All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit

ACTS 2:4

The Spirit of truth

Holy Communion at the Break of Day
Day of Pentecost 2016

May 15, 2016
Welcome!

**Everyone is welcome.** As a community of the people of God, the members of Central Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ “there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male or female” (Galatians 3:28). Christ has made us one.

**Guests are welcome.** We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. We invite guests to complete the “Welcome to Central” card found in the pew racks and leave it with an usher or place it in the offering plate. If you would like more information about Central, please contact us at 612-870-4416, or email info@centralmpls.org.

**Children are welcome at all services.** Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available at Sanctuary entrances. If you would prefer to use Central’s nursery (available for children ages four and younger), you will find it up the steps from the information desk at the South Entrance (across from the fellowship hall). An usher or greeter will be glad to assist you.

**Welcome to the Lord’s Table.** All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at Holy Communion. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to persons in designated access seating areas. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. Gluten-free breads and alcohol-free wine are available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

**Welcome to the Holy Baptism.** All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. A pastor will contact you.

**Friends of Central…Stay connected**

Across the country and beyond there are many people who have a soft spot in their heart for Central Lutheran Church – people who feel a connection both to the history and the ongoing mission of this congregation. If you’re one of them, we invite you to join a new network of Friends of Central. Pick up a brochure or visit our website for more information or to join.

**Electronic giving** is available at Central. You can go online through Central’s website at www.centralmpls.org and click on **Donate to our Mission.** If you give electronically, use the green pew card to drop in the offering plate instead of an envelope. Central Lutheran is supported by givers like you. Questions? Contact the church office at 612-870-4416.

**The shape of this service** takes its inspiration from Easter dawn, the Church’s daily prayer pattern and Luther’s admonition when we rise to begin the day to “wash our face and remember our baptism”: *In the morning, as soon as you get out of bed, you are to make the sign of the holy cross and say: “God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over me. Amen.” Then, kneeling or standing, say the Apostles’ Creed and the Lord’s Prayer. If you wish, you may in addition recite this little prayer as well; [Luther’s morning prayer]; After singing a hymn perhaps or whatever else may serve your devotion, you are to go to your work joyfully. (Small Catechism)*
Christ is the pillar of fire who guides us home
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 been saved by him. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

We Gather to Begin the Day Anew in Baptism

PRELUDE

“Siciliana”  
Carlos Salzedo

The worship leaders greet the assembly as they arrive.  
At the sound of the bell the assembly stands and gathers around the baptismal font.

GATHERING AT THE FONT

(O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise.

(Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
Martin Luther’s Morning Prayer concludes the Gathering.

PROCENSIONAL HYMN

“Spirit of Gentleness”

(hymn 396)
the assembly sings the refrain at the direction of the cantor

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness
calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidity, wind, wind on the sea.

Worship leaders move from the font to the place of the Word.
We Listen to God’s Word

WELCOME
Welcome in the name of Jesus, the savior of the world…

CHILDREN’S WORD
Children are invited to come forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.

READING
God destroys the tower of Babel
Genesis 11:1-9

The builders of the tower of Babel try to make a name for themselves by building their tower to the heavens. God scatters them, confusing their language so that they cannot understand one another. The miracle at Pentecost reverses this story, drawing many different peoples together into the new people of God.

The whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”

The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH
Acts 2:1-21

Filled with the Spirit
Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, surrounded by signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages in their midst, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus’ promise coming true.
Luke writes:
When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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, 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.’”

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL  The Spirit of truth  John 14:8-17
The assembly stands to welcome the gospel, singing:
Though the disciples struggle with Jesus’ nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God’s mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Philip said to Jesus “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

silence follows for reflection and meditation

HYMN OF THE DAY (hymn) 403

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”
APPRECIATION FOR THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Each prayer petition concludes: Lord, in your mercy.
The assembly responds: Hear our prayer.

The prayer appointed for the day concludes these prayers:

God our creator,
the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth.
By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love,
empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

We Feast around the Table of the Lord

PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
The assembly is invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

“Andantino” from Sonata for Harp
Johann L. Dussek, ed. Zabaleta

When bread and wine are shared in Christ’s name an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time the table is set. After the offering is gathered, bread, wine, money, and other gifts are brought forward. The assembly stands as the procession reaches the altar.

Worship leaders move to the place of the Meal.
The assembly prays over their gifts.
Let us pray together.
Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:

...And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:
Come, Holy Spirit!

...And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:
Come, Holy Spirit!

...And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:
Come, Holy Spirit!

Lord’s Prayer (1975)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.
Breaking of the Bread & Invitation to the Table

Communion

“All Allegro” from *Sonata for Harp*  
Johann L. Dussek, ed. Zabaleta

*All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive these gifts of God.*
*Communion at this service is served standing at stations. Please follow the directions of the worship leaders. Grape juice and gluten-free bread are available upon request.*
*Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.*

*silence for reflection concludes the Communion*

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, O God,
that you make your home with us,
bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal.
Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here,
that we may wipe away tears,
tend to those in mourning and in pain,
seek the healing of the nations,
and bring to earth the presence of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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We Are Sent to be God’s Hands in the World

SENDING DIALOG

We have heard the holy and saving gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
*We have been nurtured at the holy table*
*and baptized into the priesthood of Christ.*

Go out from this Pentecost assembly
to proclaim the mighty works of the Lord.
*Let us bear God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world:*
HYMN
“O Holy Spirit, Root of Life”
Worship leaders move to the exit.
The assembly turns to face the leaders during the hymn.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL
The wind of the Spirit blows where it wills.
May the breath of the Spirit stir us into abundant life.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.
Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
Sonatine No. 1
Dussek, ed. Lawrence & Owens

Serving Today

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson, presiding
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, preaching
Jeffrey Schulz, interim director of faith formation, assisting minister
Seminarian Katherine Albin, reader
Rod Richter, crucifer
Sara Gunsch, Marlee Baron, Julia Baron & Liza Strom, torch bearers
Jane Lien, organist/pianist
Talia Mailman, harp
Mark Kieffer, Marc Wilson, sound operators
Carney Bergeson-Meekins, Shared Ministry Team, New Member Ministry Team, Eunice & Franklin Dietrich, greeters & hosts
Donald Moe, lead usher for May
Richard Stegall, Bill Masche, Bruce Bergeson-Meekins, sacristans
Chancel flowers today are given in celebration of Jeffrey Wolter’s birthday. If you wish to donate flowers contact Judy Korogi 10 days in advance at 612-788-1288.

Commemorations this Week

May 18
Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, died 1160
   Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region, and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.

May 21
Helena, mother of Constantine, died around 330
   Influenced by her son to become Christian, Helena (or Helen) lived an exemplary life of faith. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine building churches on the sites she believed to be associated with Christ’s life.