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**May 31 , 2020**

**Giving Option – Thank you so much for your continued tithing through Simply giving and via mail. We rely on you to support all the ministries of our church. You can:**

- Enroll in Simply Giving- contact KJ Hermiller
- Give by mailed check
- Use the Vanco Give Plus online program to setup a one-time or recurring payments

**We are in our second week of roofing and boiler maintenance. Please continue your commitments to our Capital Campaign.**

**We will re-open our campus indoor worship on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**New worship schedule:** -Two Sunday worship services in the sanctuary, 9am and 11am; - Radio band will be set up in the parking lot, so if you desire to be here, but not in the building, you can tune in as you relax in your car; -Worship on YouTube through the link on our website; -Bulletins will continue to be sent via email and mail. No congregational singing - Please call Music Director to volunteer for special music. **Masks must be worn. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you.** Fellowship on front lawn – Social distancing applies.

**Sanitation:** -Janitor cleaning sanctuary in between services; -bathrooms cleaned after each use on Sunday; -A/C filters changed often. A/C may not be turned on for few weeks during service; -hand sanitizer in each pew and narthex: **-wear masks whenever you are in the building: - practice social distancing.**

**We are limiting visitation to the office by appointment only during office hours to maintain good social distancing practices and not having too many folks in the church at a time. When you come, wear masks and gloves to offer more protection for others and yourself.**

<b>Contributions Needed Per Week:</b>	\$6,307.25
<b>Contributions Received Last Week:</b>	\$2,712.97
<b>Contributions Pledged thru 4-30-2020:</b>	\$91,541.56
<b>Contributions Received thru 4-3-2020:</b>	\$86,556.35

**Pentecost Sunday**  
**May 31, 2020**  
**Memorial Lutheran Church**

**Gather**

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

Vocal Solo

Mark Pym

P. I will sing to the Lord all my life;

**C. I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

P. May my meditation be pleasing to him,

**C. As I rejoice in the Lord.**

**Opening Song “Love Divine All Loves Excelling” (ELW #631)**

**1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!**

**Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.**

**Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;**

**visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;**

**let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.**

**Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;**

**end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;**

**suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.**

**Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,**

**pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Greeting**

P. May the Spirit of the Father and Son come upon you, inflame your hearts, and remain always with you. **C. And also with you.**

**Litany of Praise**

A. Today, let us celebrate the Spirit of the past and present. We recall the coming of the Spirit on the apostles which enabled them to begin preaching the Gospel to the world. We rejoice that the same Spirit is here with us. Let us pray that our hearts may be freed from sin and open to the power of the Spirit.

R. Almost 2,000 years ago, on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, the apostles left the Upper Room where they had been hiding for fear of the Jews and went out fearlessly to preach the Gospel to the world. They could not have done this without the Holy Spirit, the “power from on high”. That day a new community, the Christian church, was born. As we the new People of God, celebrate the birthday of our Church, we realize that we too are in need of a fresh outpouring of the Spirit of God. And so, we pray:

A. Lord Jesus, your Spirit enlightens our minds and opens our hearts:

**C. Lord, have mercy.**

A. Your spirit renews our strength and kindles within us the fire of your love:

**C. Christ, have mercy.**

A. Your Spirit forgives and heals and makes us one:

**C. Lord, have mercy.**

### **Opening Prayer**

A. In every generation, O God of Easter glory, you send forth your Spirit to breathe upon the world and make it come alive! Fulfill the promise of these Fifty Days with the abundant harvest of your Spirit's gifts. May we, the community of believers in Christ, adorned with various ministries and gifts, be continually formed into one body by the one Spirit which has been poured out on all of us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who sends us the Spirit of truth from you, and who lives and reigns with you, God for ever and ever. **C. Amen.**

### **Song of Praise "Spirit of the Living God" TFBF #101**

**1. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.**

**2. Spirit of the Living God move among us all. Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love. Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.**

### **Word**

#### Readings

#### **Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)**

**2** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues<sup>[a]</sup> as the Spirit enabled them.

**5** Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,<sup>[b]</sup> **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

**13** Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

**14** Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen

carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved.<sup>[c]</sup>

## **1 Corinthians 12:4-13 (NIV)**

<sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

<sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,<sup>[a]</sup> and to still another the interpretation of tongues.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

<sup>12</sup> Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by<sup>[c]</sup> one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Message**

There is an entertainer named Bill Fuqua; he is called the motionless man. For hours this man can stand still on stage; audiences are asked to try to make him laugh. For hours, men, women and children tell their funniest jokes, make the most ridiculous faces, perform all kinds of physical antics in front of this man to get him to react. Everyone fails. He remains motionless. He does nothing. That's the point. It's weird.

