

Our Tree of Life



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May 28, 2023

Pentecost
ELW SETTING FOUR

9:00 am

PREPARATION

Prelude

Bells

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship (from Psalm 104:24, 30-31, 33, 35b)

P: O LORD, how manifold are your works!

C: In wisdom God has made them all; the earth is full of God's creatures.

P: When You send forth Your spirit, they are created;

C: God renews the face of the ground.

P: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

C: May we rejoice in God's works.

P: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

C: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul.

C: Praise the LORD!

Greeting & Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity... given new life. **C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ, in the waters... of the new creation.

C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

P: Satisfy the world's need... the Spirit reigns forever. **C: Amen.**

Opening Litany

P: After fifty days of Easter rejoicing, the church cries out: **C: Come, Holy Spirit!**

P: All those living in resurrection light sing with joy: **C: Come, Holy Spirit!**

P: All those dying under the weight of sin and grief plead: **C: Come, Holy Spirit!**

P: Come, Holy Spirit: fill the hearts of your faithful people,

C: and kindle in us the fire of your love.

1 O Holy Spirit, enter in, and in our hearts your work begin, and make our hearts your dwelling. Sun of the soul, O Light divine, around and in us brightly shine, your strength in us upwelling. In your radiance life from heaven now is given overflowing, gift of gifts beyond all knowing.

2 Left to ourselves, we surely stray; oh, lead us on the narrow way, with wisest counsel guide us; and give us steadfastness, that we may follow you forever free, no matter who derides us. Gently heal those hearts now broken; give some token you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.

3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in doubt and strife be in us strongly burning, that we be faithful unto death and live in love and holy faith, from you true wisdom learning. Lord, your mercy on us shower; by your power Christ confessing, we will cherish all your blessing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606-1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, adapt. Music: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608.

Greeting

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day: P: Almighty and ever-living God, **C: you fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending the gift of your Holy Spirit. Look upon your people gathered in prayer, open to receive the Spirit's flame. May it come to rest in our hearts and heal the divisions of word and tongue, that with one voice and one song we may praise your name in joy and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

Pastor Denise Fossen

Noisy Offering

Special Music

'This Little Light of Mine'

African American spiritual song sung by Owen, Ava and Ella Weinand; Tenley, Ander and Savannah Adelman.

Today's service includes seven scripture readings and hymns, one for each gift of the Holy Spirit.

Hymn 'O Holy Spirit, Root of Life' vs. 1, 3 #399

1 O Holy Spirit, root of life, creator, cleanser of all things: anoint our wounds, awaken us with lustrous movement of your wings.

3 O holy Wisdom, soaring pow'r, encompass us with wings unfurled, and carry us, encircling all above, below, and through the world.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098-1179, © 1991 Jean Janzen, admin. Augsburg Fortress.
Music: European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621; arr. hymnal version ©2006 Augsburg Fortress.

Second Lesson: Exodus 19:1-9 OT pg. 50-51

Hymn 'Spirit of Gentleness' vs. 1, 4 #396

(Refrain): Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing: "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *(Refrain)*

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise. *(Refrain)*

Text & Music: James K. Manley, b. 1940. Text & Music © 1978 James K. Manley, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Third Lesson: Numbers 11:24-30 (Pastor) OT pg. 101

Hymn 'Spirit of the Living God' TFF #101

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me, Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me. Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Text & Music: Daniel Iverson, 1890-1977. © 1935 Birdwing Music, admin. EMI Christian Music Publishing

Fourth Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14 OT pg. 625-626

Hymn 'Loving Spirit' v. 1 #397

1 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be. You have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931, © 1987 The Hymn Society, admin. Hope Publishing Company.
Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. hymnal version, arr. ©2006 Augsburg Fortress.

Fifth Lesson: Romans 8:14-17. 22-27 (Pastor) NT pg. 120

Hymn 'Every Time I Feel The Spirit' (refrain only) ACS #942

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Text & Music: African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933, © 1990 Melva W. Costen, admin Augsburg Fortress.

