

FIRST READING. Acts 2:1-21

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.”
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SECOND READING. 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

GOSPEL. John 7:37-39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.” ’ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.



Sunday, May 28, 2023

“In response to God’s love, St. Matthew’s is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone.”

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Although mask mandates are now lifted in most Ontario indoor settings, our Bishop encourages “all congregations to continue using masks for the time being.” For now, we strongly recommend wearing a mask.

Order of Worship

This morning’s Order of Worship is the located in the *Hymnal Supplement*, and the hymns are located in the *Hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW).

Flowers

The flowers are placed by Sylvia Tollar to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Loius Tollar, who passed away five years ago.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. Amen.

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Reader: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created; you give new life to the earth.

The Spirit of our God Descends to fill the earth, O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

To breathe new life on all abroad, To give to all new birth. All things living look to you to give them their food in due season.

Come, Holy Spirit true; Each faithful heart inspire. When you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

The flame of love in all renew, Your love's bright glowing fire. When you send forth your Spirit, they are created; you give new life to the earth.

The Spirit of our God Descends to fill the earth, May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

To breathe new life on all abroad, To give to all new birth. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Come, Holy Spirit true; Each faithful heart inspire. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

The flame of love in all renew, Your love's bright glowing fire.

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Dates to Remember

Today Church Council meeting after the service June 11 11:00 a.m. – Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic

Sunday, June 11 • 11:00 a.m. Outdoor Service and Picnic We plan to have a fun-filled relaxing day with an outdoor service and BBQ picnic hosted by First Lutheran at St. Matthew’s green space. Rain or shine! Bring a sunhat and lawn chair. All food and drinks are provided.

Do you have a story you’d like to share as part of the sermon on June 11? The pastor is looking for stories about a time when you were in need and God provided. If you’d like to tell the story at the service, that’s welcome. If you’d prefer someone read a story you’ve written down, that’s welcome too.

“Thank the Lord and sing God’s praise, tell everyone what God has done” (from a canticle in our green hymnal sung after communion).

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SENDING

Blessing Sending SongELW 582 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling Dismissal: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Thanks be to God.