

Pentecost
Sunday, May 19, 2024

Prelude / Bell / Welcome

High School Graduate Blessing: *Hayden Andrews, Madison Brey,
Renee Gaebe, Juliana Kopka, Wyatt Moline, Carter Sweetman*

Call to Worship

L: The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world, molding it into a just, caring and beloved community.

C: The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.

L: The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing us energy to share the love of God.

C: Spirit of the living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power.

Amen! Amen! Amen!

Song *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind* (wave your red flames high) ELW 400 vs. 1, 2, 3

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Merciful God,

C: the gift of Jesus' life in us is visible in the way we witness to the fruitfulness of that gift.

We know that the fruit of the Spirit consists of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Yet, so often we put conditions on our love—and joy and peace are difficult to discern when our words and actions deny their presence.

L: Spirit of the living God.

C: Fall fresh on us.

L: By desiring instant results, we confess that we forget what it's like to be patient. We find ourselves neglecting the needs of others because we run out of time to be kind to others other than ourselves.

L: Spirit of the living God.

C: Fall fresh on us.

L: When we are persistent in making self-centered decisions rather than Christ-centered ones, our understanding of your goodness and faithfulness, O God, is weakened and our discipleship lacks credibility.

L: Spirit of the living God.

C: Fall fresh on us.

L: In our world where fear, hatred, and violence are prevalent, it's easy to believe there is no value in exercising a spirit of love, gentleness and self-control.

L: Spirit of the living God.

C: Fall fresh on us.

L: Gracious and merciful God, grant us your forgiveness and your love, so that we may truly care for one another.

C: Refresh and renew us with the Holy Spirit so that we can be shaped into fruitful and courageous disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Those who are in Christ are a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God with whom we have been reconciled through Christ.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

Prayer

O Parent of all peoples,

Breathe your Holy Spirit upon us, so that we may see your peace and be filled with the joy of the risen Christ. Teach us how to speak his words of forgiveness, so that we can be your agents of reconciliation in a broken and troubled world. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14

Responsive Reading Psalm 104:24-34

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

C: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

L: There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

C: These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

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

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

L: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

C: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works,

L: who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

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

L: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Acclamation of Pentecost *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (wave your red flames high)* ELW 172

Reading Acts 2:1-21 *The Message translation*

L: When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world.

C: When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck.

L: They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying,

C: "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

L: Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene; Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; even Cretans and Arabs! "They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused:

C: "What's going on here?"

L: Others joked,

C: "They're drunk on cheap wine."

L: That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

"In the Last Days," God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters; Your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams. When the time comes, I'll pour out my Spirit on those who serve me, men and women both, and they'll prophesy. I'll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below, Blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood-red, Before the Day of the Lord arrives, the Day tremendous and marvelous; And whoever calls out for help to me, God, will be saved."

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Hymn

Spirit of Gentleness

ELW 396

Prayers

In between each petition, we sing: The Spirit Intercedes for Us

ELW 180

Offering

Communion Litany

L: We come to the table

C: All of us welcome.

L: We invite God to be part of us

C: All of us breaking bread together.

L: We prepare to remember Jesus

C: All of us touched by the Spirit of truth.

L: We hope to be empowered by our feast

C: All of us with hearts burning inside like the flame of Pentecost.

L: O God of creation, whose Spirit stilled the waters of chaos,
whose breath filled all creatures and living things with life,

C: we praise you.

L: O God of inspiration, whose Spirit anointed kings and priests,
whose power emboldened the prophets,

C: we praise you.

L: O God of Jesus Christ, whose Spirit descended like a dove on the man of Galilee,
whose glory shone in words of wisdom and deeds of love,

C: we praise you.

L: O God of Pentecost, whose Spirit came to the faithful waiting at Jerusalem,
whose gifts empowered the church for service and witness,

C: we praise you.

Hymn

You Are Holy

ELW 525

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Blessing / Benediction

Hymn

Come Thou Font of Every Blessing (wave your red flames high) ELW 807

Dismissal

*You are a beloved child of God, deserving of love
and respect and God is using you to care for the world.*

We Thank

May 19, 2024

Ushers; Sound & Screen Techs

Pianist / Organist: RaNae Martinson

Reader: Gail Thompson

Communion Assistants

Nordland's Week & Notices

Today 9:30 am Last Day of Sunday School, Education / Fellowship

10:30 am Worship & Presentation of High School Quilts to: *Hayden Andrews, Madison Brey, Renee Gaebe, Juliana Kopka, Wyatt Moline, Carter Sweetman*

Mon. – Wed. Church will not be accessible on these days as the Parking Lot will be resurfaced and needs time to dry. Thank you! – Property Board

Sun. 9:30 am Worship (Note time: Memorial Day – Labor Day weekend)

10:30 am Fellowship

Hospital Auxiliary's fundraising "Spring Salad Luncheon", is May 22, freewill donation. Menu: Chicken Salad croissant, variety of salads, & dessert. Dine in, delivered or pick up 11 am – 1 pm. New location at former Koronis Manor, email preferred - send order to Paynesville.auxiliary@centracare.com or call 320-493-5956.

Memorial Day Dinner on Mon. May 27, 11 am- 1 pm at Crow River L.C. Belgrade, Adults: \$12, Child under 8: free, Take-out available. Menu: meatballs, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, dinner roll & dessert.

Lunch and Learn Seniors Scams & Safety. This event is sponsored by Atwater Police Department/ Chief Ross Johnson, Handlebar, and the Atwater Area Help for Seniors-Thrivent, held on Thursday June 6, 10 – 11am at the Strong Garage in Atwater. Featured speaker is detective Sergeant Robbie Braness with the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Dept. Fraud and Scams and how to protect yourself. There will be time for questions and conversations. Must RSVP to 320-974-8737 by Friday, May 31.

GLLM Summer Camp Kick Off on Sunday June 2, 8 am -12 pm at Green Lake Bible Camp. Come for a time of fellowship, fun, and get a delicious French toast breakfast! Price: \$9.00 for adult – age 13; \$5.00 age 5-12, proceeds will support camp scholarship fund. Staff will have activities for the whole family to enjoy!

Day Camp/ VBS at Nordland on Mon.- Thurs., June 24-27 from 1 – 5 pm for PreK – completed 6th Grade. Nordland is partnering with Green Lake Bible Camp for our program led by staff from camp. Day Camp will consist of Bible study, worship, music, crafts, and games that will help kids see God at work in their daily lives. Registration forms are at the ushers counter. Return forms to the church office, or email to nordland@tds.net

If you would like to provide altar flowers on a given Sunday, please sign up on the west bulletin board.

Summer Bible Study Series will be on Wednesdays, June 12, July 10, & August 14. Bible Study leaders will be Keith Pearson, Mark Kopka, & Donna Putney. We will begin with a light meal at 5:30 pm, study following. The June study, Session one - "Curiosity" is in the May/June Gather magazine, copies will be available on the NLCW bulletin board, along with a sign-up sheet for volunteers to make salads, dessert, or breads for each month. Maybe find a few gals to work with and plan your menu!

Save the dates: Nordland Tractor Run, Saturday July 13 and the BBQ Bash, Sunday, August 11.