Hymn 'Breathe on Me, Breath of God' vs. 1-2, Tune from SBH 470 LBW #488

1 Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love all that you love and do what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with you I will one will to do and to endure.

Text: Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889. Music: DURHAM, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776.

Pentecost Trivia Questions (follow along with the scripture reading below to find your answers. "Bonus points" for the last two questions.)

1. When the first Christians gathered on Pentecost, there came from heaven a sound like what?

2. What is the liturgical color for Pentecost?

3. Passersby thought the apostles were what?

4. How many Sundays after Easter does Pentecost fall?

5. In What City Did the First Pentecost take place?

6. What puts the "pent" in Pentecost?

7. What Jewish Festival was being celebrated when the Holy Spirit descended?

8. Name the Shakespeare play that mentions Pentecost with the following lines:

'Tis not so much, 'tis not so much! 'Tis since the nuptial of Lucentio, Come Pentecost as quickly as it will, Some five-and-twenty years, and then we mask'd.

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn

'O Day Full Of Grace'

#627

1 O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon, bring light from our God that we may be abundant in joy this season. God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.

2 O day full of grace, O blessed time, our Lord on the earth arriving; then came to the world that light sublime, great joy for us all retrieving; for Jesus all mortals did embrace, all shame and despair removing.

3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the cross was hanging; and then he arose and moved the stone, that we, unto him belonging, might join with angelic hosts to raise our voices in endless singing.

4 God came to us then at Pentecost, the Spirit new life revealing, that we might no more in death be lost, its pow'r over us dispelling. This flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all true healing.

5 When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us preparing, we'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, all joy of the heavens sharing, and there we will join God's endless praise, with angels and saints adoring.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921-2001, alt. Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Music: Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774-1842.

Responsive Prayer

P: Come, Holy Spirit, come; **C: and sustain us with your gifts.**

P: The spirit of wisdom; **C: Come, Holy Spirit!**

P: The spirit of understanding; **C: Come, Holy Spirit!**

P: The spirit of counsel; **C: Come, Holy Spirit!**

P: The spirit of might; **C: Come, Holy Spirit!**

P: The spirit of knowledge; **C: Come, Holy Spirit!**

P: The spirit of the fear of the Lord; **C: Come, Holy Spirit!**

P: The spirit of joy in your presence; **C: Come, Holy Spirit!**

P: Come, Holy Spirit, come; **C: and sustain us with your gifts.**

Lord's Prayer

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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.

SENDING

Benediction

P: May the Spirit of the living Christ...bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Let us bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

'Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory'

#890

1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword: his truth is marching on.

(Refrain): **Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

2 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat. Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on. (Refrain)

3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me. As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on. (Refrain)

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910. Music: North American, 19th Century.

Bells

Postlude


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*1 Corinthians 12:*¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.


If you have pastoral needs, please call Pastor Denise anytime at 763-516-2026.

Welcome to all visitors and guests! May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle. Please join us downstairs following worship for coffee and fellowship.

KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Ev Johnson and her children in memory of her husband and all service men and women who have served in our military forces and in honor of those who are currently serving to keep our country free. "Remember freedom isn't free." [Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].


OFFERING UPDATE: Here are the expenses for April: \$31,569.91. Here is what we received: \$23,851.22. We deficit spent \$7,718.69. A large portion of this was the purchase of the new office printer which we took out of operating reserve. You're also encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at www.firstenglish.net. 

Last Chance: Are you interested in a MN Twins game June 22nd? Today is the last chance to sign up. So far, we don't have enough interested. We need 52 and we've got 34 showing interest. It's approximately \$70 per person for the coach bus ride **and** ticket. If we don't have more interest, then the outing will be cancelled. Have any questions? Contact Deb Henningson @ 320-815-8522.

We are looking for volunteers to prepare and serve coffee on Sundays going forward. Please contact the office or Kristi Ehrenberg if you are willing to help. 

Kristi Ehrenberg will be stepping down as temporary coordinator of coffee volunteers at the end of June. We are seeking someone willing to serve as the coordinator. Contact Kristi for further details about the duties or the church Secretary if you feel led to serve our congregation in this role. We may need to suspend coffee & snack service for the summer months unless we have someone assume this role who desires to continue it through the summer and beyond. You are welcome to bring in your own coffee or other beverage to drink during the church service if it is in container with a lid to avoid spills.

