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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

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!
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!
God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder, from 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!
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!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

ALL: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Leader: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

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 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.'

SECOND READING

1 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.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

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." But Thomas

(who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

SONG

It's the Spirit of God!

OUR OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for your greatness, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again through your Word for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. **ALL: Amen.**

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Leader: 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.*

Leader: 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, **ALL: hear our prayer.**

Leader: We call on your spirit of life, present in air, wind, humidity, storms, and oxygen in our atmosphere, breathing energy into all things. Heal with your breath the whole creation, especially those who struggle to breathe due to air pollution. Lord, in your mercy, **ALL: hear our prayer.**

Leader: 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, **ALL: hear our prayer.**

Leader: 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 comfort. Lord, in your mercy, **ALL: hear our prayer.**

Leader: We call on your spirit of friendship. As Elizabeth welcomed Mary to her home, give us a spirit of welcome to those whom we meet in this congregation and outside these doors. Surprise us daily with unexpected grace, that we rejoice in every blessing you send. Lord, in your mercy, **ALL: hear our prayer.**

Leader: 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, **ALL: hear our prayer.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: 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**

BLESSING

Leader: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus.

God, the Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

All: Amen

HYMN

Spirit of Gentleness

[Refrain]

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing;
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." **[Refrain]**

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. **[Refrain]**

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. **[Refrain]**

DISMISSAL

Leader: Depart in peace.
Call a neighbor.
Be the church wherever you are.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Weekly Announcements

In our Prayers

Virgil Roecker-medical concerns
Joe Brossia-medical concerns
Helen Jean Rollins-medical concerns
Heather DeWitz-medical concerns
Terry Gast-medical concerns
Janice Sheahan-medical concerns
Riley Brossia-medical concerns

Worship Schedule

All activities and worship services at St. John are suspended through the month of May. We hope to rejoin for worship on or after June 6th. Please join us on Facebook or on our YouTube channel for a live stream of worship. The weekly bulletin is available on our website. www.stjohnwilliston.org

New

Helping Our Neighbors

We are handing out Supplemental Food Bags to the community on **TUESDAYS** beginning at 11:00 AM. Please call Pastor first if you would like to help so we may limit our group to less than 10 people. We are also taking financial donations to continue this ministry.

This week we need:
Spaghetti Noodles
And we always take donations of
canned fruit, veggies,
Spaghetti Sauce (cans)
Peanut Butter (small jars)
and boxed of cereal.
Thank you!!

Office Hours

At this time, Pastor O'Brien and LisaAnne will maintain office hours Mon-Fri from 9 am to 3 pm. If you need something, please call 419-836-5514 ahead of time. If the door is locked. Please ring the bell.

You may also email/text
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office@stjohnwilliston.org

Online Giving Option

Please consider giving online. There is a link on our website at **www.stjohnwilliston.org**.

It is fast, easy and secure!

In addition, you can also mail your offering to the church (PO Box 235, Williston 43468).

Thank you for your continued support of St. John!

The Altar Flowers

are given to the Glory of God and in honor and celebration of Roland and Janice Sandrock on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The Chancel Flowers are giving to the Glory of God and in memory of Delbert Base by Diana and Christopher Pfaff and Cheryl Berger, Kelly & Craig Morse, Jeremiah Berger & Shelby Barney