

PENTECOST SUNDAY



May 31, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 W. Maple
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 31, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.
Day of Pentecost
Theme: A New Beginning

As We Gather

“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. **Joel 2:28-29 (NIV2011)**

Prayer Before Worship

Almighty Father, in the generous outpouring of Your Spirit, You have communicated Christ, crucified and risen, into our ears and our hearts. By the same Spirit, enlighten us and guide us that the things we say and do may draw the whole world to Jesus. Let Your promise be fulfilled that every knee may bow and tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. To You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all glory now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

Opening Hymn 246 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shall be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Order of Service

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

C: A broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Glory be to the Father and to the +Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading *(The Festival of Pentecost)*

“From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, count off seven full weeks. Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath, and then present an offering of new grain to the LORD. From wherever you live, bring two loaves made of two-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour, baked with yeast, as a wave offering of firstfruits to the LORD. Present with this bread seven male lambs, each a year old and without defect, one young bull and two rams. They will be a burnt offering to the LORD, together with their grain offerings and drink offerings — a food offering, an aroma pleasing to the LORD. Then sacrifice one male goat for a sin offering and two lambs, each a year old, for a fellowship offering. The priest is to wave the two lambs before the LORD as a wave offering, together with the bread of the firstfruits. They are a sacred offering to the LORD for the priest. On that same day you are to proclaim a sacred assembly and do no regular work.

This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live. “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the LORD your God.’ ”

Second Reading

Acts 2:1-13

(The gift of the Holy Spirit)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs — we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

John 15:11-19, 26-27

(God's love for us)

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit — fruit that will last — and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other. “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father — the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father — he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**Confession of Faith**

The Apostles' 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn O Breathe on me, O Breath of God

1. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love the things You love, and do what You would do.
2. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, until my heart is pure;
Until my will is one with Yours, to do and to endure.
3. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, my will to Yours incline,
Until this selfish part of me glows with Your fire divine.
4. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, so I shall never die,
But live with You the perfect life for all eternity.

Sermon

Text: Exodus 33:25-33
"A New Beginning"
Rev. Randall J. Schlak

The Blessing of the Gifts

Voluntary

Holy Spirit, Come - Walker
Steve SeGraves, vocalist

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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.

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn Go, My Children With My Blessing

(favorite hymn of Mary Lou Mabee, Patty Raezler and Stephanie Raezler)

1. Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you. You are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children with my blessing, you are my own.
2. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched Him, saw His
glory.
Go, my children, sin forgiven, at peace and pure.
3. Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, organist



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in thankfulness for our many blessings - our health, our children and our church family.

Praise and thanksgiving from: Carol and Tim Frost in thanksgiving as we celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, June 4 and Bryan Grattan and Chad and Sara Amos in honor of our parents Mike and Barb Grattan's 45th wedding anniversary on 5/31. God's blessings on our parents, their special day and their continued love and support for one another, their children and their grandchildren Sean, Colin, Charlotte and Savannah.

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