

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Pastor: The Lord be with you,
People: And also with you.
Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of St. John
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

***THE GOSPEL IS READ**

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

***THE GOSPEL RESPONSE**

Pastor: The Gospel of the living Christ.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 70

PROCLAIMING

SERMON

“Drunk with the Spirit”

Rev. Russel W. Shuluga

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD’S OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

F.W. Zachau

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Thank you, God, for the gift of your Holy Spirit that enables us to catch a vision of what the world would be like if people everywhere turned to you. By that same Holy Spirit, empower us to follow these gives with our prayers and our service so that we may all be one in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

God, out of God’s great love, has created you. Jesus Christ, out of his great love, has redeemed you. The Holy Spirit, out of great love, has lifted and inspired you to go in peace and service throughout God’s world, proclaiming the good news of peace, love, hope and joy to all.

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Danish Amen”

No. 898

***RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

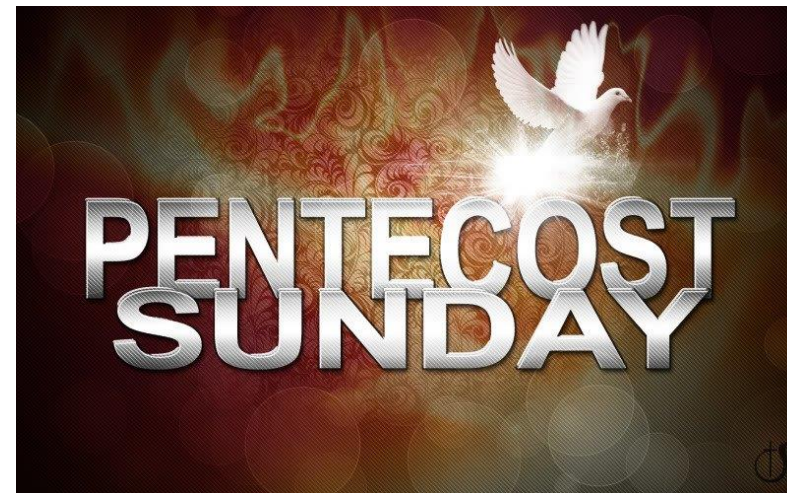
No. 569, vs. 1 & 4

***POSTLUDE**

“Praise Ye the Lord!”

R. Moorpark

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD!



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Welcome Visitors: We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have questions concerning the service, please feel free to ask a greeter or a person sitting near you. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us.

May God bless your experience in worship with us today.
We are here to serve, so please let us know how we might better serve you.

**MAY 23, 2021
PENTECOST SUNDAY
Order of Worship**

CENTERING

PRELUDE

“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

A. Armsdorf

(As the prelude begins, you are invited to center yourself for worship)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS:

Pastor: With tongues of flame, the Holy Spirit descends to burn in our hearts anew.
People: Unite us, Holy Spirit!
Pastor: Like the rush of wind, we sense God's presence blowing afresh throughout the world.
People: Unite us, Holy Spirit!
Pastor: Across the barriers of language and culture, Christ's message of love and grace is heard.
People: Unite us, Holy Spirit!
Pastor: Divine Advocate, we seek your guidance as we search for the Spirit of Truth.
People: Unite us, Holy Spirit! Amen.

HYMN "Bind Us Together" TFWS No. 2226

***Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.
There is only one God, there is only one King; there is only one body, that is why we sing.***

PRAISING

*OPENING HYMN & BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT "Holy Spirit, Lord of Love"
(Sung to the tune of "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today")

1. Holy Spirit, Lord of love, alleluia
Wisdom coming from above, alleluia
Gift of blessing to bestow, alleluia
On your waiting Church below, alleluia
2. You have been our constant guide, alleluia
Ever watching by our side, alleluia
May we now till life shall end, alleluia
Choose and know you as our friend, alleluia!
3. Give us love, forever new, alleluia
Come, then, Holy Spirit, come alleluia
Make each heart your happy home, alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit of God! Bring your mighty power into our lives.
People: Rush through our spirits, inspiring us to witness to the great love of God.

HYMN "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 420, v. 1

***Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.***

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit of God! Burn bright flames in our hearts.
People: Emblazon us with the confident spirit of faith that our lives will show your love.

HYMN "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 420, v. 2

***Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.***

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit of God! Be with us today in our thoughts and our prayers.
People: Come, Holy Spirit of God! Be with us in our words and our deeds.

HYMN "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 420, v. 3

***Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.***

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, our creator and Sustainer, on the day of Pentecost, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your church, and promised that it would abide with us forever. Let that same Spirit rule our hearts in all things, and empower us to do your will so that we may declare to all who will listen that whoever calls out to the Lord for help will be saved. Amen.

INTROIT "Spirit of the Living God" No.393

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Diana Spencer

CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

We do not stop long enough to listen to the still-speaking God. And like the people of Jerusalem long ago, we often misunderstand the Spirit's movement among us. In this moment, let us draw near to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess to you, Renewing Spirit, that we confuse unity with uniformity and diversity with divisiveness. We speak and behave as if being a part of your family means assimilating others to our way of living. We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person. We long to change these patterns, O Creator, but we do not know how. Teach us to value challenge. Help us to see strength in difference. And empower us to building your kingdom in creativity and love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news! God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh, and we have been made one. We are no longer scattered or divided, but gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth. Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF ASSURANCE "Because He Lives" No. 364, v. 1

HEARING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears, our minds, and our hearts.
People: that we might behold wondrous things out of your word.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Thy Word" No. 601 (Refrain only)
"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"

FIRST LESSON Acts 2:1-21

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

LESSON RESPONSE "Spirit Song" No. 347

SECOND LESSON Romans 8:22-27

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia" No. 186

"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia"