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Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

#### Key to hymnals in the pews:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)

Hymnals we do not have in the pews but use their resources in our bulletins: ACS = All Creation Sings (purple; the new hymnal supplement of the ELCA) LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (green)

\* = Please rise

# **GATHERING**

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Announcements

We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send a text message to Rev. Darrel Cory at 218-791-0141 to let us know from where you are worshipping.

All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the worship space.



#### \*Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia, Christ is risen!!

Christ is risen indeed!! Alleluia!!!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

(Water is poured)

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, traveling through the Thief, Red Lake, and Red Rivers, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

(Water is poured)

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

(Water is poured)

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

(Water is poured)

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. Amen.

# Alleluia, Christ is risen!! Christ is risen indeed!! Alleluia!!!

## \*Greeting

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.



Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954 Arr.  $\ensuremath{\mathbb{G}}$  1995 Augsburg Fortress.

## \*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.** 

P: Let us pray...

C: 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.

# **WORD**

#### Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ¹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I

open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!

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

<sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

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

<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

## Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of

fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But 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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, 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.
18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### \*Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

P: The holy gospel according to St. John...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup>"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. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless 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. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When 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. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Rev. Darrel Cory



new de - ci - sions your

on the rush of the wind.

peo-ple a - rise.

With . . . bold

#### \*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 the Church

L: ...Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

For the assembly's prayer today, the 7th grade Confirmation class has added an intercession.

#### \*Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

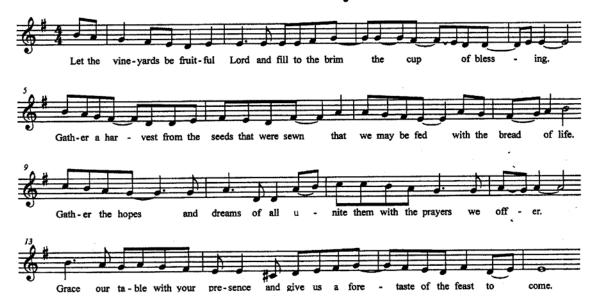
# <u>MEAL</u>

#### Offering

We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! In-person worshippers can place their offering in the offering plate before the service or at this time. Your tithes and offerings submitted via the Postal Service or electronically are also gratefully appreciated.

#### \*Offertory

# Let the Vineyards



## \*The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

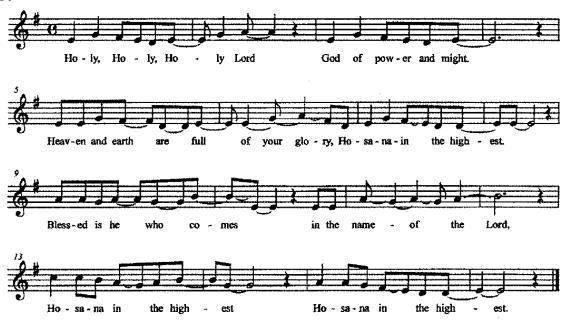
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

#### \*Sanctus

L: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C:



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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

\*Lord's Prayer STS #28





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#### Distribution

If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, we invite you to join in celebrating at Christ's table wherever you are, with bread and wine, grape juice, or water, as we remain physically separated yet "together met, together bound by all that God has done" and "the love that makes us one." ("I Come with Joy", ELW #482)

If you are worshipping with us in person today, know that all who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God. Please approach the serving station at the front of the church using the center aisle. One side of the church will be served at a time.

Please wait to leave your pew until the last person in the pew ahead of yours has reached the serving station, so that we maintain proper social distancing.

As you approach the serving station, please cup your hands together and stretch them out toward the server; the bread will be dropped into your hands. Then as you move to the wine, a server will remove an individual pre-filled cup, place it on the table, and step back; you may then pick up the cup from the table. Then return to your pew via the outside aisles. Be mindful of the cables for the livestream running across the floor.

Our bread is a new recipe that is gluten- and other allergen-free.

If you wish to receive grape juice instead of wine, please indicate that to the server; a cup of white grape juice will be given to you.

**Hymn during Distribution** Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling ELW #582 the ho - liest Spir-it, ev - er dwell-ing in realms of light; Ho-ly Ho-ly Spir-it, liv - ing the church's ver - y life; 2 ev - er as Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er work-ing through the church's min - is - try; Spir - it, ev - er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through us in a Ho - ly cease - less strife; quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on Ho-ly Spir - it, high; Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er form-ing in the church the mind Christ: ev - er bind-ing Ho-ly Spir - it, age to age and soul soul liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy. you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced. com-mu - nion nev - er end-ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.

Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855-1932



Text: David Mowbray, b. 1938

Music: CASTLEWOOD, Richard Proulx, b. 1937

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## \*Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

# **SENDING**

#### \*Benediction and Threefold Amen



#### \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

\*Sending Hymn

Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading

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Following stanza 5, the refrain is repeated continuously as the cross is processed from the worship space.

We plead as we go into the world, "Come, Holy Spirit, come."

Postlude

# Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema



- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty; turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty.
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure. Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure.

