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> DAY OF PENTECOST MAY 19, 2024

May 19, 2024 Day of Pentecost

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

***A PRAYER FOR PENTECOST**

God, your Spirit comes with unstoppable force to set our lives on fire.

Come, Holy Spirit, descend on us with power and truth!

When all, near and far, poor and rich, are welcomed to the table – only then is the kingdom in session.

Come Holy Spirit, that we may delight in the feast of God's welcome table!

God, at your feast there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female.

Come, Holy Spirit, give us courage, patience, and love to cross every border!

On Pentecost, the Spirit moved the people of God from fear to bold witness in the street and marketplace.

Come, Holy Spirit, take away every fear and set our hearts on fire!

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Amen.



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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. And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*GATHERING SONG Come Down, O Love Divine (ELW 804)

CHOIR ANTHEM Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts.

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

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."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-30

(read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

²⁴How manifold are your [|] works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full [|] of your creatures.
²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man-[|] y to number, living things both [|] small and great.
²⁶There go the ships [|] to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the [|] sport of it.
²⁷All of them [|] look to you to give them their food [|] in due season.
²⁸You give it to them; they [|] gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled [|] with good things.
²⁹When you hide your face, [|] they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return [|] to their dust.
³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they [|] are created;

and so you renew the face | of the earth.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

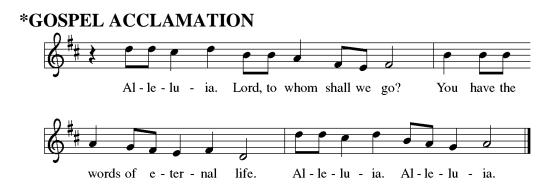
A reading from Romans.

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Going Boldly!

PRESENTATION

The one making affirmation of baptism, please stand.

Pastor:

I present Sarah Aldrich, who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for *Sarah*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *her* to yourself, enlightened *her* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *her* in the community of faith. Uphold *Sarah* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the one making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? *Response:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? *Response:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *Response:* I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY

The presiding minister addresses the one making public affirmation of baptism:

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Sarah and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ? We do and ask God to help and guide us.

The one making affirmation may kneel. The assembly may be seated. The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

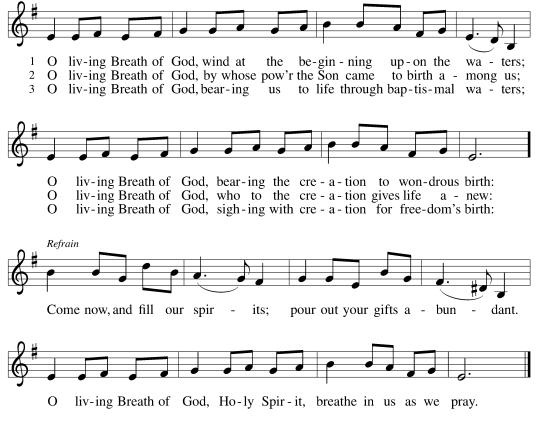
Stir up in Sarah the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

The one making public affirmation stands and faces the assembly.

Let us rejoice with this sister in Christ. We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

*Please stand as you are able for the final verse

HYMN OF THE DAY O Living Breath of God: Soplo de Dios viviente (ELW 407)



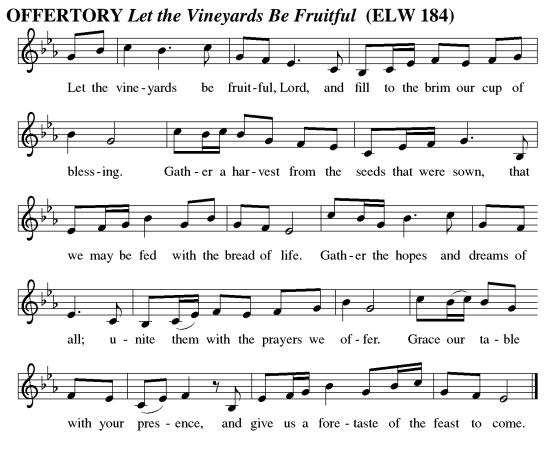
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***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (*Please respond.*) *P: God of grace. C: hear our prayer.*

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.



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***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

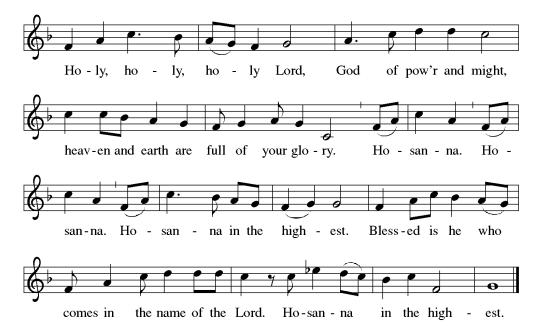
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)



***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

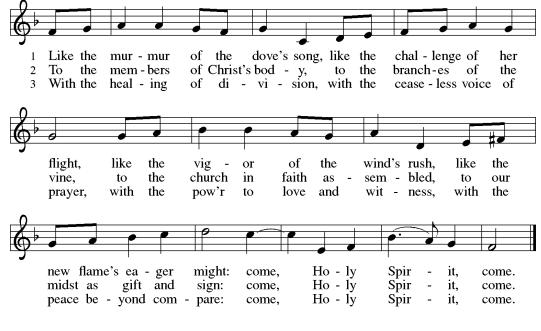
The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

