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PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 29, 2022

Gathering

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement *Pastor Daniela*

Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church in Brantford which is located on what was designated in 1784 as the Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples. We are committed to talking about and participating in truth and reconciliation.

This morning we gather in the name of God, creator, redeemer, and sustainer of the Earth and all its creatures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving for Baptism: *Vicar Bethan*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
We are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the baptismal font.

P: We give you thanks, O God,

C: **for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.**

P: Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

C: By Water and your word, you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

P: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honour and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

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.

Gathering Hymn: Gather Us In #532

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;

give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Prayer of the Day: *Assisting Minister – Christine LaPointe*

Let us pray together,

God our creator, your son offers true life to all the peoples of earth. By your holy spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise. We pray this in Jesus name.

Amen

Word

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21 *Reader – Gertrude Shearim*

Info: Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, surrounded by signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people are amazed at Jesus' promise coming true.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire

house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Judeans and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

Psalm 104:24-30 (Read Responsively) *Reader*

²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ **There is the sea, great and wide;
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷ **These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;**

²⁸ when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

³⁰ When you send forth your spirit,^[a] they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

Gospel Acclamation p 188.

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

Gospel: John 14:8-17 *Vicar Bethan*

Info: Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves.

¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; ¹⁴ if you ask^[a] anything in my name, I will do it. ¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you for ever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you.

Sermon: *Bethan*

Hymn of the Day: God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind #400

1. God of tempest, God of whirlwind,
as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service,
there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!

2. God of blazing, God of burning,
all that blocks your purpose, purge!
Through your church, Christ's living Body,
let your flaming Spirit surge!
Where deceit conceals injustice,
kindle us to speak your truth,
kindle us to speak your truth!

3. God of earthquake, God of thunder,
shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder,
for earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us;
make us one in Christ our Lord,
make us one in Christ our Lord!

4. God of passion, God unsleeping,
stir in us love's restlessness!
Where the people cry in anguish,
may we share your heart's distress.
Rouse us from content with evil;
claim us for your kingdom's work,
claim us for your kingdom's work!

Apostle's Creed: *Assisting Minister- Christine LaPointe*

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 Intercession: *Assisting Minister – Christine LaPointe*

Trusting in God's promise, we pray for the renewal of the world, the church, and all of creation.

Come Holy Spirit, enliven the church to speak your words of forgiveness in every language. Pour out your spirit on peoples of all ages, genders, and nationalities.

Hear us, O God.

Your Mercy is great.

Come, Holy Spirit. Dispel human arrogance and establish leaders who are humble of heart. Speak peace into all of the world to overcome prejudice and fear. We pray for the Ukraine and Russia in this time of violent conflict. Move us to support organizations that provide aid internationally.

Hear us, O God.

Your Mercy is Great.

Come, Holy Spirit. You hear us when we cry to you. Bring meaning and hope to those living with dementia, anxiety, depression or addiction. Provide your comforting presence to any who are ill or feel weak or worn, we pray especially for Jennifer, Patty, Maya, Stephen, Bill, Grace, Art, Eberhard, John, Marlene and Ruby, Kirsti, Dave, Gladys, Inge, Miranda and Norman

Hear us, O God.

Your Mercy is Great.

Come, Holy Spirit. Reveal your love through families of all shapes and sizes. Bring joy to the carers, teachers, and learners within them. Bless extended families, chosen families, foster families, and spiritual families. That they may be a comfort and safe haven for one another.

Hear us, O God.

Your Mercy is Great.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Meal

Offertory Let the Vineyards be Fruitful Lord *ELW #182*

The Great Thanksgiving *Pastor Daniela*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer *Pastor Daniela*

We give you thanks, holy God,

for sending your Son Jesus, into the world.

Though poor, he is rich in mercy and grace.

Though rejected by the world, he welcomes all to his side.

Though dying on the cross, he rose from death to bring new life.

Through him you are with us and make us your own.

On the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took a cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your promised life for all this thirsty world.

Fill us with your spirit that with truly thankful hearts we may not only thank you with our lips, but with our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer: *Vicar Bethan*

Today, in the spirit of Pentecost and the many tongues spoken, as we speak the Lord's prayer, if you know it in another language, or are comfortable with using a different version, please speak those words.

C: 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

Distribution *Pastor Daniela*

If you are in a group, you may serve one another. If you are alone, you may serve yourself. All use these or similar words:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Blessing *Pastor Daniela*

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever. Amen

Post-Communion Prayer *Assisting Minister – Christine LaPointe*

A Wellspring of Joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Sending

Benediction *Vicar Bethan*

P The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favour and give you peace. Amen

Sending Hymn: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling #582

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

Dismissal: *Assisting Minister*

A: The spirit is with you always, Go in Peace, share the Good News!

Thanks be to God, Alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated again on:

Sunday July 3

Sunday July 31

PARISH COUNCIL meets this Wednesday, June 8 at 7 pm