



**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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**Traditional Service
The Festival of Pentecost
May 15, 2016 – 10:45 a.m.
A Service for Junior Confirmation**

***St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.***

COME, HOLY SPIRIT! May the presence and power of the Holy Spirit touch your heart and fill you with His joy as you worship today. We are blessed that the Holy Spirit has drawn our confirmands to Jesus. It is our prayer that your spiritual life will be strengthened as you hear God's Word and their faith statements today.

† **Prayer Before Worship** †

Come, O Holy Spirit, come, and breathe on me Your mighty power that I may become more zealous and bold as a servant and witness for Jesus and Your Kingdom. Bless our Catechumens as they confirm their faith today. Grant Your blessing I hear Your Word of Truth and receive your Counsel for my daily life. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Prelude

Veni creator

Maurice Duruflé

Welcome

(Please Stand)

Processional Hymn #913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Call to Worship

P O God, on this day, You sent Your Holy Spirit to kindle faith and ignite the continuing proclamation of the Gospel for all people, spanning the breadth of time and space.

C: Pour out Your Spirit upon us, we pray.

P: By Your Holy Spirit increase our commitment to be faith filled followers of the risen Christ,

C: Pour out Your Spirit upon us, we pray.

P: Shape the Church's speech and song, that she may continually bear witness to the truth.

C: Pour out Your Spirit upon us, we pray.

P: Heavenly Father, through Baptism, You engraft us into the Body of Christ, beginning, nourishing, and sustaining our God-given faith.

C: Pour out Your Spirit upon us, we pray.

P: May the witness of our lips and our lives give You, Lord, all glory, laud, and praise. Bring us to everlasting life, where with all the saints, angels, martyrs, and apostles, we will join the heavenly host, magnifying Your holy name, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession & Absolution

P: We come into the very presence of God, taking spiritual inventory, and silently confessing our sins before God.

(Silence for personal reflection)

All: Most merciful God, we confess that without You, we are in the darkness of sin. Cleanse us from the filth of our sin. Refresh us from the dryness and lifelessness of our spirits. Thaw our frozen hearts, unable to love. Bend our inflexible and foolish pride and will to Your holy will. Guide us who are so apt to stray from Your commands. Fill us, Holy Spirit. Forgive us, Lord Jesus. Gift us, heavenly Father. Amen.

P: The promise is for you and your children, for all whom the Lord will call, and God's promise is that He forgives sin and remembers it no more, for the sake of Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God! Come, Holy Spirit!

Our Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with You.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

P: O Holy Spirit, You call Your people to faith and faithfulness. Enlighten our hearts that we have a right understanding in all things and may rejoice in the power and blessing of Your Word among us. May the promise of Pentecost be fulfilled in and through us in our times and places. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God, world without end.

C: Amen.

(Be Seated)

+ WORD +

First Lesson

Genesis 11:1-9

(The tower of Babel and division of languages)

¹Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a

tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”⁵ And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.”⁸ So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Acts 1:1-11

(After giving many convincing proofs, Jesus ascends into heaven, promising them the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Liturgical text; Acts 2:17b; Romans 10:10*

P: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia. I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. With the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

(Please Stand)

Holy Gospel

John 14:23-31

(Jesus promises the Holy Spirit as the Comforter.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²³Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. ²⁵"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Be Seated)

Hymn of the Word *Tune: LSB 579*

**The Law of God is good and wise
And sets His will before our eyes,
Shows us the way of righteousness,
And dooms to death when we transgress.**

**To those who help in Christ have found
And would in works of love abound
It shows what deeds are His delight
And should be done as good and right.**

**To Jesus we for refuge flee,
Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne,
Saved by His grace through faith alone.**

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Faith Statements – How God's Commandments Guide Us

Teddy Deranamine & Sarah Webb

Hymn of Prayer *Tune: LSB 770*

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

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Faith Statements - The Significance of Prayer

Abigail Liescheidt, Isabelle “Bell” Reynolds & Evan Peting

Hymn of Baptism *Tune: LSB 596*

**All Christians who have been baptized,
Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized
The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done,
The gifts He gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!**

**In Baptism we now put on Christ—
Our shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed
And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of His own blood
Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.**

Faith Statement - What Baptism Means to Me

Jordan Maxfield

Hymn on the Holy Spirit *Tune: LSB 693*

**O Holy Spirit, grant us grace
That we our Lord and Savior
In faith and fervent love embrace
And truly serve Him ever.
The hour of death cannot bring loss
When we are sheltered by the cross
That canceled our transgressions.**

**Help us that we Thy saving Word
In faithful hearts may treasure;
Let e'er that Bread of Life afford
New grace in richest measure.
O make us die to ev'ry sin,
Each day create new life within,
That fruits of faith may flourish.**