We are seeking to fill the FELC Youth Leader position. It will start at approx. 20-hours per week during school year, less in the summer. Limited evenings and weekend hours for youth ministry activities and chaperoning youth events and trips. There is potential for future growth in hours with program growth. If you, or someone you know is interested, please drop off resume and references at the church office or e-mail them to the pastor at pastor@firstenglish.net.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Ricky Anderson Jr., Carol Barrett; Glenn Berdan; Arlen LaCombe; Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Brandi Tweeter; Paul Erdman; Beckett Foster; Baby Rosie Frank; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; Baby McCoy Jipson; Zane Kilde; Brian Pribyl; Janice Redfield; David Scholberg; Jerry Stotesbery; and Terry Ward. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Swede & Janet Anderson; Ruth Hansen; Jim Hipple; Vivian Janssen; & Eleanor Nickolauson. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict. *If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.* 

This Week's Ministry Assistants — May 28th

Greeter: Jim & Ranet Schmeichel

Acolytes: Madilyn & Owen

Organist: Amy Adelman

Lector: David Ellingson

Tech Desk: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson

Coffee Servers: Ehrenbergs

Ushers: Tami Lundberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Gale May, & TBD

Next Week's Ministry Assistants — June 4th

Organist: Kathy Haukos

Lector: Jon Ydstie

Tech Desk: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson

Acolytes: James & Mikaela

Ushers: Brent Zahrbock, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, & Dave Ellingson

Greeters: Liz Ketz & Becky Parker

Coffee Servers: Nornes

Lay Assistants: Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg

FWV: Ranet & Jim Schmeichel

REMINDER: Calendar and other important information is on our website at www.firstenglish.net and on the bulletin board (kiosk) in the narthex. The church office number is (320)839-2527.

Weekly Calendar

Sun – 5/28 Pentecost



9:00 am Worship – Noisy Offering – KDIO & FB Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship

Mon – 5/29 Memorial Day (Office Closed)



Tues – 5/30 12:00 pm Executive Meeting

4:00 pm Pastor Denise at Donnie's Diner at Fairway View

Wed – 5/31 9:30 am Ch. 3 TV broadcast

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Fri – 6/2 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

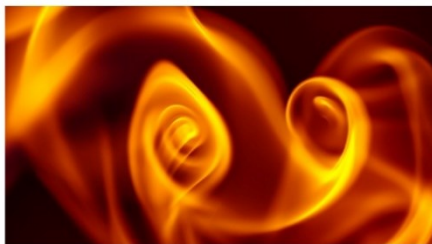
Sun – 6/4 Holy Trinity



9:00 am Worship – Communion – KDIO & FB Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship

10:30 am Fairway View Worship LIVE



May 28, 2023, Day of Pentecost

John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy Spirit, give us tongues to proclaim your love to all peoples, and power to work for justice in all the world, through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

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." (John 20:22-23)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus may no longer walk the earth alongside his followers, but by no means is he absent. The disciples are about to get blown away by a new and powerful presence.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Tell of a time something happened to you that changed you from the inside out. Was the change positive or negative? How has the change shaped who you are today? Where is God's spirit leading me today?
- For the littles: God's Spirit is like wind, or breath. What kinds of things can you find that blow in the wind?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God fill you with the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Make a list of your top 5 values. Use the internet to find how to write them in 5 different languages. Hang your words somewhere you can be reminded every day of who you are and what you value.



Go Deeper: Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; Romans 8:18-24

Tuesday, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezek. 39:7-8, 21-29; Romans 8:26-27

Wednesday, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Numbers 11:24-30; John 7:37-39

Thursday, Psalm 8; Job 38:1-11; 2 Timothy 1:8-12a

Friday, Psalm 8; Job 38:12-21; 2 Timothy 1:12b-14

Saturday, Psalm 8; Job 38:22-38; John 14:15-17