

*“Out of
his heart
will flow
rivers
of living
water”*

John 7:38

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Day of Pentecost

May 31, 2020

Worship Notes regarding Today's Service:

Thank you for attending. The service, the organ music, and Pastor John's message will be routed through the church's sound system and broadcast on your car radio on FM channel 101.5. Please follow the direction of the persons assisting with parking. Once they have directed you to your parking space, please remain in your vehicle and await the beginning of the service. To follow the COVID-19 guidelines and for your protection as well as others attending **you must remain inside your vehicle for the entire service.** You can leave the vehicle running or turn it off and roll down the windows, just listen to your radio. Pastor John will lead the service from the steps of the church. Please follow the service in the bulletin.

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please show your respect with silent meditation at this time.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires 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 our Lord.

C Amen

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

L Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

HYMN:

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

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.”
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 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.

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 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,
With bold new decisions your people arise.

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 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.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness
Calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

GREETING

L 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.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their mercy and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

L Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks,

We praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world'

Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father;

Receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord, You alone are the

Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray;

O God, you taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Numbers 11:24-30

24Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them 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 as soon

as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. 26Now two 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 the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, 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, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!” 30And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

PSALM READING

Psalm 25:1-14

**1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

**2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

**3 Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.**

**4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

**5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

**6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

**7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**

**8 He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

**9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**10 For your name’s sake, O Lord,
forgive my sin, for it is great.**

**11 Who are they who fear the Lord?
he will teach them the way that they should choose.**

**12They shall dwell in prosperity,
and their offspring shall inherit the land.**

**13The Lord is a friend to those who fear him
and will show them his covenant.**

**14My eyes are ever looking to the Lord,
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net**

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, {the disciples} were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. 7 And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, 11both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” 12And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” 14But 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. 15For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: 17‘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; 18even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; 20the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. 21And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

GOSPEL VERSE

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: John 7:37-39

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 7th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

37On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” 39Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

Message

SERMON HYMN:

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest
Realms of light; Holy Spirit, ever brooding
O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high:
Living life imparting spirit, You we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship for your gifts and fruits unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working through the Church's ministry
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving
Setting captive sinners free; Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age
And soul to soul. In communion never ending, You we worship and extol

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he arose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

Offering – If you wish to give an offering it will be received as you leave.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a
Right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your
Presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from' me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**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!**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

**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,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen

HYMN

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread
'thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up
Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high

Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be
'then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war
Thine the living thine the loving ever more ever more.

Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways
Thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast

Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light
Thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally
Then the Holy Holy Holy celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn #565 LBW

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



New Office Hours for Pastor

Pastor John will have new weekly office hours at the parsonage starting Tuesday, June 2nd.

The hours are as follows:

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

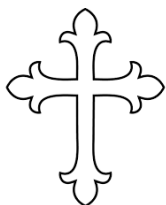
Thursdays 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Youth Group & Sunday School News

Most of the activities with the Youth Group and Sunday School have been put on hold or cancelled. Our prayer is that when Sunday School resumes, we will have a full house! Prayers for all during this time.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL has now been **CANCELLED** as well. Lutherhill ministries sent us this statement: After prayerful consideration, the Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to cancel all congregational day camps for the summer of 2020.



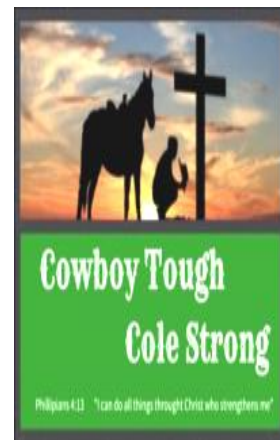
NALC Warehouse and Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

We will be collecting for these charities all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will be collecting stick deodorant for the month of May. Please bring only stick deodorant, no aerosol cans.

Special Prayers for Cole

~NEW UPDATE~

Cole has returned from China after a six month treatment program for his injury. This included surgery, stem cell injections, and extensive therapy. He has also recently recovered from a surgery done in New Jersey on his diaphragm to help him eventually get off the ventilator. Cole has returned home from TIRR Rehabilitation Hospital in Houston for continued therapy. God has been with Cole every step of the way through this very long and difficult journey and by faith we know He will continue to carry him through. We want to thank each and everyone for all your prayers, concerns, and support for Cole and his family. We ask for your continued prayers for Cole's healing and for strength and patience as he continues forward. Thanks again and God bless you.



GOD
is Listening

+Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole+

At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list:

Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual

To help family stay strong

Patience

Stay positive

The drive to keep trying (perseverance)

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, contact Evelyn Diebel. And please update your request at least once a month so the list can be kept current and up to date. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel at (361)275-5979.

Our Military and their families:

Jeff Zengerle - U.S. Army NG, Egypt
Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, Staff Sergeant, Fort Rucker, AL, going to Warrant Officer Candidate School then to Army Aviation Flight School
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force
Michael Petrash II - 1st LT, United States Army
Andrew Washington, PFC - USMC, San Angelo, TX
Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA



Please Pray for: Adam Womble
Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Glynn Yurick
Kenny Jacob
Cole Ohrt
Carly Waters
Joy Hoy
Marie Liner
Bill Roeske
Janice Turner
Slade Doehrman

*(Slade likes to receive cards, his address is:
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Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Alfred Rangnow



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Day of Pentecost

May 31, 2020

The Day of Pentecost (Year A)



Fifty days after Easter, the Holy Spirit rushed into the disciples' dwelling place and filled them with the power of God. They were called to continue what Jesus had begun when he was among them which is the same calling to which we have been called - go and share the Good News! Teach, serve, love, and attend to the needs of all who are lacking, suffering, or lost. This is the way of Christ.