

Sunday, June 5th ~ Celebrating the Holy Spirit

Preparing for Worship from home~ Today we are invited by Christ to share in Holy Communion. We invite you to bring some juice or water, and bread or a cracker with you to worship.

Prelude, Words of Welcome, Reading from the Daily Text

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TUNE: IN BABILONE

*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;
Quickening, strengthening, 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.*

Holy Spirit of God, we praise and worship you as the one who gave birth to Christ's church. With the sound of mighty wind and flashing fire, you brought life to the church in Jerusalem.

You filled those frightened new believers with power, and they became Christ's witnesses, speaking boldly the word of truth.

You continue to transform believers—healing, reconciling, empowering. Lives are turned around. Emptiness is filled. Drifting hearts are given direction.

You vitalize your wavering church—lavishing gifts upon us, forging unity, giving new vision. You turn our eyes from the wistful memories of yesterday to the new things you are doing among us now.

We worship and extol you, our Teacher, Guide and Comforter. You make Christ known to us and make us your holy temple.

By your presence, the church in all its diversity is welded together in unity.

Interceding Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought; but you understand our deepest needs and present them with love to the Father. Lead us now to repentance and confession.

TUNE: SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Spirit of holiness, we confess that we are a sinful people. In thought, word, and deed, we quench the fire of your love and dissipate the power of your presence. You long to restore us to the image of God, but we let it tarnish as we nurse selfish attitudes. You nurture unity, but we sow discord. You come to make our bodies your temples, but we desecrate them. We dishonor your good intentions for us. Forgive us, merciful Spirit. Burn away our impurities, and forge us into renewed and useful instruments in your service. Amen.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

We believe God's promise in these last days: I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy; your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Upon both men and women in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall speak my message.

The Spirit of God swells in us if we belong to Christ. The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

When the Holy Spirit comes upon us, we receive power, and we become God's witnesses.

The fruit that the Spirit brings to the lives of those who follow Christ is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The diverse and empowering gifts of the Spirit are given to each one for the common good. None of us is useless to God. None of us is sufficient alone. We serve through the body of Christ, and we depend on the people of Christ.

The Spirit's gifts are given to equip believers for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of faith and the knowledge of the Son of God.

TUNE: BEECHER

*For your gift of God the Spirit, power to make our lives anew, pledge of life and hope of glory,
Savior, we would worship you.*

*Crowing gift of resurrection sent from your ascending throne, fullness of the very God-head,
Come to make your life our own.*

*Father, grant your Holy Spirit in our hearts may rule today, grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered,
Work in us his sovereign way.*

*Fill us with your holy fullness, God the Father, Spirit, Son; in us, through us, then forever,
Shall your perfect will be done.*

Prayers of Intercession

Come, heavenly Dove, and light upon us. Anoint us to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release, recovery, and freedom to those in need.

Empower us to work for God's kingdom in such a way that life becomes a Jubilee, for us and for all people.

Lift up the lonely, the neglected, the outcast. Comfort the grieving. Restore the lost. Be the advocate of the afflicted.

Teach all your people. Remind us of Jesus, and lead us into all the truth.

Keep us on the edge of dynamic living, wrapped in the flames of new beginnings, and filled with power for personal renewal.

Form us in the likeness of Christ, that we may glorify God's name.

Renew your church. Fill stagnant and empty lives with the breath of God. Overcome our apathy, and energize us with your engaging presence.

Give your church new vision, new hope, and a driving desire to claim the promise of new birth.

Spirit of power, work in all who confess the risen Christ to spread your message of hope, love, and salvation to every person and nation.

Hasten the day when every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

TUNE: AZMON

*Spirit of truth, and grace and power, blow through your church, we pray.
Transform us from this very hour in all we do and say.*

*Anoint us all to be good news to sad and weak and poor.
Make us the instrument you use to praise the Savior more.*

*Pour out your gifts, wrap us in flames of energy and drive;
And make our goal, our guiding aim, that Jesus' church will thrive.*

Meditation with Youth and Children

Scripture Acts 2:1-21

Sermon Celebrating the Holy Spirit

Our Offerings *Celebrating the ways we can offer ourselves and our resources
to reflect Christ's light in our care for others*

- >Financial Tithes and Offerings can be mailed into the church office at 1707 South Oneida, Green Bay 54304
- >Electronic direct deposit forms can be secured from the church office- call 920.499.4433
- >Online Giving can be accessed at <https://mmfa.info/west-side-moravian-church-wi-donation-form/>

The Lord's Supper

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

A Sign of Peace- to indicate oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace with one another.

Breaking of the Bread

After words of Institution, Take and Eat in Silence

The Cup of Salvation

After the words of Institution, Take and Drink in Silence

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death, **Until he comes.**

A sign of Peace- To show renewed dedication and unity of purpose in the service of Christ.

Closing Hymn "Holy Spirit, Still Creating" #496 vs. 4

*Gifts may differ, as may service,
yet we follow one true Lord,
Manifested in your presence,
for the common good out-poured.*

Benediction & Postlude

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