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Pentecost Sunday

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*A Shared Service of the Northern Valley Conference, The Virginia Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Holy Spirit

Keith and Kristyn Getty
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WELCOME / INVOCATION

The Rev. David Young
Bethel Lutheran Church, Winchester, Virginia

CONFESSION / ABSOLUTION

The Rev. Bill Boldin, Lead Chaplain
The Village at Orchard Ridge, Winchester, Virginia

GATHERING HYMN *We Are One in the Spirit*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Rev. Martha Miller Sims

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winchester, Virginia

Let us pray. O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21

The Rev. Sonya Williams-Giersch
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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.’ ”

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one

Spirit,¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

SERMON

**The Rev. JMe Lowden
Trinity Lutheran Church, Stephens City, Virginia**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**The Rev. Ingrid Chenoweth
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Front Royal, Virginia**

Let us pray,

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join together with the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

(A brief silence.)

Holy God - Father, Son, and Spirit, you live in an eternal communion of self-giving love. Fill us with your Spirit so that we too may live in unity. Today we celebrate the unity we share as ELCA churches in the Northern Valley Conference. We pray for your life to infuse each of the churches in our community, and to sustain our Bishop Bob Humphrey. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Send your spirit of life to fill all creation, sustaining all things and bringing forth new life. Help us to see your presence in the beauty, power, and interdependence of the natural world. Teach us to be good stewards of creation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord God you remind us that you are the source of all that is good and right and just. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Give us each a heart for justice and shalom. We pray for our elected and appointed leaders, that you give them the courage to act for the good of all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bless nurses, doctors, chaplains, counselors, and all medical staff as they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for comfort, especially those in hospitals and nursing homes whose families can't be with them. Today we pray especially for healing forLord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord God, you give us a spirit not of fear, but of power, and love, and self-discipline. As we look forward to the day when we can reopen our churches for in-person worship, help us to exercise the self-discipline of not placing others at unnecessary risk. Give us wisdom as we make decisions for the future. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God, your Spirit brings hope and joy, and reminds us of your promises for us and for the world. Fill us with hope and a sure confidence in your Gospel. Remind us that, as you said to Julian of Norwich, "all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well." Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, 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**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

The Rev. Jonathan Boynton

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May the Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious unto us.

May God give us grace to never sell ourselves short;

grace to risk something big for something good;

grace to realize that the world is much too small for anything but love and much too dangerous for anything but truth.

And now may God take our minds and think through them.

May God take our lips and speak through them.

And may God take our hearts and set them on fire.

In the name of (+) Jesus Christ, Amen!

SENDING HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata from Veni Creator Spiritus Op. 4

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