



June 4-5, 2022
Pentecost

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! God gathers us through Word and Sacrament to celebrate God's presence and to receive God's gift of grace. God has made us his people through our baptism and keeps us close to him through the preaching of the word and God's presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We give thanks today for the gift of faith God has planted in us, and we depart to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We extend a special **welcome** to those who are our guests. May God bless this time of worship for you as we are blessed by your presence. If you have no church home we invite you to join with us and consider Our Savior's as your church home. If you are not baptized and would like to talk about baptism as part of your faith journey, please speak with one of the pastors.

FELLOWSHIP PADS: We ask everyone to sign and pass the fellowship pad in the pew and return it to the rack when done.

OFFERING: No offering is collected during our worship this day; however, we do welcome your support of our ministries and thank you for your gifts. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.

Offering plates are available as you leave the sanctuary. For online giving go to the church website: oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving. Or text 608-471-7267.

Order of Worship

*Please stand as you are able

WELCOME

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism... now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading!" #401



Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.

- 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
- 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
- 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.

It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
nor rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment,
doubt into certainty. *Refrain*
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
which you alone assure. *Refrain*

***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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers
life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit,
kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our
lives for service and our tongues for praise, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Come, Gracious Spirit"

Carla Burkhardt - Bonny Goodenough - Melissa Haldeman

READING Acts 2:1-21

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, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, 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. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL** John 14:8-17, 25-27

The Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord!

⁸Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON



1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
 2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
 hoist me up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

***Apostles 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**

P: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

*(Sunday worship - after a brief silence ...The **congregation** is invited to read aloud individually the prayer petitions as the spirit moves them. If more than one person reads the petition, all the better!)*

Holy Living One, Holy Moving One, burst open our locked doors, and by your Spirit drive us out into the world proclaiming your mighty deeds. Direct our words and actions, trusting the Advocate abiding in and among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Feed and care for creatures that remain hidden to us yet contribute to the vibrancy of your creation. Train us to interact with creation from a place of wonder, awe, and reverence. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Send your Spirit to places where language is a barrier to justice and mercy for those who seek it. Bless the work of translators, interpreters, and teachers. Promote understanding for the sake of those longing for true freedom and peace. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Comfort all who live in constant fear and any who are suffering. Remind them that your Spirit has made them your children and that they are never far from your glory. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Guide all bishops, pastors, missionaries, and other ministers of the gospel. Foster our relationships with partner synods and local ministry partners that our visions and actions are Spirit-led. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Gather your people across regions, nations, and lands. Root our common life in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and by your Spirit bind us together with all the saints who have gone before us. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

P: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

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

(Please share a sign of peace with those around you.)

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed our 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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

HOLY COMMUNION All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Both wine and grape juice are available – grape juice glasses are circled in purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
Amen.

***BLESSING**

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

***HYMN** "O Day Full of Grace" (vv. 1,3,4) #627



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
 cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
 life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
 lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
 stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
 lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
 mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.
 gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
 mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
 join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

***DISMISSAL** *(Done from the back of the church)*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

COME AND WORSHIP: - Join us for worship on Saturdays at 6 PM and Sundays at 8 & 10 AM.

USHERS NEEDED: Go to SignUpGenius on the church website to volunteer.

Check out the June newsletter (www.oursaviorswestsalem.org) to find out more ...

Masks are optional when you are in the building. Thank you!



FEED OUR CHILDREN SUMMER LUNCH

PROGRAM – We are up and running – serving Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our current needs are:

Peanut butter, ranch dressing, fruit cups, pudding cups or jello cups, animal crackers, chex mix, veggie straws, or other snacks (bulk or family size is great)



If you are interested in helping to prepare food, serve or deliver meals, or have other questions please contact Angie Hemker (608)780-9172 (text is preferred). Please pray for another successful serving season.



SYNOD-ASSEMBLY OFFERING COLLECTION

During the Synod Assembly Worship at Riverside Park on Sunday, June 12, they will be collecting NEW (in the package) socks and underwear to be shared at Clothes Closets in the Coulee Region.

You are invited to bring these items to church BY JUNE 10 so our assembly delegates can bring them to the worship. There is a box in the gathering area for your donations.

Speaking of worship on June 12th ...

The whole synod is invited to attend the ***Worship in the Park*** at 10 AM at Riverside Park. Following worship there will be a picnic (food trucks) and time for fellowship with those from around the whole LaCrosse Area Synod. There will also be a time of doing **service projects** around the area. Check out the synod website:

lacrosseareasynod.org/2022-synod-assembly for details (*at the bottom of the page*).

[Parking will be limited. The circle drive around the bandshell area will be open to allow easy drop-off locations for those car-pooling or busing. A limited number of spots will be available around the park and near-by streets. Public ramps are free on weekends.]

LET'S GET COOKIN...

In case you haven't heard ... as part of Pastor Jean's sabbatical, a new cookbook project is on the horizon, but she can't do it alone.



That's where YOU come in ... providing the necessary recipes for a new cookbook. While Pastor Jean is on sabbatical, the congregation is invited to submit your favorite recipe(s), and when Pastor Jean returns, she (along with a few helpers) will compile the recipes and create a new cookbook.

As you share your recipes, you are also invited to **share a short note/comment** about why the recipe is special to you. What's a recipe without a story!

Recipe forms are available in the office or on the front page of the church website. Drop your submissions off in the office, send them by email, or drop them in the mailbox by the East Avenue entrance **by July 15.**

GOSPEL MESSAGE
June 5, 2022
DAY OF PENTECOST

Periodically a case of art forgery makes the news. Someone has created or tried to sell pieces of art that are purportedly the work of a well-known or an up-and-coming artist. The untrained viewer may see beauty in the piece and see the signature on the work and believe it to belong to the artist who is named.

These forgeries may also appear legitimate to an expert at first glance, but their training calls them to look more deeply at the work. They will examine methods, look for inconsistencies, and use various tools to assess the work's authenticity.

The disciples experience Jesus to be an unbelievably authentic teacher, healer, and miracle worker, but Jesus has made some bold claims about himself. They have just heard him say, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). They have questions. It is Philip who asks Jesus to show them the Father. Thomas has already asked how they can know the way to where Jesus is going.

In response to these questions, Jesus points them to his unity with the Father, but more so to his works. Just as the art expert looks deeply into the work on canvas, Jesus invites the disciples to go beyond his words and examine his works. He is training them to be experts at spotting God's grace operating all around them. They will have the Holy Spirit to assist along the way, but the world will neither see nor know the Spirit.

In worship we gather around the waters of baptism, we hear God's word, and we share in the bread and wine. These experiences are part of our training to be experts of grace. At the end of worship, we are sent out with the power of the Holy Spirit to look for grace at work, to share our good works, and to glorify our Father in heaven.

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