



Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Pentecost Sunday
Graduation Recognition
May 23, 2021 – 9:00am



OUR MISSION: We are God forgiven and mission driven.

OUR VISION: To be that Lake Mills place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a -forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

Saturday--5:30pm Worship Service
Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Reader: Hannah Sterrenberg
Special Music: Brady Kurtz
Liturgical Choir: open
Sound: Shannon Bruhns
Acolytes: Shannon Bruhns
Ushers: Shannon Bruhns
Communion Servers:
Altar Guild for May:
Sharon Johnson & Doris Tweed

Sunday--9:00am Worship Service
Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Reader: Hannah Sterrenberg
Special Music: Brady Kurtz
Liturgical Choir: Bruce Adams, Willie Skellenger, Nancy Guttormson
Sound: Chike Ikefuama
Live Stream: Brad Evenson
Video: Chike Ikefuama
Acolytes: Lyle Thomson
Ushers: Lyle and Orloue Thomson
Communion Servers:
Altar Guild for May: Sharon Johnson & Doris Tweed

The radio broadcast is given in loving memory of Russell Myli's 88th birthday from Sue, Brian, Amy, Troy and Aleah. Russell was born on May 26, 1933.

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INTRODUCTION

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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

All may remain seated as pastor lights a candle from the pascal candle. Ushers will help the light be distributed through the assembly. The candles will remain lit through the gathering song and words of praise.

The flame of the Spirit burns in our lives, warming all in its path.

Holy Spirit, come!

Hear the Spirit calling out of God's holy wind, rising up toward the sky.

Holy Spirit, come!

The intoxicating breath of hope fills us with love.

Holy Spirit, come!

God calls us to listen, feel, and follow!

Holy Spirit, come!

GATHERING SONG

Consuming Fire (Tim Hughes)

Vol. 1

PENTECOST WORDS OF PRAISE

The Liturgical Choir leads the words of praise

The Holy Spirit is the fire that doesn't consume or destroy, but energizes, warms, and excites!

The Holy Spirit is the wind that lifts us up to heights beyond joy!

The Holy Spirit is the birth that brings us into life with Christ, as a mother births a child!

The Holy Spirit calls us to testify to the truth!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.



WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts.

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.

SCRIPTURE SONG

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

ELW #398



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
 kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.
 by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
 speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
 be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:22-27

A reading from Romans.

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.

We stand for the hearing of the gospel.

Christ has risen!
He has risen indeed! Amen!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* (Refrain) ELW #382

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!



GOSPEL

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

The Holy Gospel according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

[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 our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind* ELW #400*We stand for the hymn of the day.*

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
 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
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, 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 sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still 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 bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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.**

Amen.

PRAYERS*We will be seated for the prayers.*

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers
 before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you give the Holy Spirit to your church, filling it with many and
 varied gifts. In the church throughout the world, strengthen us in our visioning
 and dreaming, that it may discover anew the Spirit's creative work. Hear us, O
 God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, your mighty works are too numerous to count. The earth is full of
 your creatures, living things both great and small. Open your hand and give them
 the necessities of this life. Send your fresh Spirit over the face of the earth. Hear
 us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, at the sound of the rushing wind, people speaking different languages proclaimed and heard together your deeds of power. Fill the leaders of nations with your Holy Spirit, so that they exercise your gracious will in the lives of people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of faithfulness, you tend to the needs of your people, even the sighs of our hearts. Hear those who cry out to you in distress. Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of hope, those who have died in you raise their eternal song of praise. We give you thanks for the many gifts of your people and rejoice in the witness of your saints our sister Janet whom we now have commended to your eternal care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

The offering is being collected at the beginning of the service as you walk in. The usher will bring the offering forward for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need at the time of the offering song and prayer.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Brady Kurtz

OFFERING SONG

Offering (Baloche)

Vol. 4

OFFERING PRAYER

God of love,
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE 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.

Holy God, Breath of life and Fire of love:

with a mighty wind you brought creation into being,
and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom.

We praise you for the gift of your Son,

who poured out your Spirit on his disciples of every race and nation.

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.

Remembering, therefore,

his death, resurrection,

and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit,

we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth.

Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal:

anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love,

that, with thankful hearts,

we may be witnesses to your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church,

both now and forever.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 invites us to this table.

Come, eat and be satisfied.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONGS *Draw Me Close to You* (Carpenter) Vol. 3

I Love Your Presence (Vineyard) Vol. 5

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.

Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

The following members of Salem Lutheran Church will be graduating from High School this afternoon:

We want to take a moment to acknowledge our Graduating Seniors and their accomplishments, send them off with a gift, surround them with our love and prayers, and remind them of God's continuing love for them wherever they go.

The Graduates are invited to stand as their names are read

Kaitlyn Anderson, Morgan Brainerd, Tyler Christian, Carson Eaton, Samuel Hagenon, Emma Hoffman, Christopher Jamtgaard, Kayler Jensen, Michelle Jones, Riley Kirschbaum, Lincoln Lauen, Dashawn Linnen, Jack Ramaker, Dylan Sanden, Olivia Schoonover, Payton Severson, Caleb Swanson, Dalton Thorson

Before you were even formed, God knew you. While in your Mother's womb, God named you. At your birth, God's breath filled you with life. Today we celebrate what you have become at this moment in time.

Let us pray, We thank you for the gifts of these graduates; their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity, their tenacity in troubled times, their leadership, in the classroom, on the field, in musical, theatrical, and visual arts. They have blessed, entertained, encouraged, and inspired us.

As they step forward into the world that awaits, comfort their fears with the full knowledge of your divine presence. Guide their feet as they move through life, protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness while they help to lead future generations into the warmth and promise of your light. We ask this blessing upon each of them.

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.



During the sending song graduates are invited to come forward to receive a gift from the Youth and Education Board.

SENDING SONG

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW #543



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Be the change
that you
want to see
in the
world

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Call to worship and words of praise <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2792/worship-elements-may-23-2021>

Blessings of graduates prayer adapted from <https://re-orship.blogspot.com/2014/04/blessing-of-graduates.html>



Graduation 

Congratulations!

SUCCESS  *cap & gown* ★
 ★ *dream* CELEBRATE!
DIPLOMA

★ *dream big* **GRAD**

HOORAY! **WHAT NOW?**

the journey begins
achievement ★

 **BELIEVE**
 ★ *Congratulations!* **HONORS**

THE GRADUATE **ACCOMPLISHMENT**

hats off!  ★
 ★ **DIPLOMA** ★ *achieve* **DISCOVER**

Celebrate! ★
 ★ *follow your dreams* ★ *the future belongs to you* **COMMENCEMENT**

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



CLASS OF 2021