



Pentecost

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Day of Pentecost
Sunday, May 31, 2020



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SERVICE OF THE WORD

GATHERING: THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* — Ken Medema Quartet
*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

WELCOME Pastor Jim Kruse

GREETING

PM: 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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM: Let us pray. O God,

C: on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING AND SONG.

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:24-30

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

AM: Word of God, word of life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

John 7:37-39

³⁷On the last day of the festival of Booths, the great day, while Jesus was standing in the temple, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

PM: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Unleashing the Spirit

Pastor Jim Kruse

I was shaken awake early on a Thursday morning by a large tandem dump truck carrying a full load as it rumbled past my bedroom window.

It was late in the spring of 1996 and I was living at the Grūnewald Guild, an art-and-faith community near Lake Wenatchee just outside Leavenworth. My little apartment was upstairs, above the pottery studio, on the fringes of the campus. The big truck had to slow down as it made the turn off the Chumstick Highway and onto River Road. And then it revved up again as it headed down the five-mile stretch of road, lined with recreation cabins and homes, ending in a dead end. The clock on the side of my bed said it was 5:42, and it was still dark outside. So, I rolled over hoping to fall back to sleep.

The next truck came 25 minutes later, just as I was nodding off, and just as the light was breaking over the ridge of the Northern Cascades to the east. It was time to get up. Morning had broken, whether I was ready or not.

"What is with all the trucks?" It was the only thing the community talked about when we gathered for breakfast. It had been raining heavily, off and on, for the last ten days or so. And the lake had swollen and the river was running at top speed. Elizabeth, one of the directors of the Guild, called a couple of neighbors she knew down the road. She found out that the Wenatchee River had undercut a concrete support for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe train trestle about 3 miles down River Road. This is the main railroad line across the northwestern United States from Minneapolis into Everett, and then up and down the coast. More than 30 trains take this route, going one way or the other every day. These trucks were filled with boulders being dumped along the riverbank in a desperate effort to break the powerful

river current. After breakfast, a half-dozen of us piled into a car and made the short drive to check it out.

We sat there in silence when we arrived, struck dumb in awe and wonder, imagining what force of nature could have accomplish such destruction. Erosion from the fast-moving water had cut deep into the river bank where the river makes a 90° turn. The footings of western pier of the railroad bridge were completely exposed and slightly askew. The heavy steel girders of the bridge itself were twisted out of shape and the line of the tracks had broken. It was as if the whole structure was been dismantled by a 5-year old being told to put his toys away.

A river can be a cruel force when its power is unleashed without constraint. Despite the best efforts of the wisest minds in construction and engineering that we can muster together, the flow of a raging river decides where it will go, and there is nothing human beings can do about it. The river will not be denied. It cannot be contained or controlled. And the river certainly should not be ignored.

We are becoming reacquainted with the power of nature as it is unleashed without constraint these days. This time it is not with a river flow, but an infectious pandemic. It is now almost exactly three months since the first death from Covid-19 occurred in our community on February 28th. Our wisest minds have hard at work. In the earliest days, we practiced denial, saying it was just a few cases and would quickly pass. Within days, the strategy changed to containment, keep the virus and the trouble it brought contained in the mostly populated urban areas on the east and west coasts where it arrived with travelers from around the world. Within a week or two, the rapid spread told us the virus could not be contained—control was in order. Stay at home! Stay safe! Help the medical professionals out! Flatten the curve! But this wisdom has become tedious and there is a rising chorus to ignore the virus. Reopen our lives! The problem and the trouble will go away!

What else can we do?

Just before the events that we heard read in the First Lesson from the Book of Numbers, Moses has been saying the same thing to God about deal with the unhappiness of the people he had led out of slavery in Egypt. Moses is worn down by their complaining about lack of food, lack of shelter, lack of water, and lack of a vision for where they are going. God, hot with anger, had even started a fire on the outskirts of their camp, which he quickly extinguished. Moses had tried everything: denial, containment, control, and just plain ignorance, but none of it worked.

What else can Moses do?

Finally, God comes up with a plan. God is going to take a pinch of the divine power (the power of the Holy Spirit) that he has placed on Moses, just enough for one time, just one day, and he is going to divvy it up among 70 carefully chosen elders of the people.

