



Pentecost Sunday



THEME: The life of the Church is empowered by the Spirit of God.

HYMN 176: *"Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Lord asks Ezekiel, "Son of man, can these bones live?" Without God's Spirit, though there may be physical life, there can be no spiritual life. With God's Spirit, what is dead is made alive.

37:1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. 3 He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

4 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! 5 This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. 6 I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

9 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet — a vast army.

11 Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. 14 I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'"

PSALM OF THE DAY - Psalm 51b (p.87) (sung in unison)

The Spirit of God moves us to repentance and brings us forgiveness; he opens our lips and arouses us to praise.

SECOND LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

Luke records the spectacular outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Peter's stirring sermon proclaims that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

2:1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs — we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. 21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

CHOIR: *"Eye Hath Not Seen"*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:25-27

Jesus tells the disciples not to be afraid, because he will send the Holy Spirit, the Counselor.

14:25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

HYMN 188: *"Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"*

SERMON THEME: The Holy Spirit — The One Who Gives Us Hope

1. By taking our dry, lifeless bones 2. And breathing into them the breath of life

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OFFERING HYMN 485 Verses 1 & 2: *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* (Please Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 184: *"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"*

BENEDICTION

HYMN 182: *"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"*

SILENT PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Serving Us Today ~ May 20, 2018

Organist: Marjean Schroeder

Ushers: Matt Mittelstaedt, Jeff Reiter, Jacob Reiter & Ruth Reiter

Altar Guild: Dave & Faye Leatherman & Ruth Reiter



Our Spring Congregational Meeting is scheduled for next Sunday immediately following our Communion Service. Please plan on staying for this brief meeting to discuss a rather short agenda.

Our Tuesday Morning Adult Bible Class will reconvene on Tuesday morning for our Bible study and to discuss the schedule for our final lessons prior to summer break.

An Ice Cream Social, hosted by our Ladies' Guild, will be held on Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy a sweet treat. Jacob Reiter will be playing the piano for our entertainment. This is our final meeting before we break for the summer. Our next meeting will be sometime in August or September to plan the 2018-2019 schedule.

Vacation Bible School Day Camp (with Camp Phillip): VBS is scheduled at Martin Luther on July 9-13. Children entering Pre-K4 thru Grade 6 can register as "campers" and children grades 7-12 can register as cabin leaders. Contact Martin Luther Church & School for more information at 235-1612 or www.martinlutheroshkosh.com.

There Are A Variety Of Miscellaneous Items Located In Our Fellowship Hall. Feel free to take any or all of them home with you. A free-will offering is appreciated.

June/July Lamplighter articles are due in our church office by Tuesday.



Church Council meets this morning in our conference room after our worship service.

LWMS Annual Convention is scheduled for June 21-24 in Green Bay at the KI Convention Center. To view details of the convention and/or to register go to www.lwms.org.

Looking Ahead.....Our outdoor church service & picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 5th at South Park in the large pavilion. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. More details will be forthcoming.

Graduation Services for Our Area Lutheran High Schools are next weekend. Fox Valley Lutheran High is on Saturday and Winnebago Lutheran Academy is on Sunday.

Prayer Requests Are Welcome! Would you like Pastor to have a personal prayer during our church service for a hospitalized or home-bound loved one, a milestone birthday or anniversary, an upcoming surgery, or a special celebration? Please speak with Pastor or contact him at 495-3259. He would be happy to accommodate your requests.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL	
Budgeted per week	\$3,517.00	Office Hours	Tue., Wed & Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Budgeted Received 05-13-18	\$3,249.00	Today	10:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting
Budgeted needed to date	\$66,823.00	Tuesday	June/July Lamplighter Articles Due
Budgeted received to date	\$58,709.86	Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class
		Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Ladies' Guild Ice Cream Social
Worship Attendance 05-13-18	106	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Communion Service
		Sunday	10:00 a.m. Spring Congregational Meeting