

PENTECOST SUNDAY
Sunday of the Holy Spirit Descending
on Jesus' Disciples



***“Lord of the Mountains Lutheran Church is an open,
welcoming and affirming community, fulfilling God’s vision of a world
where peace, love, and justice become a reality for all.”***

*Lord of the Mountains Lutheran Church
Dillon, Colorado
May 31st, 2020*

Organ Prelude

Joni-Thieme Weinberg

Welcome to Our Virtual Service

Rev. Liliana Stahlberg

The beautiful Pentecost flowers have been given by Steve Corneillier, daughters Brittony and Nicole and entire family in memory of Kathy Corneillier who went home into God's loving arms two years ago. May her memory be eternal.

Introduction to Pentecost

Opening Hymn

O Day Full of Grace

<https://youtu.be/IJETTbBnf6w>

Kid's Time with Kelsey and Jay Meservy
(LOTM Youth and Family Coordinators)

Prayer of the day - Let us pray together:

Oh, Holy Spirit, Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, who is in all places and fills all things, the Giver of all Life: come and dwell in us, cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O gracious Lord.

Holy Spirit—Comforter

Romans 8: 26-27

Likewise 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. And 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.

Holy Spirit –Spirit of Truth

Matthew 22-16

So they came and said to him, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with Truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality.

Holy Spirit—RUAH—Breath of God, Giver of all Things

By Osvaldo Catena

Breath of the living God
Who in the beginning moved o’er the waters
Breath of the living God
By whom all creation was first conceived;

**Come now and live within us,
Come, let your gifts enrich us,
Breath of the Living God
Our Creator Spirit, eternal Source.**

Breath of the living God,
Whose eternal **Word** came to dwell among us,
Breath of the living God,
By whom all creation has been renewed;

Holy Spirit—Justice

Mathew 12:18

‘Here is my servant, whom I have chosen,
my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased.
I will put my Spirit upon him,
and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

Holy Spirit—The Spirit of LIFE Itself

Matthew 12:32

Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit-The Spirit of Life, will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"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.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

An Interpretation of the Good News of God for the World Based on Acts 2: 1-18

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one large place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire place where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout people from every nation under heaven living in this blessed land. And at this sound the crowd gathered, and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Americans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Africans, Chinese, Syrians, Iranians, Iraqis, North and South Koreans, Kurds and Turks, Shiites and Sunnis, black and white, Central and South Americans, First Peoples and Indigenous tribes, Scandinavians, Russians, Ukrainians, Indians, Pakistanis, Asians, Muslims and Hindus, Jews and Christians, and visitors from Rome, Europeans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of America and all who live in Washington, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

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Gospel

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Sermon The Lamb of God-Love and Peace Through Non-Violence

Hymn of the Day Women Gather By Sweet Honey in the Rock
<https://youtu.be/4iKNep3zURQ>

The Women Gather

Sweet Honey in the Rock

He was her only child, her baby boy
She was his second daughter, a father's pride and joy.
Somebody's mother, brother, best friend, sister, lover
Maybe an A-1 student running, hiding, taking cover.
The women gather crying tears that fill a million oceans
It doesn't matter where you're living,
The women gather crying tears that fill a million oceans
It doesn't matter where you're living
The women gather.

People say, "Not in this neighborhood!
It doesn't happen here!
Our kids have everything,
What do we have to fear?"
But what about the ones who say, "This happens every day;
Drugs and violence take our children.
How much more death can come our way?"
The women gather crying tears that fill a million oceans
It doesn't matter where you're living,
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Don't you know?
Some bullets find their targets
Bombs can take you right on cue
Some in the hands of babies
Or officials and their crew
Claimed the brother had a gun
She fit the profile in my book
Running, hiding, taking cover, didn't take the time to look
Somebody's mother, brother, best friend, sister, lover
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Prayers for the People of God

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our hearts softened by the Love of Christ, our minds wrapped in God our Creator, let us pray for this world, for all nations and for all of God's creation.

Pastor: In your infinite mercy,
All: Hear us, O God.

Welcome of those who are watching our service online Announcements

Offering– *At this time we are inviting people to share generously from the blessings God gave us all. For the regular LOTM offering, write us a check or simply go to our website: lordofthemountains.org and click on the **Giving tab**. Thank you*

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: It is our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You...

Words of Institution

In the night before he was crucified Jesus had a Passover meal with his friends. And he took the bread, he gave thanks, and then broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you, do this in remembrance of me. Again after supper, he took the cup, he gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people; do this in remembrance of me." Send now the power of your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

And now let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer *(learn this prayer by heart with all of your family)*

**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.**

Benediction: Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

Sending Hymn **Ella's Song** **Lyrics and music by Bernice
Johnson Reagon**
Sung by Sweet Honey in the Rock

<https://youtu.be/U6Uus--gFrc>

We who believe in freedom cannot rest
We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes

Until the killing of black men, black mothers' sons
Is as important as the killing of white men, white mothers' sons

That which touches me most is that I had a chance to work with people
Passing on to others that which was passed on to me

To me young people come first, they have the courage where we fail
And if I can but shed some light as they carry us through the gale

The older I get the better I know that the secret of my going on
Is when the reins are in the hands of the young, who dare to run against the storm

Not needing to clutch for power, not needing the light just to shine on me
I need to be one in the number as we stand against tyranny

Struggling myself don't mean a whole lot, I've come to realize
That teaching others to stand up and fight is the only way my struggle survives

I'm a woman who speaks in a voice and I must be heard
At times I can be quite difficult, I'll bow to no man's word

We who believe in freedom cannot rest
We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes

Dismissal

Pastor: Let us now go in peace and prophesy
the peace and love of Christ for all the nations,
and all of God's beautiful creation.

Amen.

Welcome to Lord of the Mountains

We rejoice that diversity in God's creation enriches, nurtures and challenges our life and ministry as followers of Jesus and as servants in the world.

Because we believe with Jesus that God's grace is truly amazing, we are committed to welcoming all people to this place...
no matter where you come from, no matter what age,
race, socio-economic or family status,
no matter what gender identity or sexual orientation,
no matter what your faith tradition or theological beliefs.

Grace is for everyone or it isn't grace.
It's that simple.
It's that amazing.

We really do welcome all!

In the spirit of the Reformation, Lord of the Mountains Lutheran Church continually seeks meaningful ways of expressing our commitment to the life and teachings of Jesus.

We do this by...

- welcoming all people to full participation in our community of faith.
- recognizing there are many ways to God.
- striving to be compassionate toward all of creation.
- aspiring to live what we believe.
- respecting diversity of thought and opinion.
- working for peace and justice for all people and all creation.
- committing ourselves to serving others.

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