But this is risky business Moses and God are about. This is powerful stuff they are dealing with. This is the same power of God that blew across the watery cosmic nothingness at creation and brought all things into existence. This is the same power that brought the Pharaoh of Egypt to his knees, begging Moses to leave his country, and take his people with him. This is the same power that somehow, some way, breaks into the created order to become a creature himself in the baby Jesus. This is the same power that brought the future, the destination of

all things, forward in the resurrection of Jesus from death. And this is the same power that was unleashed on the Day of Pentecost, as wind, and fire, and the end of all language translation problems, rain down from above.

Yes, this is risky business. When Joshua comes running to Moses, we find out that some of God's spiritual power has leaked out and gotten into the camp. Eldad and Medad, two of 70 who were on the original list but did not show up, are infected with the blessing. Hard to control! Hard to contain!

I suppose the easy thing to say is, trust that the novel coronavirus is not more powerful than the Power that created it. Of course, it is not. We know that. But that is really not the point, is it? The point is, will we be OK living the world that has been reshaped by God when it's all over?

Or will we be become like Joshua, complaining that the Spirit of God has leaked out beyond its bounds. The divine flood has cut into the banks, undercut what we knew from the past. Life as we know it will be gone.

The double-bedded dump trucks kept coming all summer long—May, June, July, and deep into August—from before the sun came up until the afternoon heat became unbearable. At first, they were filled with huge boulders, no more than three or four per bed. Then it was large stones, then gravel, and then sand. After that, the materials changed to concrete and steel. And finally, as the summer came to a close, the entire road had to be resurfaced because of the damage done by the heavy loads.

But a new, modern railroad trestle now spans a newly rerouted river. The BNSF railroad runs its trains efficiently up and down the mountain, unaware of powerful force that reshaped this bend in the river, and the powerful response it took to make it right.

Makes you eager to meet Eldad and Medad, version 2020, doesn't it?

Blow, Spirit, blow! Let 'er rip! Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Spirit of Gentleness* — Text & Music: James K. Manley, b. 1940

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

*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.”

*You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.*

*You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.*

*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.*

OFFERING

Please take a moment to give thanks to God for all that you have received in life, and remember your generous financial support of the ongoing ministry obligations of OSLC.

OFFERING PRAYER

PM: God of mercy and grace,
the eyes of all wait upon you,
and you open your hand in blessing.
Fill us with all good things,
that we may come to the help of all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Response

The Spirit Intercedes for Us — L. Olson



The Spir-it intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express, Oh_oh.

God of Resurrection, you are our source of life and hope.

- + We give thanks for your gracious gifts of love and life;
- + embrace us in your love;
- + sustain us when we are feeling broken or frightened;
- + remind us we are enough and that we are loved;
- + open our hearts and minds to hear your word and call;
- + inspire us to be your hands and voice in your world;
- + grant us courage and creativity to joyfully share your Good News.

[A brief silence.]

We give thanks for your creation.

- + Enable us to be educated, equipped and inspired to be better stewards of your world. We give thanks for *Earth Ministry* and *Lutherans Restoring Creation*.

We pray for our world, nation, and local communities.

- + We lift up those communities where insecurity, violence, and fear are the norm. Help us to bring healing, wholeness, and safety to them.
- + Once again, we mourn the death of another black sibling. We hold the family and community of George Floyd in prayer. But - we confess that is not enough. Empower and guide us to be aware of our prejudices and take action to eliminate the persistent racism that exists in our world, country, communities, and even in our church.
- + We lift up all in our communities who provide emergency services - those who respond first to bring aid: emergency medical workers, firefighters, and police. Grant them wisdom and safety in their work.
- + We pray for those places, people, and animals in the wake of natural disasters. Grant strength to those affected as they recover and rebuild. Help us to be generous partners with *Lutheran Disaster Response*.
- + We pray for Alexandra, Miriam, and Kati, the three recipients of our Global Missions Peru Scholarships. Grant them success in their studies, and fill them with the joy of service.

We pray for all who are in need of healing and strength.

- + We lift up Bodil, Perrin, Mike, Marilyn, Linda, Dave, Kip, Evy, Emily, Mike, Anthony, Lynnette, Sheelagh, Guests of the Community Meals Program, Sonja, Nicole, Josee and Jeannie.
- + God, you call us to care for our neighbors. Inspire our leaders and guide us to be better advocates for the sake of each member in our community.
- + We lift up those experiencing anxiety, depression, and other mental health challenges. Empower us to reach out to those who need care and support. For those who are in despair, remember that you are loved. You are never beyond God's mercy, grace and love.
- + We pray for our neighbors who are fearful or in danger in their relationships. We lift up the work of those who protect, support, and advocate for people who are experiencing domestic violence.