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Faith Statements - Confessing our Savior through Creed & Communion

Amber Scott and Annabella Schmidt

Confirmation Hymn #687 *Thine Forever, God of Love*

The Rite of Confirmation (page 272)

Our Confirmands & verses:

Victor Teddy Deranamie - 2 Corinthians 12:9
Abigail Marie Liescheidt - Psalm 27:1
Jordan James Maxfield - Psalm 37:4
Evan Michael Peting - Isaiah 43:10
Isabelle Marie Reynolds - Romans 1:16
Annabella Grace Schmidt - Ephesians 2:8,9
Amber Gabrielle Scott - Proverbs 3:5
Sarah Jean Webb - John 14:6

We Worship the Lord with Our Offerings

Anthem

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Spiritual arr. William L. Dawson

(Please Stand)

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(silence for prayer and meditation)

Holy Spirit, once You came upon the disciples of our Lord, shaping their speech, and encouraging their witness. So also, we implore Your presence in our own midst. Open our ears that we may hear the Word; open our mouths that we may declare it boldly; open our hands that we may be servants to all people. Hear us, O Holy Spirit.

C: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

P: Holy Spirit, in the midst of brokenness and fear, You convey comfort and security. Come to those who are now discouraged and disheartened by life's sin and sadness. Come and re-create families torn by anger. Come and rebuild relationships where the rift between generations is severe, leaving little room for love and genuine human care. Come upon the aged, the sick, and all those who eagerly await the New Jerusalem. Hear us, O Holy Spirit!

C: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

P: Ruler of all, thank You for appointing servants who punish the evil and reward the good as authorities in the civil realm. Grant wisdom and hearts of service to all who are in authority in our land and throughout the world.

C: Protect the poor, the hungry, the sick, the imprisoned, the unborn, and all who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus.

P: Gracious Healer, thank You for hearing our prayers on behalf of the sick, the injured, and those who suffer in any way, especially..... Grant them healing and peace according to Your good and gracious will, as well as patience during their seasons of suffering. Hear us, O Holy Spirit,

C: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

P: Come, Spirit, bless richly our newly confirmed. Through Word and Sacrament, Enable them to lift up Jesus in their lives. Empower all us to see the glory of His constant grace.

C: Come Holy Spirit and ignite spiritual renewal among us.

P: Come, Holy Spirit and lead us in the calling process these coming weeks that Your church may thrive in mission and ministry by reclaim the people from the bitterness and strife of this world. Bless our Call Committee.... Guide our Board of Directors and watch over our Pastoral Candidates ... O Holy Spirit, give us discerning hearts to know your perfect will for St. John's.

C: Come, Holy Spirit, come! Amen.

(Other Petitions Offered here.)

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

TODAY WE WILL CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER...

St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my sinful life? St. Paul also wrote, "He who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly". Do you believe that you receive the TRUE/REAL BODY AND BLOOD of Christ in, under and with the bread and wine for the full pardon of sins? This is judging it rightly. This is what scripture teaches. (Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.)

† Service of the Sacrament †

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus Hymn *TUNE: LSB 475*

**We stand before Your holy throne.
To You all glories do belong;
For You alone are to be praised.
All praise to God, All praise to God
The Three in One.**

**Gathered into Your joy and peace
You give to us Your gifts of grace:
Body and blood which won us life
All praise to God, All praise to God
The Three in One.**

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Lord's Prayer (*we will pause after each petition*)

Our Father who art in heaven, (*pause*)

hallowed be Thy name, (*pause*)

Thy kingdom come, (*pause*)

Thy will be done on earth

as it is in heaven; (*pause*)

give us this day our daily bread; (*pause*)

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those

who trespass against us; (*pause*)

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. (*pause*)

For Thine is the kingdom

and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Peace of the Lord

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Be Seated)

Distribution Hymns: #637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

#701 Draw Us to Thee

#503 O Day Full of Grace

#496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine

(Please Stand)

Post-Communion Canticle



☞ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray:

O Holy Spirit, we thank You for the promise to pour out Your joy and peace in the hearts of Your faithful people. We thank You that we have been nourished by the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus. Make us bold witnesses to our faith in words and actions so that all people may come to know Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of the Father. We give You praise for You live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Final Verse

P: "Be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Ephesians 5:18 b-20.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn #650 *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

Dismissal

P: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Toccata on Veni creator

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St. John's LUTHERAN

Church & School

Our Sunday Worship - Morning services are at
8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and
Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:45 a.m.

A Great Place to Grow in Christ

*As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8th grade.
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

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