare to begin new endeavors, be mindful of your grounding in faith, and of your vocation to serve God in all your life's work and accomplishments.

Let us pray: Gracious God, you bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially for the milestones that they have attained in their upcoming graduations. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they also know your love and experience your peace in all the experiences they encounter.

Bless also the parents of these students who have raised their children and nourished them in the Christian faith. Give them strength in your continuing presence, and give them many joyful reunions with their sons and daughters who may be leaving home soon to begin new and varied ventures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

L: ²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

C: ²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

L: ²⁶There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

C: ²⁷All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

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

**C: ²⁹When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

L: ³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

C: ³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

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

C: ³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

L: ³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

C: ^{35b}Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

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.' "

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Anthem

Children's Message

Give Thanks to the Lord
Senior Choir

Mark Patterson

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?..."

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ^{16:4b}"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Sermon

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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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.

The Offering Hymn

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW #732

Offering Prayer

L: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

Prayers of the Church: L: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Songs during Communion: *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* ELW #494;

Strengthen for Service, Lord ELW #497

Prayer Following Communion

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

Blessing of Graduates

Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve our God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

Go My Children with My Blessing

ELW #543

Postlude

Veni Creator Spiritus

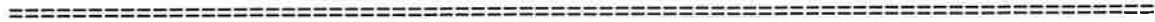
Dom Paul Benoit

Activities this Week at St. John's

Sun, May 19	8:30am & 10:30am
	7pm
Tues, May 21	7pm
Wed, May 22	8:30am-4:30pm
Thurs, May 23	4pm-8pm
Sun, May 26	8:30am & 10am

May 19, 2024 to May 26, 2024

Worship services w/comm
 Baccalaureate
 Mens Choir
 Church Council mtg
 WIC
 Piano Recital
 Worship Services



Scripture Reader	8:30am	Becky Roe
	10:30am	Linda Groe
Greeters	8:30am	Matt Teslow family
		Jon Payne
	10:30am	Brenda White
Ushers	8:30am	Dave & Wendy Sanderson, Nona Sawyer, Jon Payne
		Steve & Sheryl Evanson
Comm Prep	8:30am	Chris Ellickson, Dawn Teslow
	10:30am	Altar Guild
Comm Asst	8:30am	Bev Haas, Bill Roe, A Rademaker
	10:30am	Linda Groe
Secretary		Rhonda Barr
Custodians		John & Sharon Roe
Organist/Director of Music		James H. Bieber
Pastor		Bryan Robertson

Radio Broadcast Ministry –Today’s radio broadcast is given by a friend of the congregation who lives in Waupaca, WI. Thank you for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am.

Summer Worship Schedule begins on May 26 with services at 8:30am & 10am.

All of our women are invited to donate to the Pennies for Presents containers in the narthex today. We will have these containers available every third Sunday of each month through November. The money we gather will once again go toward Christmas gifts for three boys and three girls next December. You may also drop off your donation in the church office during the week. Thank you for caring for others.

Seniors Graduating High School are: Wyatt Baxter, Ava Bossom, Olivia Bossom, Lynsey Houg, Olivia Marti and Shawn Martin.

Camperships : *We are handing out campership checks today* at both services. All campers will receive \$25 from WELCA, \$100 from the Trust Fund and \$100 from the Orrin Grangaard Campership Fund. Those attending are: Lynsey Houg, Olivia Dougherty, Joseph Oder, Henley Benson, Soren Benson, Irene Clarke, Elsie Clarke, Leila Johnsen, Heath and Oliver Hagensick.

Vacation Bible School at Village Creek Bible Camp on Wednesday, June 5. Meet at church parking lot at 7:45am. Cost is \$20 per child. Camp finishes at 4:30pm. Arrive back at church parking lot around 4:50pm. We are in need of adult (over age 16) chaperones & drivers, if you are available to help, please let Board of Ed know. Forms available at church office.

C3 Ministry Fair, June 1, Wartburg College, Waverly, IA. This new event is an opportunity for lay people, pastors and deacons from across the synod to gather in fellowship, learn together, share ideas, and get inspired with skills to strengthen their congregational ministries. This year's Ministry Fair replaces the Synod Assembly, which will take place every other year and will meet again in 2025. The cost to attend is \$50 per person, which includes access to workshops, a box lunch and a welcome packet. Online registration is due by Friday, May 24.