

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

Improvisation on Spirit of Gentleness

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**C Amen.**

P O God, my shepherd,

**C you give me what I need.**

P True to your word,

**C you send me in the right directions.**

P Even when I face death,

**C you are at my side.**

P Your beauty and love chase after me,

**C every day of my life.**

P And I shall live in God's house,

**C in this life and the next.**

P Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

**C 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.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

401 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

*Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.*  
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.  
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

*Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.*  
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*

*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
 nor rootless liberty;  
 turn disquiet to contentment,  
 doubt into certainty.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
 unswayed by earth's allure.  
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
 which you alone assure.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray. 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 Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

**Acts 2:1-21**

L A reading from Acts, the 2nd chapter:

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

<sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

L We shall read the psalm responsively by whole verse.  
A reading from the Psalms, number 104:

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,  
living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING

## 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

L A reading from 1 Corinthians, the 12th chapter:

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

L Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## God's Word Is Our Great Heritage



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while



time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

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## GOSPEL

## John 20:19-23

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>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, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

**P** The Gospel of our Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

"A Spirit of Discernment"



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



*Refrain*  
“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

P Let us confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

**C 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.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Piano Sonata in Eb Major, Hob. XVI:52

F. J. Haydn

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*- Pastor Arthur*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

P We call on your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your church, that they reveal your love for all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We call on your spirit of life, present in air, earth, water and all of creation, breathing energy into all things. Heal with your breath the whole creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We call on your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Give each one of us a heart for justice and empathy. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for healing and wholeness *especially Steve Corson, JoAnn Osborne, and Etta Edith Schutt*. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We call on your spirit of blessing. Send your spirit to all affected by COVID-19 *especially grieving families, those diagnosed, essential workers, the unemployed and the isolated*. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We call on your spirit of hope. As you have led your saints in all times and places, stir in us the desire to follow their example, leading us from death to new life in you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

400 God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -  
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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# SENDING

## **BENEDICTION**

P May God creator, bless and keep you. May Christ be ever light for your lives.  
May the Spirit of love be your guide and your path for all of your days.

**C Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE** Improvisation on Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

## **Worship Leaders**

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## **Worship this weekend:**

### **Day of Pentecost**

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

## **Health and Healing**

For Steve Corson, JoAnn Osborne, Etta Edith Schutt, and all suffering with COVID-19.

**Altar Flowers** are given by John and Barbara Meyer in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary.

**Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by John and Barbara Meyer in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary. The broadcast is at 9:00 AM Sundays on KWAY 99.3 FM.

## **Virtual Coffee Hour with Pr. Arthur & Jennifer**

Pr. Arthur & Jennifer invite you to join them for a virtual coffee hour Sundays at 11 a.m. We will use Google Meets as our platform for conversation. All you need is a smart device (phone, tablet or computer with a camera) to participate. Each time, we will have 9 screens on Virtual Coffee Hour. If you want to participate, email [jennifer.prinz@stpaulswaverly.org](mailto:jennifer.prinz@stpaulswaverly.org) to have your name added to the list.

## **Congregational illness**

If you should become ill, we want to hear from you. Please leave a message with the Church Office. The pastors will call and pray with you over the phone.

## **St. Paul's Together Online**

Here is our lineup for daily content found on our website at [www.stpaulswaverly.org/live](http://www.stpaulswaverly.org/live).

**Monday:** Music with Nick Klemetson

**Tuesday:** Family Devotions with Deb Bachman

**Wednesday:** Worship with Bishop Steven Ullestad

**Thursday:** Principally Speaking with Kris Meyer

**Friday:** Prayer with Pr. Arthur

**Saturday:** Home Communion with Pr. Arthur live only at 4:30.

**Sunday:** 9 a.m. Worship Live Streamed on our website & Broadcasted on KWAY 99.3FM

## **Online Giving**

We are asking all members to remain faithful in our giving. You can mail your giving, or schedule a one-time or reoccurring gift at [www.stpaulswaverly.org/give/](http://www.stpaulswaverly.org/give/). If you have any questions or difficulties, please contact the church office staff for assistance, 319-352-3850 or email [info@stpaulswaverly.org](mailto:info@stpaulswaverly.org). It is a safe, easy and simple way to guarantee your giving to St. Paul's during these times.