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INTRODUCTION
Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove
Arr. A.K. Organ

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
C: Amen.

** HYMN Red hymnal #786
O Holy Spirit, Enter In
KYRIE  
Music in Red hymnal on page 138

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE  
Music in Red hymnal on page 140 and 141

C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.
P: Let us pray . . .
C: O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21
R: 1When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9Parthians, 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. 10Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 11All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 12But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." 13But 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. 14Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 15No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 16In 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. 17Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. 18And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 19The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. 20Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

R: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
R: 3bNo one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. 4Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common
good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to 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. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹²For 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. ¹³For 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.

R: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Music on page 142
C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL
P: The Gospel according to John 20:19-23
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN Red hymnal #403 Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song
RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

APOSTLE’S CREED   Red hymnal page 105
P:  Let us confess our faith.
C:  I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 again 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 (Response after each petition)
P:  Lord in your mercy,
C:  Hear our prayer . . .

LORD’S PRAYER
C:  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.

OFFERING—INVITATION—God’s Work Continues

OFFERING SONG   Red hymnal #186   Create in Me a Clean Heart
C:  Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

BLESSING
P:  May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

HYMN   Red hymnal #627   O Day Full of Grace
DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?
C: The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: “Serving Christ through serving others.”
P: Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

O Day Full of Grace
Arr. Wayne Wold

Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted to the church office by calling 1 937-667-3110 or e-mail.

OFFERING 5/24
Total Unified Giving: $3,073.00
Total Building Fund: $ 80.00

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Month of March 2020 Finances
Unified Giving: $21,440.22 Expenses: $18,378.61
Building Fund Giving: $1,530.37 Mortgage Payment: $2,500.00
Building Fund Balance: $32,771.39

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of March 2020, on the table as you leave the sanctuary. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT / Needy Basket is still collecting non-perishable food items during this pandemic. We encourage you to continue to support the Needy Basket food pantry by dropping off food at the church. The collecting can will be right outside the Walnut Street entrance. Many families are in need at this time. Thanks for feeding your neighbors.

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