

**EVEN ON MY
SERVANTS,
BOTH MEN AND
WOMEN,
I WILL POUR
OUT MY
SPIRIT
IN THOSE DAYS.**

ACTS 2:18



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As We Gather

What a difference one day can make. Things can look very bleak, but one event or even a good night's sleep can turn things around. The day of Pentecost brought a startling change to the disciples of Jesus. He had promised to send them the Helper, and when the Holy Spirit did come His gifts went beyond any expectations they might have had. Certainly the disciples had the Holy Spirit within them before Pentecost because they had come to faith, but on Pentecost the Holy Spirit was poured out on them in great abundance and great things happened. He made a great difference on that day and beyond.

We also can see great individual changes in us by the Spirit. He works daily in us by strengthening our faith through the Word, but today we're going to go back a bit further and examine how He changed our lives forever by bringing us to faith.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

224 – Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

P Send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me;

C Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle.

P Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him,

C The help of my countenance and my God.

P All the earth shall worship You And sing praises to You;

C They shall sing praises to Your name.

Confession and Absolution

P I said to the LORD: “You are my God;

C Hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.

P The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,

C **Slow to anger and great in mercy.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires are known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P In repentance, let us now confess our sins to our gracious God.

C **Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, grant us Your divine absolution so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and for eternity. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes.



Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

1 Glory be to God in heav - en, Peace to those He
2 On-ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our
loves so well. On the earth let all His peo - ple
sin a-way, Now with Him in tri-umph seat - ed
Speak His grace, His won - ders tell:
For Your mer - cy, Lord, we pray:
Lord, we praise You for Your glo - ry,
Je - sus Christ, most high and ho - ly,
Might - y Fa - ther, heav-en's King; Hear our joy - ful
Sav - ior You are God a - lone In the glo - ry
ad - o - ra - tion And ac - cept the thanks we bring.
of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. ⁷ Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." ¹² So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" ¹³ Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine." ¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. ¹⁵ For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. ²¹ And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.'

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 104:27-35

- P** These all wait for You,
- C** **That You may give them their food in due season.**
- P** What You give them they gather in;
- C** **You open Your hand, they are filled with good.**
- P** You hide Your face, they are troubled;
- C** **You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

- P** You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;
- C** **And You renew the face of the earth.**
- P** May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
- C** **May the LORD rejoice in His works.**
- P** He looks on the earth, and it trembles;
- C** **He touches the hills, and they smoke.**
- P** I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
- C** **I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.**
- P** May my meditation be sweet to Him;
- C** **I will be glad in the LORD.**
- P** May sinners be consumed from the earth,
- C** **And the wicked be no more.**
- P** Bless the LORD, O my soul!
- C** **Praise the LORD!**

Gospel Reading

John 7:37-39

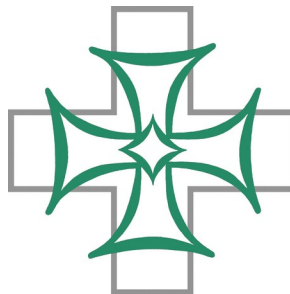
³⁷ On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Alleluia

- P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!



Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

227 – Come, Holy Ghost, in Love

Sermon Text

Ezekiel 36:22-28

²² “Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name’s sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. ²³ And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD,” says the Lord GOD, “when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. ²⁴ For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. ²⁸ Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

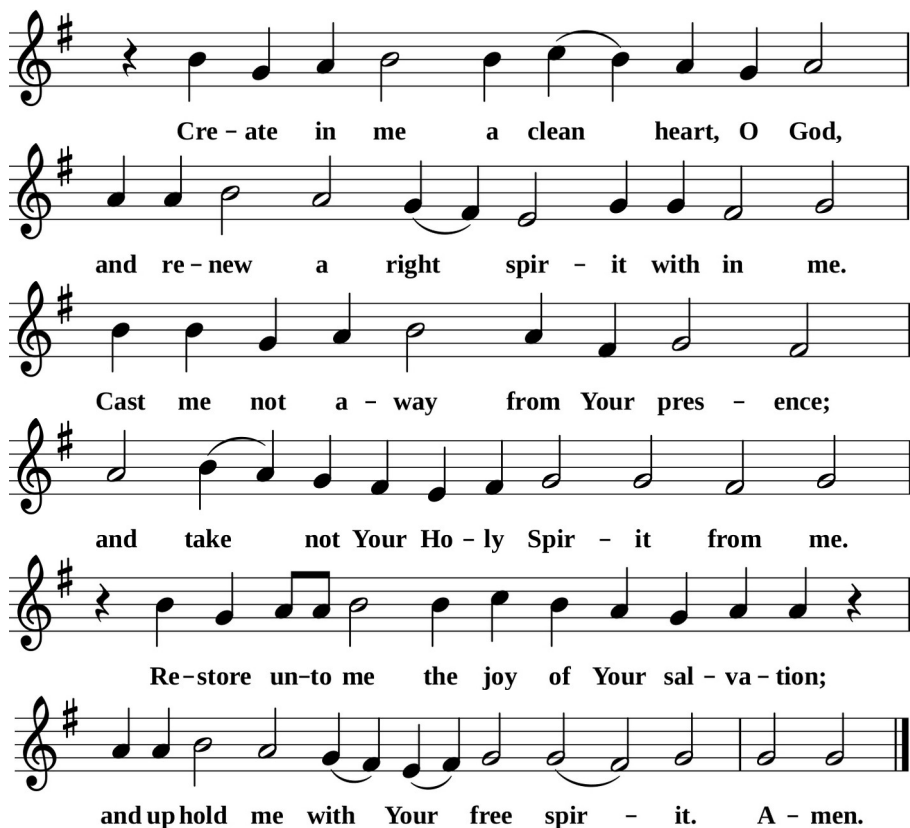


Sermon

What a Difference the Holy Spirit Makes

- I. From Hearts of Stone to Hearts of Flesh
- II. From Filthiness to Cleansed
- III. From Profaning God’s Name to Hallowing It.

Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with in me.
Cast me not a - way from Your pres - ence;
and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion;
and uphold me with Your free spir - it. A - men.

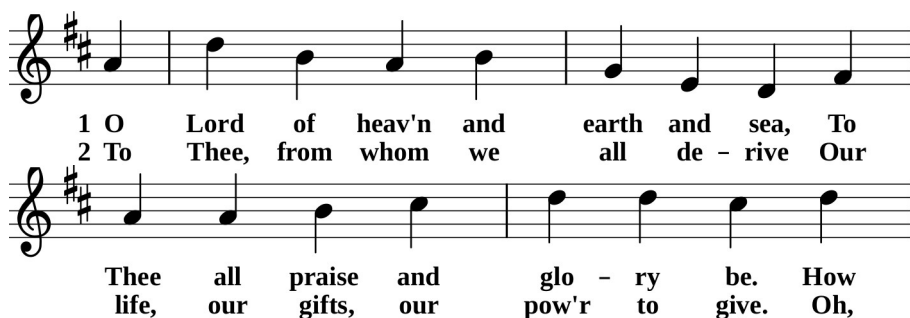
Hymn

231 – We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost

Offering

Offering Hymn

443 (1, 8)



1 O Lord of heav'n and earth and sea, To
2 To Thee, from whom we all de - rive Our
Thee all praise and our glo - ry be. How
life, our gifts, and our pow'r to give. Oh,

shall we show our love to Thee, Who giv-est all?
 may we ev-er with Thee live, Who giv-est all!

General Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

C 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

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

234 – Holy Ghost, with Light Divine

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✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

Upcoming Schedule

May 28	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
June 4	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Trustees and Council Meetings
June 11	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)

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VBS: We are excited to announce our Vacation Bible School for 2023! This year's theme is "Thus Says the LORD: Prophets of the True God." We will explore the accounts of some of the prophets in the Bible and learn how they spoke God's truth to a world in need. We'll also have plenty of time to play games, make crafts, and sing songs. VBS will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM on July 10-14. Children grades 4K through 8th Grade are welcome to attend. We are also looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks, such as teaching, leading activities, helping with crafts, and providing snacks. Please speak with Pastor Sauers if you are able to help out.

Man Up! Weekend: The 2023 ManUp! Men's Weekend will be held September 21-24, 2023, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today!

CLC Call News: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN and Faith Lutheran in New Ulm, MN has returned the call to serve as the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Messiah, Eau Claire has now extended that call to Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Lutheran in Dallas, TX.

Fruits of Faith	May 21, 2023	WH: 70
Immanuel Home Building		\$508.50
Property Improvement		\$25.00
ILC Scholarship		\$25.00
Tuition Grant		\$50.00
Spokesman		\$25.00
School Fund		\$14.00
		<u>\$1,641.75</u>
Total		\$2,289.25

✠ Serving Next Weekend ✠

Cleaner (6/3): Sauers **Acolyte (6/4):** Maxwell Kuehne

✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

May 29 - June 03

Monday: John 14:15-21 – As we ponder the gift of the Spirit given on Pentecost, the apostle reminds us that this gift was promised already before Jesus was betrayed, condemned, and crucified for us all. A key word in connection with the promised Spirit of truth is “love” (vv 15, 21).

Tuesday: Ephesians 2:10-22 – With the gift of the Spirit Jesus’ disciples would be sent into all the world with the good news of salvation. Here Paul reminds the Ephesians that their good works were planned ahead by God, and that both Jews and Gentiles are brought together before Him by the blood of Christ.

Wednesday: Ezekiel 36:22-28 – When God’s people strayed from the truth and chased after other gods, the true God’s name was profaned among the nations where they were scattered. For the honor of His name He will bring His people back from exile, show them forgiveness, and put His Spirit within them (v 28).

Thursday: John 15:9-16 – “Jesus loves me, this I know” from readings like this one. He would have His followers abide in His love (v 9). He showed us His love by laying down His life as a sacrifice for us, and we show our love to Him by serving Him in love and sacrificing for one another.

Friday: Ephesians 4:11-16 – The Lord did not leave us as orphans, but by the Spirit gave apostles, prophets, and other leaders to guide and to equip us for serving Him and one another in this earthly life (v 12). With Christ Himself as our head, we speak the truth in love (v 15), and the whole body builds itself up in love (v 16).

Saturday: Isaiah 44:1-6 – As water is to dry and thirsty ground, so is God’s Spirit to His own people, from generation to generation (v 3). He brings life and refreshment in every circumstance, persuading us with joy to call ourselves children of the Lord Almighty, besides whom there is no god.

