

# The Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

9:30 A.M.

## Theme of the Day

When the problems of life get so huge and overwhelming, where do we go? All too often we hide in a shell. A shell keeps us protected and safe. But is that where Jesus wants us—hiding in a shell? No! The resurrected Lord Jesus wants us to step out of our shell and rock the world!

## Call to Worship

“Praise to the Lord the Almighty”

*LSB 790, v. 1*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!

## Welcome

## Hymn

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

*LSB 501*

*(Please stand.)*

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences *John 7:37–39*

**P** On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

**C** Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ “

**P** Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive.

**C** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** 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.

**C** Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*(Please be seated.)*

Old Testament

Ezekiel 37:1–14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon 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 was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, 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, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and 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 Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

"And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on 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 on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;  
the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.  
And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the LORD shall be saved.'

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of

God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

*(Please stand.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

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

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Creed

Apostles’ Creed

All: 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.)*

Sermon                                      “The Fear of Stepping Out of Our Shell”                                      Pastor Keith Jones

Song of the Day                              “When the Storms of Life are Raging”

The Prayers of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** 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.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For an abundance of the fruits of the earth and for a plentiful harvest, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the sick, the suffering, and the dying, [especially . . .], let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For an increase of the Spirit and the work of witness, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For pastors, teachers, missionaries, church workers, and all who proclaim the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For unity in the congregations and for the unity of the church, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For a spirit of repentance and renewal, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for a spirit of reconciliation and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** In thanksgiving for those who have gone before and for our faithfulness unto death that we may receive the crown of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

*(Additional petitions are offered...)*

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface 2 Timothy 4:22

*(Please stand.)*

**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 Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this we rejoice with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *Isaiah 6:3*

All: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord Jesus, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Words of Institution

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is My + body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

After supper He took the cup and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink of it all of you. This is My + blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

Agnus Dei *John 1:29*

**P** Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

**C** Have mercy on us.

**P** Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** have mercy on us.

**P** Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** grant us Your peace. Amen.

The Distribution *(Please be seated)*

*(...after the Communion, please stand...)*

Post-communion Canticle *Luke 2:29–32*

All: “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

Post-communion Thanksgiving

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O Lord, we give You thanks and praise that You have restored us as Your own children and brought us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. By Your Holy Spirit continue in us that which You have begun and use us by Your grace to serve Your purpose in life and to rest in Your grace in death, when we shall behold Your unveiled glory and see You face to face; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

Benediction *Numbers 6:24–26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C** Amen.

Closing Hymn

“O Day Full of Grace”

*LSB 503*

Silent Prayer

O Holy Spirit, fill my life and empower me to step out of my shell so I can live a joyful, courageous and bold life. And, in the name of Jesus, rock my world! Amen.

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Sermon Outline – Stop Running Scared  
“The Fear of Stepping Out of Our Shell” – Acts 2:1-24

- ▶ My shell keeps me p\_\_\_\_\_ from all of the p\_\_\_\_\_ in the world.
- ▶ What ‘What Ifs’ do I fear?
- ▶ The first Christians l\_\_\_\_\_ their shells.
- ◆ “When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in o\_\_\_\_\_ place.” (Acts 2:1)
- ◆ “Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent w\_\_\_\_\_ came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of f\_\_\_\_\_.” (Acts 2:2-3)
- ◆ “‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see v\_\_\_\_\_, your old men will dream d\_\_\_\_\_.’” (Acts 2:17)

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- ▶ Acts 2:29
- ▶ Acts 4:13, 29, 31
- ▶ Acts 9:27, 28
- ▶ Acts 13:46; 14:3

- ▶ Acts 18:26
  
- ▶ Acts 19:8; 26:26; 28:31
  
- ◆ “This man was handed over to you by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God r\_\_\_\_\_ him from the d\_\_\_\_\_.” (Acts 2:23-24)
  
- ★ What kills the church? F\_\_\_\_\_ from stepping out from our s\_\_\_\_\_!
  
- ★ What will it take to step out of your shell?