

Day of Pentecost
Confirmation Sunday

May 23, 2021

9:00 am

Communion



278 Years Of
“Joyously proclaiming the good news of God’s love”

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA
Founded in 1743

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday 5/23	8.00 am	Bell choir
	9:00 am	Worship
	10.30 am	Congregational Meeting (Zoom)
Monday	7:30 pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Tai Kwan Do
Sunday 5/30	9:00 am	Worship



Congratulations on your Confirmations !

**Eve Olivia Ryan, Justin Robert Cole, Willem David Yeager,
Addison Elizabeth Ramonda and Olivia Shawn Rogers**

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (5/23)

This week	
The Assistant Minister and Lay Reader roles will be performed by the youth.	
Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Beverly Tyson	Altar Guild
Barbara Grubb	Hymns

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (5/30)

Next week	
Diane Sakal	Assistant Minister
Deb Batten	Lay Reader
Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Susan Davis	Altar Guild
The Batten family	Hymns

Y: Youth (Confirmand group) , P: Pastor , L: Leader

Sunday, May 23rd, 2021

INTRODUCTION

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

PRELUDES

On Tannenberg- "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"- Carl G. Glaser Arr. by Richard Unfreid
"Breath From Heaven" - Gilbert M. Martin
"Bell Choir- ""Spirit of the Living God"" Text and Music: Daniel Iverson"

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kindly remember Dan Bauman and his family in your prayers today as they mourn the passing of his sister, Doris Bauman on May 14th, 2021. We extend our deepest condolences to the family.

GREETING

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

Y: And also with you.

Hymn "O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"- ELW- #399- All 3 verses



Text: Jean Janzen, based on Hildegard of Bingen, Music: European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Y: Amen.

PENTECOST LITANY

L: After fifty days of Easter rejoicing, the church cries out:

Y: Come, Holy Spirit!

L: All those living in resurrection light sing with joy:

Y: Come, Holy Spirit!

L: All those dying under the weight of sin and grief plead:

Y: Come, Holy Spirit!

L: Come, Holy Spirit: fill the hearts of your faithful people,

Y: and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Hymn of Praise

Glory to You, God

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Please be seated

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

R: A reading from the book of Acts:

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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.'

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

P & A: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

L: How manifold are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Y: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

L: There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

Y: All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

L: You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

Y: When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

L: You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

Y: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.

L: You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

Y: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

L: May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah!

Please stand

ACCLAMATION

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

ELW #172

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954, © Public Domain, Arr. © Augsburg Fortress

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

L: The Holy Gospel according to John

Y: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] “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.

“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 judgment: 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 judgment, 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.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

Y: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE by Pastor Tina Mackie

Please stand



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM: CONFIRMATION

Shawn: I present **Eve Olivia Ryan, Justin Robert Cole, Willem David Yeager, Addison Elizabeth Ramonda** and **Olivia Shawn Rogers** ; who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Pastor: Let us pray, Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Congregation: Amen

Profession of Faith

(The congregation may stand and join in the responses)

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church.

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

Y: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Y: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Y: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

Y: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Y: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Y: 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.

(The congregation is seated)

The pastor addresses the Confirmands:

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each answers: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

P: O God, stir up in **Eve, Justin, Willem, Addison and Olivia** the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Y: Amen

L: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

Y: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

You can add names to the prayer list by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These people will still be in our private prayers.

Y: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Y: Gracious God, you give the Holy Spirit to your church, filling it with many and varied gifts. In the church throughout the world, strengthen us in our visioning and dreaming, that it may discover anew the Spirit's creative work.

Hear us, O God.

Y: Your mercy is great.

Y: God of life, your mighty works are too numerous to count. The earth is full of your creatures, living things both great and small. Open your hand and give them the necessities of this life. Send your fresh Spirit over the face of the earth.

Hear us, O God.

Y: Your mercy is great.

Y: God of the nations, at the sound of the rushing wind, people speaking different languages proclaimed and heard together your deeds of power. Fill the leaders of nations with your Holy Spirit, so that they exercise your gracious will in the lives of people.

Hear us, O God.

Y: Your mercy is great.

Y: God of faithfulness, you tend to the needs of your people, even the sighs of our hearts. Hear those who cry out to you in distress. Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day .We pray especially for **Bud Raser, Fawn Keenan, Ralph Finkbiner, Machiko, Richard and Sarah Kuehner and Roxanne Robinson.**

Hear us, O God.

Y: Your mercy is great.

Y: God of love, fill this congregation with gratitude for the gifts we have received from you. Renew our ministries, heal our divisions, and open us to the needs of our neighbors.

Hear us, O God.

Y: Your mercy is great.

Y: God of hope, those who have died in you raise their eternal song of praise. We give you thanks for the many gifts of your people and rejoice in the witness of your saints.

Hear us, O God.

Y: Your mercy is great.

Y: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Y: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

Y: And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another

OFFERING INVITATION

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“Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.” –Romans 8:26

We rest assured that we are covered in prayer by the Holy Spirit, and also by the prayers and love of our elders and ancestors whose job it is to steward us toward deeper faith and beloved community.

Please be seated

OFFERING with Special music

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" - Anna Moore on Trumpet

Text: William C. Dix, Music: Rowland H. Prichard

OFFERING PRAYER

Y: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.

Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.

Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

P: Amen.

Please stand



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: "Amen" or "I believe." (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

Y: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

Y: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Y: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

P: Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words

and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Y: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ.

Y: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray,

Y: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

Y: Amen.

SHARING IN COMMUNION

P: This is the Body of Christ given for you

Y: I believe or Amen (Congregation will eat the wafer)

P: This is the Blood of Christ given for you

Y: I believe or Amen (Congregation will drink the wine)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.

Y: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Y: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

Y: Amen.

BLESSING

Y: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy, the Lord look upon you and give you peace.

Y: Amen.

THE SENDING HYMN "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"- ELW #400

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr. Music: John Hughes



DISMISSAL

Y: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Y: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Y: Go in peace. Share the good news.

Y: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"The Quest of the Holy Spirit" - David Paxton



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BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Joel 2:18-29	God's spirit poured out
Tuesday	Acts 28:1-10	Paul arrives in Rome
Wednesday	Luke 1:26-38	God Spirit comes on Mary
Thursday	Acts 28:11-30	Paul in Rome
Friday	I Corinthians 2:1-13	About the Spirit of God
Saturday	Psalms 48	The God of Zion