We pray hold in prayer those affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

- + Bring peace and comfort to the families of those who have died.
- + Grant healing for those diagnosed.
- + Keep safe those whose health conditions make them especially vulnerable to this virus.
- + Protect medical workers, care providers, and first responders.
- + Sustain chaplains who bring prayer and care to those hospitalized and in nursing homes.
- + We give thanks for all non-medical essential workers who continue to serve our communities providing food, medicine, safety, childcare, and other vital services.
- + Guide those working to improve testing and those working toward a vaccine and for our government and health organization leaders as they discern a path forward.
- + Sustain those who are facing financial uncertainty due to loss of income. Help us to share generously.
- + Bless our ministry leaders as they explore care-filled and creative ways to gather online for worship, prayer, and fellowship. We give thanks for the grace-filled support our leaders have shown one another.

- + For all who anxious and worried, ground us in facts and center us in your love and peace.
- + During these days of physical isolation, grant us patience, humor, compassion, and courage.

We pray for those who are grieving:

- + Loving God, wrap your arms of love and hope around all who are experiencing any kind of loss, disconnection, or brokenness.
- + We lift up the family and friends of Lyle, Charles and Barbara.

For what and for whom else do the people of God pray?

[Here other intercessions may be offered.]

We pray for your church:

- + We give thanks for the leaders and team members in our church ministries. Grant energy and creativity for their work. Grant them grace to rest, grant them peace.
- + We pray for the residents, staff, and families of nursing homes and care facilities, including those that are part of our synod: Josephine Caring Community, Foss Home, Columbia Lutheran Home, Norse Home, and Hearthstone Community.
- + We pray for **congregations in the transition and call process**. Grant them wisdom and patience as they discern where it is that you are leading them. We lift up the leaders who are guiding ministries through this time of change. Transition teams, call committees, transition pastors, congregation staff, and synod staff.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

- + Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
- + Trusting in your mercy and grace, we lift our prayers to you

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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, now and forever. Amen

BLESSING

PM: May God the sower,
make you good and fertile soil.
May Christ the seed
bloom and grow in your words and actions.
May the fruitful Spirit
bring forth a bountiful yield in your lives.
God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Bond of Love — Skillings, arr. Bock

Quartet

We are one in the bond of love. We have joined our spirit with the Spirit of God.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on "Austrian Hymn" — Gordon Young

Jiyoung Lee

Commemorations for the Week

Visit of Mary to Elizabeth, Sunday, May 31

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.

Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165, Monday, June 1

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886, Wednesday, June 3

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963, Wednesday, June 3

When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

Serving in Worship:

Worship Leader: Pastor Jim Kruse
Assisting Minister: Mary Ann Hult
Quartet: Alice Lewis, Lori Downey, Marc Montague, Scott Hafso
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Readings for Next Sunday: Genesis 1: 1 -- 2: 4a; Matthew 28: 16-20

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Additional worship resources:

Readings: Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b; Acts 2: 1-21

Suggested Hymn for Listening: *O Day Full of Grace*

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921-2001, alt.;

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

Prayer is putting our faith into action. We invite you to include these people in your daily prayers. You can make prayer requests via email at office@oslccissaquah.org. All written requests will remain on this list for 4 weeks.

Bodil Isop healing and comfort from shingles.

Perrin Green 4 years old, unexplained brain activity leading to seizures. (Mary Ann Hult)

Mike Golick medical emergency in Florida. (brother-in-law to Patty Gerde)

Marilyn Grey comfort as she enters hospice care. (mother to Mark Cron)

Linda Chambers comfort and peace following the death of her husband. (sister of Barbara Hinds)

Dave Carlson continued strength, healing and comfort following kidney transplant surgery.

