



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

"Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving."

Pentecost Sunday

Service of the Word and Spirit

May 28th, 2023

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*NOTE: **Bold text** indicates worshippers' response, and '*' means please stand as able.*

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

* # 687 GATHERING HYMN *Gracious Spirit, Head Our Pleading* verses 1-3



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.

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* GREETING The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP In Christ we have new life. **We live under the grace of God.**

Let us put aside earthly temptations, **And commit ourselves to a life of love and service to all.**

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
 slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
 This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. II Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
 strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
 This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. I Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and
 might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.
 This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. II For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

* P: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY P: Let us pray. Holy God, **Through Jesus Christ, we have been given endless grace and forgiveness. Make us see this not as an excuse to sin, but as all the more reason to live as you have called us. Amen.** ¹

In the middle of Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome, he brings to light how the sin of the world makes ALL of the world...humans and nature alike...suffer and long for deliverance. But Paul also offers us the great HOPE all created and creation share in, the power and promises of God. For our lives today, it is God the Spirit who helps us and intercedes for us. A reading from Romans chapter 8.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

While the Holy Spirit as been active within creation and the created, today's reading reminds us of how the Spirit showed up in a powerful way, actually spiriting the faithful out of their locked rooms and into the world with the Good News that did and continues to change the world. A reading from the Book of Acts, chapter 2

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. Here ends our readings.

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

*Or, He descended to the dead. ** universal

The OFFERING PLATE is located at the entrance of the church sanctuary.

* OFFERING PRAYER Gracious God, **everything we have we owe to your generosity, O God. Receive these gifts we offer and use them to benefit your children in need, whoever and wherever they may be in this world. In Jesus' name. Amen.** ¹

* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: God of Life, **All: hear our prayer.**) ¹

* 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord watch over you and keep you safe. May the Lord guide your every step. May you always know of God's unending love for you. In the name of the Father, **+** Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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* CLOSING LITANY/DISMISSAL (*please **respond with bold-faced text***)

Words have power to give life or to kill. **Holy Spirit, guide our every word to give life.**

God, you have gifted the world with so many different languages and cultures. **Yet we are easily suspicious of others who speak a different language or have cultural practices.**

You created ALL in the image of God. **Spirit, gift us with the vision to see ALL with God's eyes**

On that Pentecost morning the Holy Spirit revealed it is possible to speak in common language. **Now we too wish to be able to speak a message of God's love, peace, justice and hope - so all can understand the message.**

We seek to set aside what makes us different, **to learn how we are alike!**

Go filled with the Spirit, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God**

* BELLS/POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEK AT CHURCH AND BEYOND OUR DOORS

TODAY	10am	- Pentecost Sunday Worship
MONDAY	Office closed for Memorial Day	
	7pm	- AA Meeting
TUESDAY	4-6pm	- Food Pantry
FRIDAY:	?? to ??	- Thrift Sale
	10am-Noon	- Food Pantry
SATURDAY:	???to Noon	- Thrift Sale
SUNDAY:	10am	- Communion Sunday Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRING IN YOUR THRIFT SALE ITEMS (clean, working, and priced). Church doors open Tues.-Wed. for delivering items. **Spread the news about our THRIFT SALE!**

VBS...SPORTS CAMP Sun. 7/30/23 Family time to TIE DYE t-shirts; Mon.-Thurs. VBS activities ensue with lots of fun, music, sports, laughter, and of course...Bible stories! Hold your spot for the week by signing up at church, or contact Jaime Folczyk (715-821-0796) or Holly Sweeney (715-456-6960). Don't forget to put these dates (7/30 to 8/3) on your calendar too...and have the kids invite a friend or 2!!

SIGN UP TO HOST A SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP (do it with your family or friends) Duties include: Making/serving coffee, cut/serve summer sausage, cheese and crackers (found in the church refrigerator/cabinets), and bring one treat (fruit or sweets or popcorn...you choose). Then just clean up after the event. *This is only sustainable if people volunteer 😊*

SAVE THE DATE...Thursday, August 10th Ice Cream Social
...Sunday, October 1st Autumn Fest

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O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre - a - tor,
 2 E - ter - nal Vig - or, Sav - ing One, you free us
 3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en - com - pass

cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
 by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
 us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -

wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
 wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
 cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

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Blessed Assurance

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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