



The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. Ezekiel 17:1

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 19, 2024

11:00A

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER

AS WE GATHER

Pentecost proves for God's people that Jesus remains at work in our midst. As we read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2, we see that the ascension departure of Jesus some ten days beforehand is not the end of His work in this world. Far from it! Jesus continues His saving work through the Spirit, whom He poured out upon the lives of His earliest followers. This same Spirit of Jesus enables us to carry His message into all the world. We are the messengers who spread the Good News of Him who was crucified for us, who rose again, who reigns on high, and who will one day return to this world in His full, heavenly glory. We listen to His message today as the Spirit brings it into our midst and are assured that as we are brought to faith in Christ, we receive the fullness of who we've been called to be.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

913

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

John 7:37–39

P On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

C **Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”**

P Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive.

C **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “There Is a Redeemer”

1 There is a Redeemer—Jesus, God’s own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain: Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.

2 Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.

3 When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
There I’ll serve my King forever In that holy place.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Restore us, O Lord, God of our salvation, that we who were held captive in sin and marked for death may show forth the fullness of Christ's light and life, and, led by the Spirit, be brought to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1–14

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1–21

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

ALLELUIA & VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th and 16th chapters.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Day Full of Grace”

503

Choir sings stanzas 2 and 4.

SERMON

“How Dry I Am”

Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Almighty God, heavenly Father, who of Your goodness brought life to all that is and in Your mercy redeemed Your lost creation through the power of Your Son’s obedient suffering and life-

giving death, work in us by Your Spirit that we may be restored to You and guided to the fulfillment of Your saving purpose in the world. Bring to our remembrance Your Word that we may confess the Good News of our salvation to all the world. Grant us Your grace and favor that we may approach Your altar with repentance and faith, that no sin may prove harmful to us and we may be fed and nourished to everlasting life in this blessed Communion.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Cor. 11:26; Rev. 22:20

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Remembering all that our Savior accomplished for us by His incarnation and righteous life, His passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and looking for His coming again in glory to bring to completion all things, we pray You, O Lord, to bring to completion all that You began in us and at the last, to deliver us into Your presence forevermore; through Jesus Christ, whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You are one God, one Lord, now and forevermore.

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” 650

“Come Down, O Love Divine” 501

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Sent Forth by God’s Blessings” 643

POSTLUDE