## **ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY**

Presiding: Rev. Darrel Cory

Acolyte: Kylie Gustafson and Haily Leatherwood (9:30), Madison Crane (6:30)

Lector: Jan Anderson (9:30), Denice Nelson (6:30)

Communion Minister: Jan Anderson (9:30), Denice Nelson (6:30)

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Musicians: Reid Froiland, Greg Dally, Dean Dalen

Serving at the Altar: Susan Brekke, Carol Ihle, Renae Dalen

Video: Dave Ulrich (9:30)

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Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

<u>Our Mission Statement:</u> Being chosen by God and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Redeemer Lutheran Church gathers together to worship, serve and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, to provide meaning and purpose for daily living.

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# **CALENDAR FOR MAY 23-JUNE 2, 2021**

Sunday, May 23 Pentecost (All are welcomed to wear red)

9:30am Worship with Holy Communion

Tuesday, May 25 6:30pm Altar Guild meeting

Wednesday, May 26 Outdoor Worship Pentecost (All are welcomed to wear red)

6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion in the backyard

Meal to be served prior to the service

7:30pm Bonfire and Kickball

Sunday, May 30 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, May 31 Memorial Day – Office closed

Monday, May 31- June 4 *Meals on Wheels* 

Tuesday, June 1 4:30pm Evangelism & Social Ministry meeting

6:40pm Worship & Music meeting

Wednesday, June 2 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion

# **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In your prayers this week please remember Donna Manning (Carol Ihle's mother), Maxine Holmstrom, Sharon Bugge, Rick Hanson, Lowell Burkel, Pearl Johnson, David Grovum, David Jarvi (Susan Froiland's brother), Dan Parker (Mike Parker's brother), Tami Hanson, Julie Kiesow (Lavonne Forsberg's sister), Scott Hickerson, Karen Burgus (Chris Burnham's sister), Dale Folger, Joyce Froschheiser, Ken Poole, Mike Gilbertson, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Brooklyn Poe, Mark Thompson (Dale & Jan Dillon's son-in-law), Larry Forsberg, Annabelle Cuppett, Jeremy Johnson, Chad Gunderson, Shelley Steva, and Molly Dahlin and family.

Especially during these uncertain times, God calls us to certain tasks, and we call on God's help to fulfill them.

Dear Lord, we call on you now to guide us through the tasks ahead of us. Amen

**Altar flowers this day** are given by Brenda Poe in honor of Brooklyn Poe and by Tami Hanson in memory of loved ones.

**Meals on Wheels:** Redeemer delivers Meals on Wheels the week of May 31-June 4; the signup sheet is in the Narthex, or you can call the church office to volunteer. We need 3 drivers a day. Meals are picked up in the lobby of the Law Enforcement Center at 11:15am.

# \*\* We still need drivers for all 5 days, if you can help please sign up in the Narthex or call the church office 218-681-3390\*\*

From the COVID Preparedness Team: Effective immediately, Redeemer no longer requires masks for people who have been fully vaccinated. We encourage those who have not been vaccinated to wear a mask for their own protection and to protect others.

Other changes to our protocols will take place on June 1, 2021. We encourage everyone to continue to stay safe and to contact the COVID-19 Preparedness Team with any questions or concerns regarding COVID and life at Redeemer.

We are getting close to reach our roofing fund goal; as of right now the roof fund is at \$11,860. Thank you to all those who have contributed!

**We remind the congregation** that if you are contributing to the Roof fund, please summit a check separate from your weekly offering; it makes it easier for record keeping.

#### From the Property Committee:

As some of you may know, Redeemer is replacing part of our roof this spring, specifically the Fellowship Hall and classroom and office wings. The bid for this project is \$20,093.51, and with all expenses will round out to around \$24,000. We are asking for your help.

We are hoping that as a congregation we can raise money\_to offset this large cost. While there is money to pay for this project using the Capital Improvement fund, it would basically deplete the fund, leaving us with little for unexpected expenses that could arise.

If you can donate, please consider sending or dropping off a check to the Redeemer Office. If sending a check, please put "Roof" or something similar in the memo so that your donation is allocated correctly. We also have a button available on our online giving with Vanco labeled "Capital Improvement."

We are thankful for your support of this project.

## Financial Stewardship for 2021:

Weekly Giving – week of May 10-16: \$1,595.00 (\$5,283 needed each week to meet budgeted expenses)

- **April Income:** \$20,8633.62 (\$22,894 needed each month to meet budgeted expenses)
- **Year-to-Date Income (through April 30):** \$75,607.20 (\$91,576 budgeted year-to-date)

Weekly Giving includes cash and envelopes mailed to the church, dropped off at the church, or placed in the plate each week; it also includes some forms of electronic giving (e.g.: Vanco). Monthly income includes all forms of electronic giving.

**The Faith, Family, Fellowship Committee** is in need of a good working refrigerator and freezer. Please contact the church office 681-3390 if you have one or know of someone who has one. Thank you.

**Wednesday services have resumed!** Services at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday will follow the same liturgy as the <u>previous</u> Sunday. (This is a change from prior to the pandemic.) The Sunday service will continue to be livestreamed.

**Church Announcements:** Please make sure to have your announcements in every week to Vanessa VanDam by **Monday at 10:00 a.m.** so that the preparation of bulletins does not get delayed.

**Quarterly statements** are available upon request; please contact Vanessa at the church office.

**Monthly Treasurer's Reports** are available anytime for viewing. Contact Marit Martell or the church office.