We were not made to be motionless. God created us to live, and move, and engage. God created us to laugh, cry, and speak. God created us to show emotions and be with one another.

We were not made to "stay at home". For two months most of us have been pent up in our homes, crippled by the threat of an un-seeable force. We have remained isolated in fear, for

safety, in irritation, in an artificial state of being. We have gone out only as necessary or essential. We have seemed powerless, although in reality this effort to follow orders has required great strength and love.

We were not made to social distance. We were created social beings. We were made to live and move among one another. Being motionless and emotionless is not natural. Our creativity has not died, nor have our love for one another, but we feel strained, stressed, and out of sorts.

Today is a day that reminds us that there is help, hope, and power. Today we are reminded that there is this fire of passion that seeks to ignite us. Today is Pentecost.

Pentecost is a major church holiday. Just like Christmas, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost is an important day. Although, the world fails to recognize it. Maybe it can't be marked with gifts, trees, bunnies and eggs. But for Christians it is very important. It falls 50 days after Easter, but it was a Jewish festival before it became the founding of the Christian Church.

This Pentecost that we celebrate is marked by a supernatural experience, one of sight and sound—the sound of a mighty wind & the supernatural explosion with tongues of Fire.

Fire has always played an important part in the Bible. Remember in Exodus 3, Moses' calling through the Burning Bush? God Himself spoke to Moses through a fire that was on fire, but not consumed. Moses was asked to remove his shoes; he was now on Holy Ground. God had entered the ordinary and anointed it for His purpose and this always changes what things are originally. When His power enters, when His incredible holiness enters, everything changes. This fire that doesn't quench or consume appears and this passion comes—it guides, it empowers, it loves.

In Exodus 13, the Pillar of Fire by Night follows the Hebrew people in the desert to protect as the pillar of cloud guides them. As Israel came out of Egypt God led them to the wilderness. There was only one thing that Israel had to do and that was follow God's instructions. When the cloud moved-- they moved, when the cloud stayed-- they stayed. The timing was not always regulated, but obedience was the key. This reminds us that God will lead us by the fire of His Holy Spirit. Yet we must listen to what He is speaking and follow Him.

Remember the three Hebrew Children Thrown into the Fire in Daniel 3? The Bible tells us that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up a golden image. At the sound of the music everyone was to bow down. Yet if you were there and heard the trumpet you would see 3 Hebrew boys standing. This so infuriated the king that he ordered them to be thrown into the fire. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. (17) If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. (18) But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

They are thrown into the fire and King Nebuchadnezzar looks in and was astonished, he sees four men loose, walking amid the fire, unhurt, and the fourth is like the son of God. The Fire of the Holy Spirit reminds us that we are never alone. No matter what we are going through we can lean on the comfort and power of the Holy Spirit. God will take the fire and turn it into something miraculous. Isaiah 43:2 tells us, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you."

You see, God Answers by Fire. Remember Elijah on Mount Carmel? 1 Kings 18 shows us another instance where we see fire and God's working. Here Elijah is faced with a battle against 450 prophets Baal. They built an altar. The prophets of Baal went first and danced around the altar. They shouted, sang, and cut themselves to no avail. When it was Elijah's turn, he doused the altar with water. This included filling up the ditches. It was going

beyond what was necessary. Elijah prayed a 63- word prayer and God sent fire from heaven and burnt the sacrifice. The ditches dried up! Just wait, God will answer by fire. We don't have to be afraid. Or try to answer for ourselves. Kings 18:24 says, "Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord; and the God who answers by fire, He is God." So, all the people answered and said, "It is well spoken."

In the Epistles, we read about Paul on the Island of Malta fire caused the devil to flee. You want to know the best way to cleanse your life? Build a fire. Invite the Holy Spirit. When you build a fire, the enemy must flee.

Today I proclaim to you that it is time to Stir up the Gift of the Holy Spirit and let the fire burn in our lives. Remember, 2 Timothy 1:6-11, "Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. (7) For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. (8) Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, (9) who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, (10) but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, (11) to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. [2]"

You may still be isolating, you may still be abiding by the stay at home order as we continue to fight this virus, but God is with you. The fire of the Spirit can continue to inflame you to be the church, to live the life. We were not meant to be motionless or emotionless. The Spirit of the Lord, the Holy Spirit enflames us, wherever we are, in the most impossible situations, to overcome fear, to overcome loneliness, to overcome oppression. The Holy Spirit empowers us beyond possibilities, or imagination to move us to do amazing things. Call on Him; let Him fill you; let Him empower you to use your gifts, to find and give meaning to your life and the life of others.

