

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
The Day of Pentecost
May 28, 2023

AS WE GATHER

Pentecost proves for God’s people that Jesus remains at work in our midst. As we read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2, we see that the ascension departure of Jesus some ten days beforehand is not the end of His work in this world. Far from it! Jesus continues His saving work through the Spirit, whom He poured out upon the lives of His earliest followers. This same Spirit of Jesus enables us to carry His message into all the world. We are the messengers who spread the Good News of Him who was crucified for us, who rose again, who reigns on high, and who will one day return to this world in His full, heavenly glory. We listen to His message today as the Spirit brings it into our midst and are assured that as we are brought to faith in Christ, we receive the fullness of who we’ve been called to be.

✘ PREPARATION ✘

HYMN “Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid” (LSB – 500)

Creator Spirit, by whose aid
Come, visit ev’ry humble mind;
From sin and sorrow set us free;

O Source of uncreated light,
Thrice-holy fount, thrice-holy fire,
Your sacred, healing message bring

Giver of grace, descend from high;
Help us eternal truths receive
Give us Yourself that we may see

Immortal honor, endless fame
The Savior-Son be glorified,
To You, O Paraclete, we raise

The world’s foundations first were laid,
Come, pour Your joys on humankind;
May we Your living temples be.

The bearer of God’s gracious might,
Our hearts with heav’nly love inspire;
To sanctify us as we sing.

Your sev’nfold gifts to us supply;
And practice all that we believe;
The glory of the Trinity.

(please stand)

Attend the_almighty Father’s name;
Who for all humankind has died;
Unending songs of thanks and praise

.INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: **and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

In silent prayer, we ask the Holy Spirit to create clean hearts within us.

Pastor: O Spirit of God,

People: **we confess that we have dishonored Your Holy Word through our lives of disobedience. By what we do and what we fail to do, we have not allowed Your message of truth to rule in us. Forgive us, faithful God. By Your grace, draw us to the cross of Jesus. Through faith in His promises, enable us to receive the restoring mercy that You alone can give. Amen.**

Pastor: In Christ Jesus, you and I receive the fullness of who we are called to be through the Spirit who has been given to us. United with Christ through our Baptism, the Spirit who claims us as the Father's own now delivers to us the message of His mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, commissioned by His Spirit, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: **and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

Pastor: O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all;

People: **the earth is full of Your creatures.**

Pastor: These all look to You,

People: **to give them their food in due season.**

Pastor: When You give it to them, they gather it up;

People: **when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.**

Pastor: When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,

People: **and You renew the face of the ground.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
People: and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray in the fellowship of the Spirit.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray for the blessing of the Spirit.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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 as we are united by the Spirit.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray as we rejoice in the Spirit.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, O Holy Spirit, for You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit.

People: Grant to us the same Spirit so that we may joyfully receive the message of Christ, who has come for us all;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Numbers 11:24-30

(The Lord's Spirit rests on the elders of Israel, and they proclaim His message.)

24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. He also gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and positioned them around the tent. 25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him; and He took away some of the Spirit who was upon him and placed Him upon the seventy elders. And when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. Yet they did not do it again. 26 But two men had remained in the camp; the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other, Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them (and they were among those who had been registered, but had not gone out to the tent), and they prophesied in the camp. 27 So a young man ran and informed Moses, and said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." 28 Then Joshua the son of Nun, the personal servant of Moses from his youth, responded and said, "My lord Moses, restrain them!" 29 But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? If only all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them!" 30 Then Moses returned to the camp, both he and the elders of Israel.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21

(The Holy Spirit fills the disciples on Pentecost.)

