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# The Feast of Pentecost

God's Gift Service T May 31, 2020

#### God Gathers Us in His Name

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

**Opening Song:** 

"1,000 Tongues" J. Ingram, M. Maher, M. Redman, A. Rozier, C. Tomlin & J. Myrin

# God's Gift of Forgiveness

As God gathers us in worship today the only thing we are able to give Him is our sins, and out of undeserved love for us God gives us forgiveness.

King David wrote in the Psalms: "I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD'

— and You, [O God,] forgave the guilt of my sin."

Psalm 32:5b NIV

- P Do you confess to Almighty God that you are a poor, miserable sinner who has sinned against Him in thought, word, and deed and therefore justly deserve His present and eternal punishment? If so, answer, "Yes."
- C Yes.
- P Do you believe that our Lord Jesus Christ has lived a holy life, satisfying all the demands of God's holy Law for you, and died, shedding His blood for you upon the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins? If so, answer, "Yes."
- C Yes.
- P Do you ask God, for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death of His beloved Son Jesus, to be gracious and merciful to you? If so, answer, "Yes."
- C Yes.
- P I have great Good News! Through His holy life and innocent death on the cross, Jesus has satisfied the holy demands of God's Law and has earned forgiveness and eternal life for us. He desires that this gift be delivered to all people. For He told His disciples on Easter evening, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you. ... If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." John 20:21,23 NIV
- P Therefore, in the stead and by this command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, and as the called and ordained servant of the Word in this place, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the T Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P You are forgiven! You are set free! You are dearly loved children of God! Together you and I can now raise our voices in thanksgiving and praise to God for His tremendous grace. We can bring Him our fears and hopes, our needs and prayers, with all boldness and confidence as dear children do to their dear Father.
- C Amen.

#### Our Praise in Response to God's Forgiveness:

"10,000 Reason"
"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

#### God's Gift of His Word

- 1 Peter 1:23 NIV

By ourselves we are spiritually dead. By our own efforts we are unable to create or sustain a relationship with God.

However, out of undeserved love for us, God has made us spiritually alive.

He creates and sustains a relationship with us by way of His Word, the Word of Jesus:

"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God."

#### Old Testament Reading: Numbers 11:[4-6, 10-23,] 24-30, [31-34]

ESV

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Prophet Moses writes:] Lesson starts with 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph from the bottom of the page. [Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." ...

[Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. Moses said to the LORD, "Why have You dealt ill with Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that You should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that You swore to give their fathers? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. If You will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in Your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

[Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you...

[And I will come down and talk with you there. And I will take some of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you may not bear it yourself alone. And say to the people, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat, for you have wept in the hearing of the LORD, saying, "Who will give us meat to eat? For it was better for us in Egypt." Therefore the LORD will give you meat, and you shall eat. You shall not eat just one day, or two days, or five days, or ten days, or twenty days, but a whole month, until it comes out at your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have rejected the LORD who is among you and have wept before Him, saying, "Why did we come out of Egypt?""

[But Moses said, "The people among whom I am number six hundred thousand on foot, and You have said, 'I will give them meat, that they may eat a whole month!' Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, and be enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, and be enough for them?"

[And the LORD said to Moses, "Is the LORD's hand shortened? Now you shall see whether My word will come true for you or not."]

Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them."

But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put His Spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

[Then a wind from the LORD sprang up, and it brought quail from the sea and let them fall beside the camp, about a day's journey on this side and a day's journey on the other side, around the camp, and about two cubits above the ground. And the people rose all that day and all night and all the next day, and gathered the quail. Those who gathered least gathered ten homers. And they spread them out for themselves all around the camp. While the meat was yet between their teeth, before it was consumed, the anger of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD struck down the people with a very great plague. Therefore the name of that place was called Kibroth-hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had the craving.]

P This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Acts 2:1–21

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Evangelist St. Luke writes:]

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 men 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."

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 7:37–39 ESV

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle John writes:]

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" LSB # 650

Sermon: "The Spirit of Remembrance" All 3 Readings

#### Apostles' Creed

P We confess our Christian faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life  $\boldsymbol{T}$  everlasting. Amen.

### Our Prayers in Response to God's Word

The prayers, silent or spoken, will be prayed now. Each prayer will end with:

P ...Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your loving hands, dear Lord, we place everyone and everything for which we've prayed. We trust You to answer our prayers according to Your mercy in the way that is best for us. We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

# Our Offerings in Response to God's Word

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich. ... Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

- 2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:15 NIV

You are encouraged to continue regularly giving your tithes and offerings to the Lord either online at www.molcs.org/church or by mailing them to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 5625 Franklin Ave, Des Moines IA 50310 or bringing them to one of our drive through Communion services. We thank God for your ongoing generosity in supporting the Lord's work during this challenging time.

#### Lord's Prayer

- P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.

### Collect Prayer of the Day

- P We join in the Collect Prayer of the Day:
- C O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Final Prayer

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, grant

that our lips which have here sung Your praise may now glorify You in the world; that our ears which have heard the voice of our Shepherd through Your Word may now be closed to the clamorous voice of Satan and the world;

that our eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope; that our tongues which have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth; and that we may be fully restored to newness of life

through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

# **Blessing**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His Face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give T you His peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

Closing Hymn:

"Preserve Your Word, O Savior"

LSB # 658:1.4

Announcements and Postlude Drive-thru Lord's Supper both Sat. & Sun. this weekend.

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# As you leave His Service today,

God wants you to be assured that <u>ALL</u> your sins have been forgiven and that He has declared you to be His holy, beloved child, an heir of an eternal, never-ending relationship with Him.

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