Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD Day of Pentecost zionlutheranaberdeen.org Erin Heidelberger, Pastor Tim Sersen, Visitation Pastor

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

GATHERING MUSIC

Better is One Day

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (please stand)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SONG

Consuming Fire

There must be more than this; O breath of God come breathe within. There must be more than this; Spirit of God we wait for You. Fill us anew, we pray; fill us anew, we pray, Consuming Fire, fan into flame a passion for Your name. Spirit of God, fall in this place. Lord, have Your way, Lord have Your way with us.

Come like a rushing wind, clothe us in power from on high. Now set the captives free; leave us abandoned to Your praise. Lord, let Your glory fall. Lord, let Your glory fall. Consuming Fire, fan into flame a passion for Your name. Spirit of God, fall in this place. Lord, have Your way, Lord have Your way with us. Consuming Fire, fan into flame a passion for Your name. Spirit of God, fall in this place. Lord, have Your way, Lord have Your way with us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together:

Mighty God, 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.

KIDS' TIME Pastor Tim Sersen

SCRIPTURE SONG

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord; Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name. Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord; Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

SCRIPTURE

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

[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."

MESSAGE Pastor Tim Sersen

SONG

Spirit of the Living God

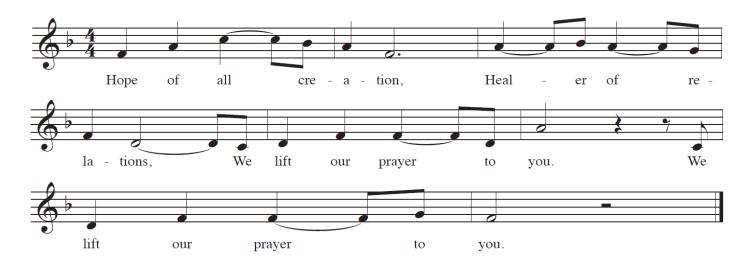
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me. Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me. Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me. Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.

Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear. Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear. Shield me, free me, call me, lead me. Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to sing with the Praise Band as they play Hope of All Creation before the prayers begin and at the conclusion of the prayers.



SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Offering will not be taken during worship; a basket is available in the back of the sanctuary to drop off today's offering. We encourage you to consider giving a gift online at zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving or by mail as you are able. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online.



The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the "For Children Everywhere" box.

LORD'S PRAYER

We pray in confidence in the words Jesus gave us:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life grant you faith to trust in Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SONG

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, Set us free by the truth you now bring us.

Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;

Blaze, spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance.
By the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness, Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

SENDING WORDS

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

SENDING MUSIC

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