



# Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**CELEBRATION WORSHIP AT 10:30 AM**

**SUNDAY, MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2021**

*Pentecost Sunday*

(You may also follow the Order of Worship as projected on the overhead screens.)

## **THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **A PRAYER ASKING FOR GOD'S PRESENCE**

## **THE OPENING SONG: "Holy Spirit Rain Down"**

## **INVOCATION**

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

Pastor: Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

People: let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!

Pastor: Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,

People: my salvation and my God.

Pastor: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;

People: they sing praises to Your name.

## **THE CONFESSION**

P: Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

All: God of Spirit and truth... as we come before you today, we confess that we have not honored You from our hearts, we have loved as You would have us love, and we have not lived as You would have us live. Our path has left us broken, dark, and weary and we know we need change. We come to You this day not only to seek Your forgiveness, but Your renewal. Have mercy on us and send Your Spirit that we might walk in newness of life.

## **THE ABSOLUTION**

P: God has shown His grace and glory to us through His Son, Jesus our Christ. He took on death so that we would not know it, He took the punishment of our sin so that we could be free from what it does to our souls, and He took on

separation from God so that we would never have a moment without Him. For Christ's sake you have been forgiven and through the Holy Spirit you have been given the power to become a new creation. So receive this forgiveness, and walk in newness of life. Amen.

**INTROIT:** Psalm 139:7-12 (ESV)

Where shall I go from your Spirit?

Or where shall I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

If I take the wings of the morning

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me,

and your right hand shall hold me.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,

and the light about me be night,"

even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is bright as the day,

for darkness is as light with you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**SONG:** "It's Always Been You" ~ soloist, Rachel Seiler

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Ezekiel 37:1-14 (ESV pg. 724)

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon 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 was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, 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, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.'

Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### **THE EPISTLE READING:** Acts 2:1-21 (ESV pg. 909)

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and 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 Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour

of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on 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 on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 16:7-15 (ESV pg. 902)

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

“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 authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

**SONG:** “Holy Spirit”

**SERMON:** “A Fighting Spirit” ~ Rev. Patrick Darnell

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**THE LIFTING UP OF OUR PRAYERS**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **THE PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **Five Questions to Ask Yourself:**

1. Am I a baptized member of the Christian Faith?
2. Am I a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
3. Do I believe that my only hope of forgiveness is found in my Savior Jesus Christ and His death and resurrection for me?
4. Do I believe that Jesus gave me His body and blood together with the bread and wine for the assurance of the forgiveness of my sins?
5. Will I try, by the power of God, to amend my sinful life?

(If a worshipper cannot answer yes to all five of these questions, or if they are not sure what they mean, then we ask them to speak with the Pastor before they commune. We do this out of love and concern for all our worshippers.)

#### **SONG:**

### **THE DISTRIBUTION**

### **A PRAYER OF THANKS**

### **THE BLESSING**

### **CLOSING SONG: "All My Hope"**