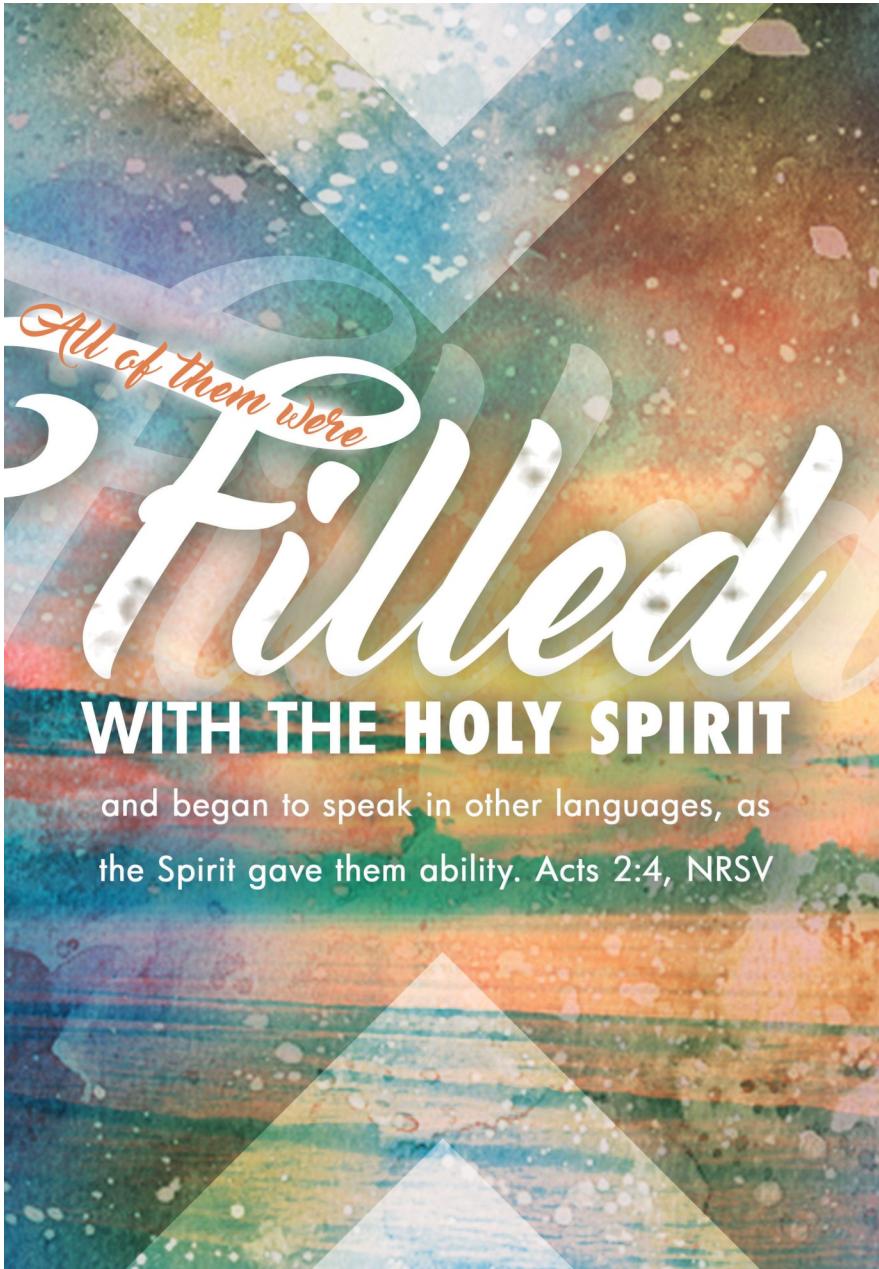


Elim Lutheran Church
Sunday, May 23, 2021
Day of Pentecost
Recorded Worship



WELCOME

HOLY BAPTISM

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Do you present Madison Clara Bishop, Lucy Isabel Bishop, and Grace Elizabeth Bishop, to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism?

Parents/Sponsors: We do.

