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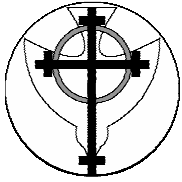
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# The Feast of Pentecost

Whitsunday

23 May Anno † Domini 2010

## Welcome

Welcome to the Lord's House this morning for Divine Service. Rejoice, for the Lord comes to you here in this place to give you His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation through His precious means of grace – His Holy Word and Sacraments. We pray the Lord's richest blessings upon you as you receive these Divine gifts. Please take the time to fill out the **Record of Fellowship form** that is in the pew. If you are visiting with us this morning, we want you to know that we are overjoyed that you are here. Please make your visit known to us by introducing yourself to us after the Service and by signing the guest book that is in the hallway on the left as you leave the sanctuary. The Lord be with us in Divine Service this morning!

## Holy Communion Practice

- The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. In preparation for receiving this blessed Sacrament, you may refer to Martin Luther's "Christian Questions with Their Answers" found on pages 329-330 in *LSB*.
- Communicants at this altar are to be in full confessional fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the LCMS are asked, out of love and Christian responsibility, to refrain from partaking with us this morning. If you have any questions regarding Holy Communion, you are invited and encouraged to speak with the pastor before or after the Service.
- See Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

## Our Mission Statement

The mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to welcome all people into the fellowship of God's love by proclaiming the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ and to nurture our members with God's Holy Word and Sacraments.

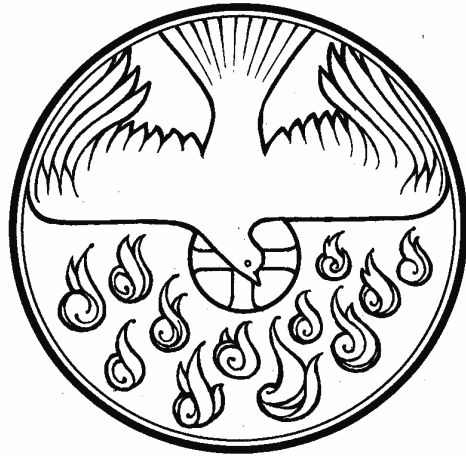


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## The Service of Preparation

*(Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)*

### *Preparatory Prayers*

*Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.*

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

### **The Prelude and Ringing of the Bells**

*(At the conclusion of the Ringing of the Bells, the congregation stands and faces the processional cross for the Processional Hymn. It is customary to continue facing the cross as it is processed in and to bow your head and make the sign of the cross in reverence and admiration to the Lord as it passes your pew. The same applies for the recessional as Service concludes.)*

**The Processional Hymn:** 498 “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”

**The Confession and Absolution** (p. 151)

## From Martin Luther’s Sermon for The Day of Pentecost John 14:23-31

In other words: The time of My suffering and death is at hand. The prince of this world – the devil – is present in his adherents, and will seize Me. But he will accomplish nothing, for he will unjustly lay hold of Me, desiring to crush Me. His tactics will fail; I will triumph over him, and I will do it justly.

One may reply: Did not Satan conquer Christ? Did he not put Him to death? Christ Himself answers this and says that He dies for the very purpose of satisfying the will of the Father. It is not due to the power of Satan that Christ dies, but to the will of the Father, Who would blot out sin through the death of His Only-Begotten Son. Hence, it does not rest in the power of the world nor of Satan to put to death either Christ or any of His followers. But it does rest in the will of the Father, Who reveals His power through our weakness, before all His creatures; as St. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:27. In view of this, Christ here says to His disciples: I will indeed die, but I will rise again. I die to the end that the world may know that I love the Father and that I do what My Father hath commanded me. I seek the Father’s glory in this, Who wills that I should so do. And all this for the sake of your salvation and blessedness. Therefore, be of good cheer and let not your heart be troubled; for you will have great joy because of My death and My leaving you.

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## Our 2010 Confirmand

**Confirmed in the Lord at Peace Lutheran Church on  
23 May Anno † Domini 2010**

*Natalie Quinn Penzien*

Date of Birth: 2 May Anno † Domini 1996

Place of Birth: Gratiot Community Hospital, Alma, Michigan

Date of Baptism: 7 July Anno † Domini 1996

Place of Baptism: Peace Lutheran Church, Alma, Michigan

Confirmation Text: *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 3:23-24)*

## The Service of the Sacrament

*(Please read the statement regarding Holy Communion on the back of the bulletin)*

**The Preface and Proper Preface** (pp. 160-161)

**The Sanctus** (p. 161)

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving** (p. 161)

**The Words of Our Lord** (p. 162)

**The Proclamation of Christ** (p. 162)

**The Lord's Prayer** (pp. 162-163)

**The Pax Domini** (p. 163)

**The Agnus Dei** (P. 163)

***Communicants are invited to pray the following:***

***Before receiving the Sacrament:***

*Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

***Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:***

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

**Distribution Hymns**

630 "Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling"

624 "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"

677 "For All the Saints"

**The Post-Communion Canticle: Nunc Dimittis** (p. 165)

**The Post-Communion Collect** (p. 166)

**The Benediction** (p. 166)

**The Recessional Hymn:** 500 "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

**The Postlude**

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

## The Service of the Word

**The Introit** Ps. 68:1, 4a, c, 11a, 33b, 35a; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Ps. 68:3



The Spirit of the LORD fills the world. Alle- | luia.\*  
The righteous | shall be glad.

**They shall exult be- | fore God;\***

**they shall be jubilant with joy! Alle- | luia.**

God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;\*

and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!

**Sing to God, sing praises | to his name;\***

**exult be- | fore him!**

The LORD | gives the word;\*

behold, he sends out his voice, his | mighty voice.

**Awesome is God from his sanctu- | ary;\***

**the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength  
to his | people.**

**Glorify be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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The righteous | shall be glad.

**They shall exult be- | fore God;\***

**they shall be jubilant with joy! Alle- | luia.**

**The Kyrie** (pp. 152-153)

**The Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis** (p. 154)

**The Salutation and Collect of the Day** (p. 156)

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## The Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 11:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup>And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup>And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup>And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup>So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup>Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

**The Anthem:** 768 "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

## The Second Reading

*Acts 2:1-21*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your

young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; <sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; <sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. <sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## The Alleluia and Verse (p. 156 - Common)

*(As the Alleluia and Verse is sung, the pastor and crucifer process to the middle of the nave for the reading of the Holy Gospel)*

## The Holy Gospel

*John 14:23-31*

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. <sup>30</sup>I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, <sup>31</sup>but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here."

## The Nicene Creed (p. 158)

**The Hymn of the Day:** 497 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

## The Sermon

**The Hymn of Preparation:** 865 "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain"

## The Rite of Confirmation (pp. 272-274)

*(We rejoice at the Confirmation of Natalie Penzien)*

## The Prayer of the Church (p. 159)

**P** Grant us Your Spirit, O Lord,

**C** and teach us all things.

## The Offering is gathered for the Lord's work (p. 159)

*(If you have not done so already, please sign and share the Fellowship folders in the pews to assist us in keeping accurate attendance records. Thank you.)*

## The Offertory (pp. 159-160)