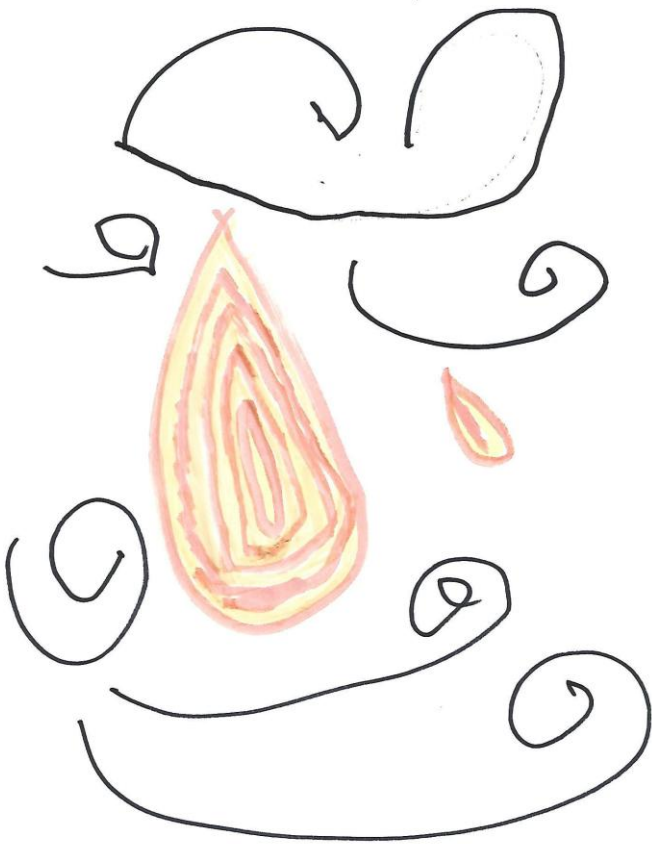




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PRELUDE - Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart, Franklin Ritter John Cribb

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Brian

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful,

holy and mighty,

you are the river of life,

you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

**In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.**

Water is poured into the font.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.

**Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.**

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

GATHERING 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.

REPEAT two times

GREETING

The grace of Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE p. 203 (red hymnal, front section)

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts.**

GLORIA p. 204 (red hymnal, front section)

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Marker of surpassing worth;
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we all;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all;
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Maker's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Let us pray together.
**O God, 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.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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 nation 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?
Parthians, Medes, Elamites,
and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,
Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene,
and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
Cretans and Arabs
in our own languages we hear them speaking
about God’s deeds of power.”
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,
“Men of Judea 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.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (the congregation responds with the bold words)

How manifold are your works, O God!

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

**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**

There go the ships to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you

to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are terrified;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;

and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of God endure forever;

O God, rejoice in all your works.

You look at the earth and it trembles;

you touch the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the Lord.

Bless God, O my soul.

Hallelujah!

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;

and there are varieties of activities,

but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom,

and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

to another faith by the same Spirit,

to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

to another the working of miracles,

to another prophecy,

to another the discernment of spirits,

to another various kinds of tongues,

to another the interpretation of tongues.

All these are activated by one and the same Spirit,

who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members,

and all the members of the body, though many, are one body,

so it is with Christ.

For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p.205 (red hymnal, front section)

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-23

The gospel lesson for this Pentecost Sunday is from the 20th chapter of the Gospel of John, beginning with the nineteenth verse.

Glory to you, O God.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

This is the gospel indeed.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN O Living Breath of God #407 (red hymnal, rear section)
O living Breath of God, wind at the beginning upon the waters;
O living Breath of God, bearing the creation to wondrous birth:

REFRAIN

Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant.
O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.

O living Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth among us;
O living Breath of God, who to the creation gives life anew.

REFRAIN

Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant.
O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.
O living Breath of God, bearing us to life through baptismal waters;
O living Breath of God, sighing with creation for freedom's birth.

