

**DAY OF PENTECOST**  
**May 23, 2021**

**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

*Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. The baptized have become “children of God” and “joint heirs with Christ”. By the power of the Spirit we have seen the face of the Father in his only begotten Son and have been saved by him. Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

**Prelude/Welcome/Announcements**

**Call to Worship:** P: We worship as we live in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Come Holy Spirit, come. Renew the face of the earth.

**C: Come Holy Spirit, come. Renew our lives inside and out.**

P: Come Holy Spirit, come. Renew our faith and our relationship with you.

**C: Come Holy**

**Spirit, come. Renew our trust in your mercy.**

P: Come Holy Spirit, come and challenge us.

**C: Come Holy Spirit with wind and fire into this place and gather us in and send out.**

P: Come let us worship God.

**Opening Hymn: No. 401 “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading” vs. 1, 2, 3**

**Confession of Sin:**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

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.**

P: 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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

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.**

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## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The 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. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I 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." 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. 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. Then he said to me, "Prophecy 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." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 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.' 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. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 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.

Here ends the first lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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

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

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

There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it. **C: All of**

**them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. **C: When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. **C: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.** You

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

**C: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.** May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord. **C: Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

**Hallelujah!**

The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Bithynia, and Syria, Cilicia, and Asia, and Rome, and

astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

Here ends the second

lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

### Hymn of the Day No. 396 “Spirit of Gentleness”

### Apostles’ Creed

**C: 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.**

### Prayer of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

### Mission Moment

### Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

**C: God of love, you call us beloved children. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Lord’s Prayer

## GOD’S PEOPLE SENT FORTH

### Benediction

### Sending Hymn No.627 “O Day Full of Grace” vs. 1, 4, 5

### Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen. **C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Welcome!** Great to have you here! Thank you for choosing to worship with us here today.

**The Worship Radio Broadcast** today is sponsored in memory of Kelly Dickerson, son of Joyce Kunz and the late Bill Kunz.

✠ **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Val Carmondy, Janice Harkema, John Dubbelde, Sarah Meyer, Jeanine Olson, Barb Barduson and Mike Straw as they deal with health issues and the family of Dennis Hazelton on the passing of Dennis.

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**During the month of MAY, the Noisy Offering will be collected for “Shetek Lutheran Ministries”.**

Thank you for your support for “Shetek Lutheran Ministries”.

**This Week’s Schedule – May 23, 2021**

**Today** 9:30am Worship/Holy Communion at Church and live streamed

**Sunday** 9:30am Worship/Holy Communion at Church and live streamed; 4-7:00pm Kellen Graduation – Fellowship hall

**“Volunteers needed”** to help record during Worship services to stream on Facebook live. Please contact Cristy Appel @ 215.1738

**Ministers** Members of First Lutheran Church

**Pastor** Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp

**Organist** Paul Henriksen

**Sound** Neil Johnson

**Reader** Davia Kellen

**Question of the Month for May 2021**

\_\_\_\_\_What’s the 1<sup>st</sup> question you want to ask in heaven? Please email your response to [henriksen7@mchsi.com](mailto:henriksen7@mchsi.com)

**Fleece Blankets!**



Our campers will be participating in a service project over the summer. We will be creating tie blankets and writing notes for the Children’s Inn, a program of Children’s Home Society in Sioux Falls. Children’s Inn empowers those in situations of domestic abuse, sexual assault, and child abuse to overcome trauma and rebuild their lives. We are excited to share in this ministry. We are looking for donations of blanket fleece, fabric scissors, and money to purchase. If you’d like to donate, please [contact amanda@shetek.org](mailto:amanda@shetek.org).

**Funeral Held at First Lutheran**

Rosetta Woodbury’s funeral was held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at First Lutheran Church. Rosetta was Rob Woodbury’s aunt.

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