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly a noise like a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 And tongues that looked like fire appeared to them, distributing themselves, and a tongue rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with different tongues, as the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak out. 5 Now there were Jews residing in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together and they were bewildered, because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language. 7 They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born? 9 Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs - we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty deeds of God." 12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others were jeering and saying, "They are full of sweet wine!" 14 But Peter, taking

his stand with the other eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: “Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, know this, and pay attention to my words. 15 For these people are not drunk, as you assume, since it is only the third hour of the day; 16 but this is what has been spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 ‘And it shall be in the last days,’ God says, ‘That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and your daughters will prophesy, And your young men will see visions, And your old men will have dreams; 18 And even on My male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days, And they will prophesy. 19 And I will display wonders in the sky above And signs on the earth below, Blood, fire, and vapor of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned into darkness And the moon into blood, Before the great and glorious day of the Lord comes. 21 And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL: John 7:37-39 (*Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to those who believe.*)

(please stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38 The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’” 39 But this He said in reference to the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLE CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the

living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *(please be seated)*

HYMN “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord” (LSB – 497)

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,
On each believer’s mind and heart;
Lord, by the brightness of Your light
From ev’ry land and ev’ry tongue
Alleluia, alleluia!

With all Your graces now outpoured
Your fervent love to them impart.
In holy faith Your Church unite;
This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:

Come, holy Light, guide divine,
Teach us to know our God aright
From ev’ry error keep us free;
That we in living faith abide,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Now cause the Word of life to shine.
And call Him Father with delight.
Let none but Christ our master be
In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.

Come, holy Fire, comfort true,
And in Your service to abide;
Lord, by Your pow’r prepare each heart,
That bravely here we may contend,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Grant us the will Your work to do
Let trials turn us not aside.
And to our weakness strength impart
Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend.

MESSAGE: “Power with a Purpose”

Acts 2:1-21

OFFERING

If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ’s church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.

OFFERING SONG: “We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord who has taught us to pray:

THE 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.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Let us pray, Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: **and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

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

People: **Amen.**

(please be seated)

HYMN “Voices Raised to You We Offer” (LSB – 795)

Voices raised to You we offer;
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creation joins to praise You;
Art and music, gifts You lend us,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ, the song of Love incarnate,
For Your living, suffering, dying,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Spirit, flaming through creation,
Lift our voices high in chorus;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

How can any praise we offer
Take our hearts and hands and voices
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Tune them, God, for songs of praise.
For Your gifts through all our days.
Triune God, to You we sing!

Earth and sky Your works display.
We return to You today.
God, Creator, source of life!

Touching earth with heaven’s grace,
For Your rising, hear our praise!
Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!

Kindle faith within each heart.
Through our hands Your love impart.
Spirit, Helper, breath of life!

Measure all the thanks we owe?
Gifts of love we can bestow.
Triune God, to You we sing!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**



MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Prayers for healing –

**Les Turner - Debbie Stender – Judy Beauford - Ed Funk
Ed Mycock - Robert Saur**

For Family and Friends –

Josh Sagebiel, Eric & Rebecca's young son – recovery from surgery for knee reconstruction

Adam Leitko request prayers for friend Nathan with breathing problems

Adam Leitko request prayers for his best friend, Tony Markle, recovering from surgery

Laura Sanders recovering from surgery

Sue Parker requests prayer for her sister Jeannie who has a recurrence of invasive squamous cell carcinoma in her throat.

Debra Beard's daughter-in-law Sarah who having complications from giving birth.

Laura Sanders requests prayer for daughter Naomi

Roger Winkelmann requests prayers for his brother Roy who fell from a roof and broke 3 ribs and Roger's sister, Linda dealing with Parkinson..

Jim Minica requests prayers for his sister, Linda Rose.

Brad Sanders and our San Antonio Policemen who are going through reorganization

For upcoming Vacation Bible School – June 19th – 22nd

For Messiah Learning Teams

Prayers for all on our hearts with physical, emotional, or other needs – your will be done.

Prayers for all who are lost to hear and receive Jesus' Gospel message.

We pray in Jesus's Holy Name, Amen.

MAY ALTAR FLOWERS

May 7 – Tony & Kathy Giardinelli – Wedding of David & Aline Giardinelli

May 14 – Kim & Maurine Maloy – in memory of Avery Maloy Bailey

May 21 - Mike & Melanie Gissi - celebrating 45 years of marriage

May 28 – Tony & Kathy Giardinelli – celebrating 45 years of marriage

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . *Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!*

We Believe, Teach and Confess - *Today we continue Pastor's Course for Adult Instruction in the Lutheran Christian Faith. We welcome all who are considering joining Messiah as well as anyone seeking additional information on what we believe.*

Sunday Lunch and Bible Study – *We will not meet this Sunday - May 14th. Please use the time to honor your mother, whether she is living or with the Lord, or whoever raised you. "Honor your father and mother so that it may be well with you."*