REFRAIN

APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's 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 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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort, especially,

- Ron Forster - recovering from surgery
- Chris Senter - undiagnosed illness
- Cindy Haener - recovering from surgery
- Dan Sperow - recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Darel Sorensen and family, in the death of Betty
- The people of Faith Lutheran Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, whose entire church building burned up on Easter Sunday afternoon
- Donna Cuvelier - friend of Gail B., numerous health concerns
- Family of Ryan Loomis - Cindy Haener's nephew who died in an auto accident in Arizona
- Heidi Carney - Diagnostic tests
- Kate Anderson

- Ben - Kathie Sperow's grandson recovering from trauma
- Ina Davenport - recent fall
- Linda Hermann - mother-in-law of Katie Edson's daughter, leukemia
- Gary & Eileen Orback whose home was damaged in the storm
- Betty Johnson - recovering from infection and blood clot while undergoing chemotherapy
- Aaron Brochtrup - starting physical therapy to treat lower back
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas - continuing to make progress in recovery
- Linda Luke - to gain weight and strength
- Jim Luke - supporting Linda's recovery
- Becky Padilla- responding well to treatment for cancer
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- James Hecker- ongoing abdominal pain
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting COVID
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing and protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For Andrew Jacoby, Patti Harsch, Maggie Muff and Charlie Rice who celebrated their birthdays last week, and Katie Edson and Gary Brochtrup who celebrate their birthdays this week

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community, especially through Iglesia Lutherana de Santa Cruz.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Omnipresent God, we lift up those on our hearts and minds who have not yet been mentioned, especially,

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service, especially.

[please name those whom you remember on this day.]

Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share that peace with one another.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.... **Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.**

We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One.

**In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY p. 207

(red hymnal, rear section)

Holy, holy, holy Lord.

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory,

hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of our Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it

and gave it to his disciples saying,

“Take and eat, this is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it to his disciples, saying,

“Drink this, all of you. It is the new covenant of my blood,

shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us pray the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:

**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.**

LAMB OF GOD p. 208 (red hymnal, front section)

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away
you suffered death our lives to save; have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION

[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ. Gluten-free bread is available if you ask for it, and alcohol-free grape juice is in the center ring of the tray. During the distribution of Communion, you may also seek prayers of healing at the chair by the baptismal font.]

**COMMUNION HYMN Let Us Break Bread Together on our Knees #471
(red hymnal, rear section)**

**Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us bread bread together on our knees.**

REFRAIN

**When I fall down on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
RERAIN**

**Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
REFRAIN**

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

**Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.
AMEN.**

BLESSING

The God of all,
who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart #800 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to live.**

**I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.**

**Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh let me seek you and oh, let me find!**

**Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
Thanks be to God.

Thank you to:

- **Jean Senter** for assisting in worship.
- **John Cribb** for accompanying.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Joyce Bauer** for preparing communion.
- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo and Gail Brochtrup** for editing and assembling worship bulletins and the newsletter.
- **Nancy Padilla**, for setting up and welcoming
- **Gary and Mark Orback**, for tending to our outside property.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
- **Ken Brocks, Dan Sperow, Andrew Jacoby, and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.
- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation.

Events this week:

- Today there will be a **brunch after worship** sponsored by members of the church council. Please plan on staying for food and fellowship!
- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will meet tonight, 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom, to talk about Season 1, Episode 7. New participants are welcome!
- The **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** will meet tomorrow, Monday, May 29th, at 9:30 am. We will be discussing next week's lessons: Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8, II Corinthians 11-13, and Matthew 28:16-20. Talk with Pastor Brian if you are newly interested in attending.
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, May 31st at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. We are just beginning a new curriculum, watching a video called *The Bible as Literature*, and then discussing it. This is a good time to join in!
- The Central Coast Readers Theater will be interpreting **The Importance of Being Earnest** by Oscar Wilde on Sunday, June 11th in our sanctuary at 3:00 pm. John Cribb and Pastor Brian are part of this troupe. A donation of \$10 each is requested.
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**. (bsteinwebber@gmail.com)

Don't forget to check the Calendar website page for upcoming events: morrobaylutherans.org