Kip Hauser healing and recovery following his angiogram. (father of Cheryl Hauser)

Evy Sneva continued healing and medication monitoring, peace for her family. (Karen Hansen)

Emily Gacek acquired COVID19 from a caregiver, healing and strength. (Connie Fletcher)

Mike Winkler in ICU with COVID19, 48 yr. old Seattle Transit bus driver, strength and healing. (Jerry & Linda Nack)

Anthony Templeton breathing problems and a long standing cold, unrelated to corona virus. (Grandson of Cheryl Landers)

Lynnette eye infection and symptoms of corona virus. (daughter of Cheryl Neeb)

Sheelagh Sacks undergoing radiation for ongoing breast cancer treatment. (Laura Anderson)

Guests of the Community Meals Program safety, health and peace of mind. (Connie Fletcher)

Sonja 3 years old undergoing treatment for cancer. (granddaughter of Henrik & Patty Christopherson)

Nicole DeCamp healing and strength. (Ken DeCamp and Cheryl Leiter)

Josee Jordan peace of mind as she faces health challenges. (Dianne Tanner)

Jeannie Lindquist continued healing and strength.

Healing and peace of mind: Marian James;

Douglas Mandt (brother of Mary Ann Hult and Lorna Robertson); **Gregory** (nephew of Joanne Suttmeier); **Doug Patur;** **Katie Moeller;** **Margot Inman;** **Ken Acker** (son of Lucy Acker); **Marilyn Carlson;** **Taufik Hidayut** (Ken Konigsmark); **Don Wilkinson** (husband of Gwynn Wilkinson); **Rebecca Thomas** (Pr. Telyea); **Tanisha Foote** (Marilyn Carlson); **Dorothy Soland;** **Randi Strom;** **Jeanne Kuipers;** **Talton Johnson;** **John Pass;** **Florence Kinnune;** **Carol**

Harbolt; **Sandy Aldworth;** **Jen Winslow;** **Larry Pruitt.**

Undergoing cancer treatment: Amy Aldworth (daughter-in-law of Sandy Aldworth) **Les Carlson** (father of Dave Carlson); **Harold Mandt** (brother of Mary Ann Hult and Lorna Robertson); **Chris Howe** (brother of Mark Howe); **Peggy Scalise** (cousin of Mark Howe); **Eileen Letts** (cousin of Mark Howe); **Floyd Rogers** (Connie Fletcher); **Lori Anglin** (Janet Heck); **Keith DeCamp** (brother of Ken DeCamp); **Barbara Jones** (mother of Ron Sordahl); **Doug McVety** (Helen Nychay); **Al Batt** (Connie Fletcher); **Larry Harbolt** (Ray Harbolt); **Gerald Welch** (Vern and Jeannie Lindquist); **Joe Martin** (father of Stacy Smith); **Christy Williams** (Bill Bergsma); **Diane Powis** (Paul Tolo); **Dana Mancini** (Jan Setterlund); **Greg Petersen** (Wes Collum); **Tim Teodoro** (Janet Heck); **Barry Donker** (Joan Parish); **Germaine Korum** (Lyle and Alice Lewis); **Kathryn Aitcheson** (Gerrie Hendrickson); **Yuko Takiguchi** (Teiko Soland); **Barb** (Janette Singley)

Living with cancer: Liz Kidd (Bob Beck); **Duane Jacobson;** **Mary Lewis** (sister-in-law of Lyle and Alice Lewis); **Mark Becker** (uncle of Paula Seeger); **Barbara Krogh Jarvis** (sister of Steve Krogh); **Suzanne Lewis** (daughter-in-law of Lyle & Alice Lewis); **Mira Bergsma**

Expectant Mothers: Jessica Murguia (Cheryl Hauser); **Yili Leiter** (Cheryl Leiter)

Mourning the death of loved ones: For peace and comfort during this time of grieving for the family and friends of: **Karen Miley** (Doug & Dianne Tanner); **Lyle Hassebroek** (Doug & Dianne Tanner); **Charles Chambers** (brother-in-law to Rowan & Barbara Hinds); **Barbara Nielson** (Karen Hansen)

Members and friends serving in the military; fire & police departments, & emergency rooms.

Global Missions and Missionaries: For the success of students studying at the Japan Lutheran College & Seminary. (Global Missions). **Henrik & Patty Christopherson.** Congregations in Chiclayo, Peru: **Pepe** at Las Brisas, **Merci** in San Antonio and **Harold** at Las Lomas. **MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School** in Tanzania.

Thanksgiving: For successful kidney transplant surgery for **Dave Carlson** and his medical team.