Pastor: As you present Maddie, Lucy, and Grace for baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace among all people.

Pastor: Erin and Ben as parents, do you promise to help Maddie, Lucy, and Grace grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Nathan and Jenna Strong, as Maddie, Lucy, and Grace's sponsors, do you promise to nurture Maddie, Lucy, and Grace in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Maddie, Lucy, and Grace and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

All: We do.

Pastor: Together, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I do.

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: **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.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: **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.

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raised us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Pastor: Maddie, Lucy, and Grace, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Sustain Maddie, Lucy, and Grace with 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.

All: **Amen.**

Pastor: Maddie, Lucy, and Grace, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: **Amen.**

A lighted candle is presented to the families:

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: Through baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.

All: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: O SPIRIT OF LIFE

1 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
3 Ō Spir - it of life, Ō Spir - it of God,

in ev - ry to need you bring us aid,
make us make love your sa - cred word;

pro - ceed - ing forth from heav en's throne,
the ho - ly flame of love im - part,

from God, the Fa - ther and the Son;
that char - i - ty may warm each heart;

O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God.

Text: Johann Niedling, 1602–1668; tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, alt.
Music: O HELIGER GEIST, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln*, 1623

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Mighty God,

All: **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.**

READING: ACTS 2:1-21

Leader: A reading from the book of 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:

¹⁷In 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.’”

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

- Leader: ²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- All: **²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**
- Leader: ²⁶There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.
- All: **²⁷All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**
- Leader: ²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- All: **²⁹When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**
- Leader: ³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- All: **³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**
- Leader: ³²You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.
- All: **³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**
- Leader: ³⁴May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- All: **^{35b}Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:22-27

Leader: A reading from the book of Acts.

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.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Pastor: The holy gospel according to John.

All: **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."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Skit by Elim's Confirmands - "Pentecost: A Modern Re-Telling"

SERMON:

Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson - "The Church is Risen! Alleluia!"

HYMN OF THE DAY: SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Verse 1

O Spirit of the living God, Thou light and fire divine
Descend upon Thy Church once more and make it truly Thine
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease

Verse 2

Blow wind of God, with wisdom blow until our minds are free
From mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to Thee
Burn winged fire, inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal
To preach to all Thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal

Verse 3

So shall we know the power of Christ, who came this world to save
So shall we rise with Him to life which soars beyond the grave
And earth shall win true holiness which makes Thy children whole
Till, perfected by Thee, we reach creation's glorious goal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: 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 nations with your Holy Spirit, especially in the Middle East. May a peaceful resolution come for the Israelis and Palestinians soon. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: 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 especially, those listed, those battling the coronavirus and those we name silently and aloud (brief silence). Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: God of love, fill Elim Lutheran Church with gratitude for the gifts we have received from you. Renew our ministries, heal our divisions, and open us to the needs of our neighbors. Bless our incoming Leadership Team. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: 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. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: O God, bless all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations of all kinds, this week. Fill our hearts with love and acceptance, Hear us, O God.

All: **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

Leader: 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.

All: **Amen.**

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC: “*Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)*” by Chris Rice
Performed by Lauren Haile and Kevin Hart

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Wellspring of joy,
All: 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.

BLESSING

Response after blessing: Amen

SENDING HYMN: GOD OF TEMPEST, GOD OF WHIRLWIND



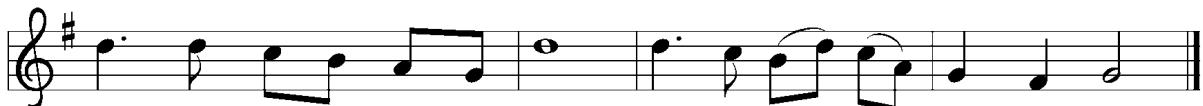
1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scand! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
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,
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, claim us for your king-dom's work,
there with Christ to bear the cross, claim us for your king-dom's work!

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EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

SENDING

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Next Week:

Sunday, May 30, 2021 The Holy Trinity, 1st Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

Read Ahead: Isaiah 6:1-8 / Psalm 28 / John 3:1-17



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