

May 19, 2024
Day of Pentecost

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Service of the Word

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP – (written by Tim Graves)

Come and worship!

We will praise the One between, within, and over.

Trust in the One who co-creates the was, the now, and the will-be.

**Our hope is in the One who creates expansive love
calling us to do the same.**

WHAT IS THE TRUTH BETSY?

A story of Truth by Katherena Vermette & Irene Kuziw

GATHERING HYMN

Spirit of Gentleness - Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 396

Sing Along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fe9Rd9SolmY>

GREETING

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

And also with you

KYRIE – ELW p. 184

CANTICAL OF PRAISE – ELW p. 18

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

Gathering God of Pentecost, you breathe your spirit of truth upon us and accompany us on the path of reconciliation. Open our minds, hearts, and hands to receive the truth you blow on us. Fill us, your Pentecostal people, with your Spirit so that the work of resurrection might wind its way in our day-to-day work, with you, to repair the world in Jesus, our way, our truth, our life. **Amen.**

FIRST READING – Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NRSV)

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on 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 had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and 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, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

PSALM - Psalm 104:24-34, 35(NRSV)

How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,

living things both small and great.

There go the ships to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you

to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
O Lord, rejoice in all your works.
You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.
May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the Lord.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah!

SECOND READING – Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV)

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 READING – John 15:26-27; 16:4-15(NRSV)

The holy gospel according to John

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

'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; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'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, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Today we acknowledge the Sacred Teaching of Truth and ask for help in showing honour and sincerity to all who walk with us on Turtle Island.

HYMN OF THE DAY

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind – Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 400
Sing Along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwTsC8WfUvU>

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. * On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathering God of Pentecost, help us to be truth seekers. Help us to not settle for the easy answers and misinformation, but to do the hard and often painful work of finding the truth. God of faith and trust, **Teach us to be truthful like the turtle.**

Gathering God of Pentecost, help us to have grace, compassion, and understanding for ourselves and one another when facing hard truths about our lives remembering that we are all sinner saints and that You, our Creator, have washed us clean. God of faith and trust, **Teach us to be truthful like the turtle.**

Gathering God of Pentecost, help us to be patient with ourselves and others as we each sift through our own thoughts, feelings, and vulnerabilities to acknowledge and share our truths. Help us to show up with support in this challenging work rather than to pass judgement, shame, or criticize. God of honor and sincerity, **Teach us to be truthful like the turtle.**

Gathering God of Pentecost, help us to make space to hold the possibility of multiple truths existing at once even when it is complicated and difficult. God of honor and sincerity, **Teach us to be truthful like the turtle.**

Gathering God of Pentecost, you breathe your spirit of truth upon us and accompany us on the path of reconciliation. Open our minds, our hearts, and our hands to receive the truth you blow on us. Fill us, your Pentecostal people, with your Spirit so that the work of resurrection might wind its way in our day-to-day work with you to repair the world in Jesus, our way, our truth, our life. God of understanding, **Teach us to be truthful like the turtle.**
Amen

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

MAORI LORD'S PRAYER

**Eternal Spirit, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples
of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

CHARGE & BLESSING

Go out into the world in peace;
Have courage;
Hold onto what is good;
Return no evil for evil;
Strengthen the fainthearted;
Support the weak, and help the suffering;
Honour all people;
Love and serve the Lord,
Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Every time I Feel the Spirit – All Creation Sings #942
Sing Along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5VwBfw3uZ8>

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice, Give thanks!
Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- St. John's will be hosting a **Penny Auction** on Saturday, June 8 from 10 am – 1 pm. A variety of new, "like new" items, crafts, and baked goods will be up for auction.
- Next order for **Grocery Gift Card's** is due to David Eisnor by Sunday, May 26.
- **Council Meeting** is on Tuesday, May 21 @ 7 p.m.
- **Fellowship Sunday:** Sunday, May 19 following worship service.
- **Spring Bible Study:** Bishop Eaton's Four Emphases
Bible study on Tuesday, May 21 @ 10 a.m.
- You are welcome to stay after worship service on Sunday, May 26 to say "**hello**" to **Pastor Adam**. Cookies and light refreshments will be served.
- The **3CF** will be holding their AGM on Sunday, May 26 at Trinity United at 12:30 p.m. Come out and hear what is happening.

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