

The Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

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WELCOME

BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

#913

INVOCATION + CONFESSION + ABSOLUTION

KYRIE

“Lord, Have Mercy”

GLORIA

“Glory to God in the Highest”

COLLECT

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (ESV)

God gave the prophet Ezekiel a vision in which a valley filled with dry bones is restored to life. This prophecy is about God's promise to spiritually restore the people of Israel.

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; prophesy, 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 prophesy, 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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SYNCHRONIZED BASKETBALL GOSPEL SINGING

“I Saw the Light”

EPISTLE READING

Acts 2:1-21 (ESV)

The Holy Spirit descended on the apostles at Pentecost causing them to testify about Jesus Christ in many languages.

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.'

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE *“These Things are Written”*

GOSPEL READING

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15 (ESV)

Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit down upon his disciples. The Spirit will work through their preaching of the Word to expose sin and bring people to faith.

L: The Holy Gospel according to St John the fifteenth chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, 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, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Brittany Fulcer

HYMN OF THE DAY

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

#575

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY 8th Grade Graduation Video

ST PAUL 8TH GRADE GRADUATION

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Christ Be My Leader”

#861

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev David Feddern, Zion Lutheran Church and School, Hampton

Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

For Our Congregation and Community:

8th Grade Graduating Class of “2021”

Karen Clausen successful hip surgery

Jim Staehr knee surgery on Monday

Bryce Clausen and Paul Heidorn moved to Seward Facilities

Jude Joseph Brauer, a son born to Mike and Molly on Thursday. Grandparents are Bob and Kathy.

Dealing with an illness: Rita Ritterling, Karen Stuart (Roy Richter's mother), LaVern Stuhr,

Andrea Swanson Kuester, Jenni Conell, Shelley Scheele, Stephen Ramsey, Christal Fehlhafer, Roger Rhodes,

Aaron DeWaard, Paula Huebschman (Jamie Ramsey's mother),

Mitch Peeks, Hawley Family, Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks, Dick Greenwood, Linda Ehlers,

Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law),

Mya Noreen (Great Grand Daughter of Darlene Link)

Recovering from surgery: Dennis Conell, Lois Richters, Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

Declining Health: Norma Ehlers

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In Response to God's Love

May 16: Total Attendance: 208 Sunday School: 8 Online: 112

VOLUNTEERS:

TODAY(05-23-21) Acolyte: Lexi Kraus **Lay Reader:** Jeremy Gumaer **Organist:** Pat Koch

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (05-23) 9:00 AM Worship online and in person
 10:30 AM Bible Study online and in person and Sunday School
 6:00 PM Junior High Youth Group
 7:30 PM Senior High Youth Group

MONDAY (05-24) -----
 TUESDAY (05-25) 8:00 PM LLL Meeting
 WEDNESDAY (05-26) 8:45 AM Orphan Grain Train
 7:00 PM Womens Bible Study @Jami Utter's home

THURSDAY (05-27) -----
 FRIDAY (05-28) 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study
 SATURDAY (05-29) -----
 SUNDAY (05-30) 9:00 AM Worship online and in person
 10:30 AM Bible Study online and in person

As of 05-12-21	Amount received 05-09-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$12,764.00		\$241,024.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$3,668.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$15,405.00		
Total	\$12,764.00	\$16,310.00	\$260,097.00	\$291,700.00	-\$31,603.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$300.00	Bldg Fund**	\$47,548.00
Teacherage Fund	\$75.00		\$375.00	Teacherage Fund	\$525.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$0.00		\$1,573.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/20-8/21) 5k goal	\$110.00	\$105.00	\$3,315.00	\$3,462.00	-\$147.00

Current Operating Note: \$13,000.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) **Insurance Proceeds Received

We are working on the church directory. If your address, phone number or email has changed please contact the church office 402-534-2200!!!!

I wish to thank Pastor for his prayers for Gretchen Christjaener and to everyone for the many ways you conveyed your care and concern to our family during Gretchen's stroke, fall and since her death. Your presence and the numerous other acts of sympathy you extended have been so generous. God's blessings to all. Carol Gruber and Families

Two of our members have recently moved into facilities in Seward. Bryce Clausen's new address is Room 128 at Greene Place. Paul Heidorn is in Room 302 at Ridgewood Care Center.

NO Sign-Up for Worship It is no longer necessary to sign up for worship! Also, due to the loosening restrictions, our sanctuary seating will no longer be distanced. Communion will be distributed in a continuous line for the time being, and using only individual cups. Communion assistants will be masked for your safety.
-St. Paul Board of Elders

The Wednesday evening women's Bible study that has been meeting at church is being moved to Jami Utter's house for the time being. We will still meet from 7:00-8:00 on Wednesday evenings. Please join us for some time in God's word and great discussion! Address is 705 E Street, Utica. See you there!

**Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! Join us for VBS June 7th-11th 8:30-11:30am! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Open to kids age 4 through kids going into 7th grade. Mask are not required. If you have any questions please contact Brittany Fulcer at the church office! Register at this link:
vbspro.events/p/stpauluticavbs**