## Response

### **Song "Soul On Fire" Fake Book**

Chorus: God, I'm running for Your heart I'm running for Your heart

Till I am a soul on fire

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways I'm waiting for the day When I am a soul on fire

Till I am a soul on fire

Repeat Chorus: God, I'm running for Your heart I'm running for Your heart

Till I am a soul on fire

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways I'm waiting for the day When I am a soul on fire

Till I am a soul on fire

1. Lord, restore the joy I had I have wandered, bring me back

In this darkness, lead me through Until all I see is You

Chorus: God, I'm running for Your heart I'm running for Your heart

Till I am a soul on fire

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways I'm waiting for the day When I am a soul on fire

Till I am a soul on fire

2. Lord, let me burn for You again Let me return to You again  
And Lord, let me burn for You again And let me return to You again

God, I'm running for Your heart I'm running for Your heart Till I am a soul on fire  
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways I'm waiting for the day When I am a soul on fire

God, I'm running for Your heart I'm running for Your heart Till I am a soul on fire  
Till I am a soul on fire Till I am a soul on fire

## The Peace

P. On Pentecost God sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples, and with hearts on fire, they went forth to preach the Gospel to the whole world. Send your Spirit of Love on our world, to gather people of every race, language, and way of life, into the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever. Jesus greeted his disciples with the words: "Peace be with you".

### **C. And also with you. Prayers of the People**

A. The Spirit of God is poured into our hearts and empowers us to cry out in prayer. Let us bring our prayer to the Father, confident that we will be heard. **C. Father, send us your Holy Spirit.**

A. Father, send your Spirit upon the Church and endow her with a variety of gifts, challenging us to fidelity to its old truths and creativity in new ministries. We pray:

### **C. Father, send us your Holy Spirit.**

A. Father, send your Spirit upon those who hold authority in our country and our church, whether in local or national government or law-courts, or in our synod, so that all their decisions may be right and just. We pray that they are supported in their own lives by you and upheld by the Spirit when they too need comfort, love, grace and peace. We Pray:

### **C. Father, send us your Holy Spirit.**

A. Father, send your Spirit upon all who are imprisoned by doubt, fear, depression, or habits of sin, that they may experience the joy and freedom promised through the outpouring of the Spirit. Protect and watch over us as we begin to lift our "stay at home order". Heal this world of Covid19, bless the medical personnel, leaders, essential workers. We pray:

### **C. Father, send us your Holy Spirit.**

A. Father, send your Spirit upon all who live and work around the world, so that through us more people will come to know you and your Son, Jesus, whom you have sent. Send your Spirit into our hearts, so that we can be empowered to call you, "Abba" and live as your children. Cradle and heal those who are physically sick and those sick at heart, especially..., and give comfort to the mourning, and walk beside our military, especially... We pray:

### **C. Father, send us your Holy Spirit.**

A. God of power and might, as you sent the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles at Pentecost, renew in us the same Spirit, that we may be filled with hope and rejoice in our faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **C. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

A. Because of the Spirit crying out from within us we are empowered to call God, Abba-Father. So let us now pray with confidence:

**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.**

### **Sent**

### **Blessing**

P. This day the Father of light has enlightened the minds of the disciples by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. May God bless you and give you the gifts of the Spirit. May the fire which hovered over the disciples as tongues of flame burn in your hearts and make them glow with power and pure light. May God who inspired speech in different tongues come forth to proclaim one faith as you witness in unity within all diversity. May almighty God bless you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **C. Amen.**

### **Song "Shine Jesus Shine" ELW #671**

**1. Lord the Light or Your Love is shining, In the midst of the darkness shining,  
Jesus light of the world shine upon us, Set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
Shine on me. Shine on me.**

**Chorus: Shine Jesus shine Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit blaze, Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river flow Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word Lord and let there be light.**

**2. Lord I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance,  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness, Search me, try me, consume all my  
darkness, Shine on me. Shine on me. Chorus**

**3. As we gaze on Your kindly brightness. So our faces display Your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirrored here may our lives tell Your  
story. Shine on me. Shine on me. Chorus**

### **Dismissal**

A. Go in peace and may the Spirit of Christ be your guide in wherever you go and in whatever you do.

**C. Thanks be to God.**