COMMUNION

Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher. After you receive the bread, you may take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Gluten free wafers are available, ask the Pastor when you come forward. Notify the Head Usher if you would appreciate receiving Communion at your seat rather than walking up to the altar, the Pastor and Communion Assistant will be happy to bring Communion to you.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146) of the world; Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin have of the on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin mer-cy world; have mer - cy Lamb of God, you take a - way on us. the of the world; sin grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (ELW 403)



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***COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. **Amen.** *SENDING SONG God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind (ELW 400) God pest, God of whirl - wind, Pen - te of tem as on 1 2 God of blaz ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from God of sion, God sleep - ing, pas un stir in us love's cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel tered com - fort; pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv ing Bod - y, leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of а sun - der, sin rest - less - ness! Where the peo ple in an - guish, cry past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser-vice, Spir - it surge! Where de-ceit con-ceals in - jus - tice, your flam - ing let us free! Crum-ble walls that still for earth's heal - ing set di-vide us; may we share your heart's dis-tress. Rouse us from con-tent with e - vil; there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to the cross! bear kin - dle to speak your truth, kin - dle us speak your truth! us to one in Christ our Lord, make us make us one in Christ our Lord! claim us for your king-dom's work, claim us for your king-dom's work!

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*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE/SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

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Attendance last Sunday	

Glimpses of Vibrancy

This week we give thanks for the many gifts Solomons Lutheran continues to share into the surrounding community. Today we lift up the gift of *Visitation to Homebound*. May this gift continue to be a significant **Glimpse of the Vibrancy** of the love of Jesus Christ!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are placed to the Glory of God in loving memory of Joyce Wildeson given by Don Wildeson and family.

Welcome Visitors! We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

Today we confirm Sarah Aldrich, daughter of Barbara and Chris Aldrich and sister of Rebekah and Carrie Ann. We welcome Sarah into full voting membership of Solomons Lutheran Church! *Congratulation Sarah!* There will be a luncheon following the church service this morning in honor of Sarah.

Prayer requests for the following: Bobby Seilhamer, Matt Haas, Chuck Bedsworth, Lois Allwein, Andrea Marigroo, Millie Kulkusky, Becky Pecha, Linda Mumaugh, Ina Shreiner, Steve Eck, Bernie Harris, Katy Klutz, Lilly Chiado, Bonnie Hudson, Jane and Bill Brindle, Darrell Veilleux, Malvern Zimmerman, Bob Estep, Missy Moreui, Becky Ensinger, Sam Mull, and all the Homebound. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.

Please Be Aware: We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.

Weekly Calendar Reminders:

May 21 - Social Ministry 7pm Property 7pm 22 - Qigong/Tai Chi 7pm 23 - Choir Practice 7pm

If you are in need of pastoral care, please notify Pastor Mike Allwein at 717-357-3814.

Sunday Morning Bible Study - Pastor Mike 's Bible study is held every Sunday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We conclude at 9:50 a.m., to prepare for worship. We look at one of the Scripture texts for the following Sunday. If you cannot join us every week, please join us when you are able! The Bible is our Book of Faith!

We will be honoring the following 2024 high school graduates on Sunday, May 26: Charlie Taylor, Jaren Nitterhouse, and Riley Garner.

SUPER FUN fundraiser sponsored by Solomon's U.C.C - The event will raise money for the power pack program that we support. It's a Harrisburg Senator's game at FNB Field in Harrisburg. The game is on Friday, June 21 at 7pm. Tickets are \$15 each (\$4 from every ticket sold will go toward our power pack program). Sign-up sheet is on the board in the Sunday School room. It's also a great opportunity to meet some neighbors and talk about our church. Any questions see Linda Berberich.

The outdoor service will be held in the woods on June 2 followed by a picnic. The following is a suggestion for who can bring what food. Last names beginning with A-G... Desserts H-R... Main Dish S-Y... Salad or Vegetable In the case of rain, the service will be held in the fellowship center. The Flower sign-up and all sign-up charts for Acolyte, Lector etc. are on the table in the Sunday school room. Please sign-up for as many as you can.

The Village at Luther Ridge Annual Community Yard Sale - Sat. June 1st - 8am to 2pm (near Chambersburg Mall). Food Available All Day. \$5 per space. Call 717-267-1665, 8-4pm, to reserve a space.

Power Pack Meals: Thank you to those who donated for this school year. We will start taking donations again in September for the 2024-2025 school year.

VBS – SCUBA diving into friendship with God: June 17-21, 2024; 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Ages: $3yrs - 6^{th}$ Grade. Celebration Sunday: June 23 at 10:15 am. Registration & Photo Agreement Forms are attached to the May Newsletter email, or available on Solomon's website.

Solomon's UCC initiated a Community Garden. Plots are available on a first come first serve basis. If interested there are forms located in the Sunday School Room to obtain a plot.

If you are not taking your altar flowers home, please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

Copies of today's sermon can be found in the office room at the rear of the worship space. Pick one up before service if this will be helpful in hearing the sermon; or, pick one up to take home if you wish to use it reflect on throughout this upcoming week.

Bulletin Announcement Forms are in both pamphlet racks. Please submit all bulletin announcements to the office by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday for inclusion in the bulletin.