

Vasa Lutheran Church

Pentecost Sunday

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Sunday, May 31, 2020 **The Covid-19 year**

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CALL TO WORSHIP by Julia Seymore

The day came and they were all in one place, in *one* place, in one *place*.
Being together, being in one space, breathing the same air, saying the same words
had seemed like the most important thing.
The most important thing.

Then there was a sound- like a rush of wind.
Then there was a sound- the sound of things changing
Then there was a sound- suddenly nothing was the same.
Those who were gathered received new languages.
Those who were gathered received new dialects.
Those who were gathered received new understanding.
Those who were gathered received new power.
Those who were gathered received the Holy Spirit in a new way.

It became clear immediately that what was important had changed.
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What was important had changed. Immediately. That was clear.
Being in one space was not a priority.
Speaking in unison was not a priority.
Being all together to breathe the same air was not a priority.

The power of the Holy Spirit rearranged their priorities to align them with God's.
God's priority of diversity,
God's priority of widespread grace,
God's priority of neighbors and community,
God's priority of stepping out, reaching out, being out in the world.
The world that God loves.
The world that is God's priority.

Being aligned with God's priorities, it felt, it feels like being on fire.

Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

GREETING: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Spirit of fire, your holy presence burns bright within this world. Spread your spirit throughout our communities, so that our hearts may burn with love and hope. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 12:1-13 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 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. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. 12 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. 13 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.

Acts 2:1-21 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 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. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." 14 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. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 '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. 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

SERMON

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

*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 THE CONGREGATION

Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS

During this time of sheltering safely, Vasa Congregation has purchased individual communion portions for your use at home. Pastor Maureen will consecrate the elements at this time. They will be available on a table near the church office beginning on Monday morning. You may stop in and pick up what you need.

- If you have internet access, you may watch the June 7th worship service. There will be a time for you to share communion during the service.
- If you do not have internet access, you may find a quiet moment to have communion at your home. A brief format has been printed for you to follow.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Give us the courage to follow in the foot steps of Christ, who taught us to pray,
saying...

**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.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING WORDS

A litany for the Body of Christ originally written by a confirmation class taught by
Teri Peterson in 2010 (for 1 – 12 voices)

1. We belong to the body of Christ.
2. We belong to something greater,
3. where everyone is included.
4. We belong to something greater,
5. where all small tasks to help are significant.
6. We belong to something greater,
7. where everyone is needed.
8. We belong to something greater,
9. where each of us has our own gifts with which to serve.

10. We belong to something greater,
11. greater than you, or I, or us together.
12. We belong to the body of Christ.

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life,
fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



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David Broin, Jessie Otto.

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Participating in Spirit: ALL

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