



Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church

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May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

10:00 am

Pastor Michael Frye, Interim Pastor

PRELUDE

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW#807

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

TEXT: ROBERT ROBINSON, 1735-1790, ALT.

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.
Amen.

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Michael

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 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. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are

speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." 14 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. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 '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.

18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20 The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

24 O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

**25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

26 There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

**27 These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;**

28 when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

**29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

**31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works —**

32who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

**33I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

34May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

**35Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

A reading from Romans

22We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; 23and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

26Likewise 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. 27And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

C: Alleluia,

Lord, to whom shall we go,

You have the words of eternal life,

Alleluia!

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John

C: Glory to you O Lord

26When 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. 27You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

4But 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. 5But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. 7Nevertheless 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. 8And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9about sin, because they do not believe in me; 10about

righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; I labored about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

12 I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 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. 14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Michael

HYMN OF THE DAY Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

ELW#800

- 1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.
- 2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.
- 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
- 4 Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

C: Your mercy is great.

C: Amen.

ANTHEM

Breathe on Me Breath of God

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our 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.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,

uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

P: Holy, Mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor, and who on the cross
opened his arms to all.

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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and
ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share his heavenly good,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

P: Come to the table of the Lord to receive this holy and precious gift of life.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Almighty God,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Shine Jesus Shine

ELW#671

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me
Shine on me

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your Word, Lord And let there be light

Lord, I come into Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me
Shine on me

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Michael W. Frye

Ann Bolick

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Worship Assistant

Crucifer

Lector

Vocalists

Accompanists

Sound Tech.

Streaming Techs

Power Point

Announcements

Update from the Call Committee

The Call Committee has started interviewing. Please continue to pray for us, the Church and our future Pastor. We are very excited to move forward with this process. Thanks.

WELCA - June 6th is our quarterly meeting at 5pm. in the Coffee House. We will be making banners from 3pm to 5pm, (please let us know if you are participating with banner making) and then eating at 5pm. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Our business meeting will follow dinner. We have several topics to cover so we can serve our community.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Ross Gosse & Susan Pittman in honor of the 2021 graduates and by Mike and Roxanne Fox in honor of Pastor Michael Frye.

Altar flower donations. We have open vases in the coming weeks. Please consider signing up for a vase (or two). Each vase is \$27.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4bafaa2fa1fd0-2021>

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Sunday School, each Sunday at 9:00 am in the Coffee House. Contact Ron Smith for more information.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, each week at 9:00 am in the Children's Building. See Nancy Jones or Barbara Linker.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: 7:00 pm - contact the office for sign in information

An opportunity to serve...

We would like for you to pray for serving in one of the following areas of need:

Lay Reader - contact Ann Bolick

Communion Assistant - contact Patti Stuver

Crucifer - contact Tim Bolick

Work with **Youth** - contact Zach Fox

Attendance	May 16, 2021
Adult SS	21
Children's SS	3 kids /2 adults
Worship	52

Week of May 16, 2021	
May Offerings	\$2,136.00
Operating Ministry Receipts	\$3,853.37
Total Weekly Over (Under)	-\$1,717.37
Total for the month (Under)	-\$7,716.85

Prayers

Homebound: John & Brenda Thompson, Bob Chertok

In Special Facilities: Jeanine Woody (First Assembly Assisted Living), Peggy Morgan (5 Oaks Manor), Sylvia Faggart (Concord Place)

Continued Prayers for: Dick Tolbert, Dan Gleason, Lisa McKinnon and her family, Paul Hurley, Pat Rietfort, Jan Almendinger, Kassie, Patti Stuver, Bonnie Walsh, Virginia Motley (Harold Cook's sister), Jacl (Rose's brother-in-law), Gina (Jay Perkins' sister-in-law, JJ Brava, Amanda, Junior Barringer, Tom Kennedy, Eileen Sousley

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