MLC Vacation Bible School – *Volunteers can sign up on Messiah's Website using the following information: Messiah Lutheran Church – Stellar VBS 2023 :: VBS Pro :: Group Publishing (<https://vbspro.events/p/events/396263>)*

Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center *Thank you to those who have already filled their baby bottle and returned it. If you have not returned your baby bottle, you still have plenty of time to do it. The deadline is Sunday, June 18th, which is also Father's Day.*

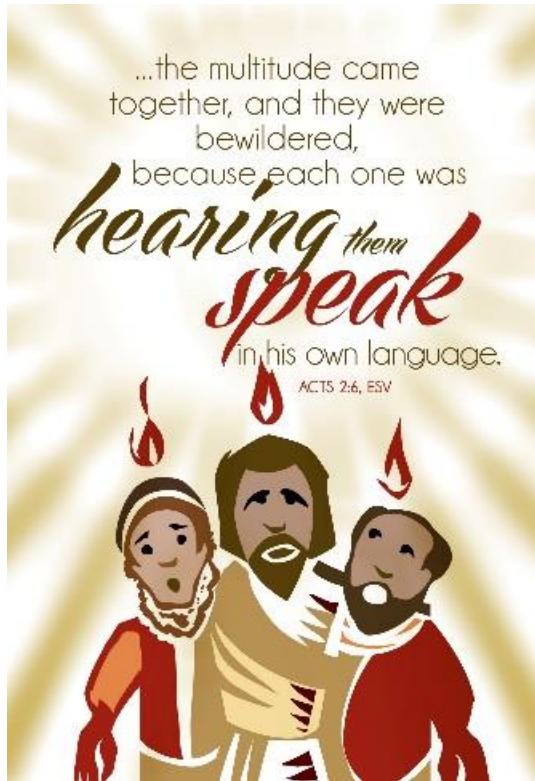
Messiah Ladies Time Out Lunch *to start our summer is at Tapatio Golf Course in their restaurant La Cascada at 11 am on June 15th!! RSVP to Lindy Eschenko 979 229 7760.*

Hill Country Daily Bread - *Once again, we are helping needy children by participating in the Hill Country Daily Bread Miniseries Back-to-School Clothing Drive. Please pickup a bag and return by 6/25. Thanks! Kathy Giardinelli 210-334-8820 or kagiardinelli@gmail.com*

There is a very special mission opportunity *this year at Messiah Boerne's Stellar Vacation Bible School. We have the opportunity to get involved with Operation Christmas Child. Mark Giardinelli and one or two of his teammates will be out representing Operation Christmas Child at Vacation Bible School. There will be a competition between the boys and girls to see who can get either boxes of 10 counts of washable markers or 24 counts of crayons. At the end of VBS, either the boys or girls will get a special prize. In Christ, Mark Giardinelli.*

Messiah's Next Adult Game Day *is the third Saturday June 17th at 2pm in the Family Life Center! Come join us! Bring drinks, snacks, games and friends!*

Issues, Etc. - *The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon is currently leading a study on the Book of Acts. You can listen by calling (618) 262 0078.*



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Serving us Today – May 28, 2023

Elders:	Allen Leitko & Larry Risley
Coffee:	Shirley Moore
Treats:	Shirley Moore
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Vickie Lautner
AV:	David & Lorrie Wendeborn
Reader:	Pam Fields
Ushers:	Mike Stender – Harold Moore – Tony Giardinelli
Greeters:	David & Sharon Sattler

Serving us Next Sunday – June 4, 2023

Elders:	Bill Eichman & Roger Winkelmann
Coffee:	Verna Sorenson
Treats:	Verna Sorenson
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Bob Shoaf
AV:	David & Lorrie Wendeborn
Reader:	Art Dolt
Ushers:	David Theis – Hal Eschenko – Maurice Doublet
Greeters:	Sue Theis

Our Response to God Last Week
Worship Attendance: 82 | Sunday School: 33
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study: 10

April 2023 Contributions

General Fund \$46,424.15 | Building Fund \$3,090.00
Renovation Fund \$359,850.00 | Family Life Center \$2,937.50