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+**The Festival of Pentecost**+
LBW Service of the Word for Healing
May 31st, 2020

(* = stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book;
+ = hymn requests; WOV = With One Voice Hymnal-blue book)

GATHERING

Prelude

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Meditation and Prayer

Welcome

Parish News

*** Entrance Hymn**

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

LBW #163

***Invocation and Dialogue**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, **and his mercy endures forever.**
They cried to the Lord in their trouble, **and he delivered them from their distress.**
He sent forth his Word and healed them, **and saved them from the grave.**
The Lord is righteous in all his ways, **and loving in all his works.**
The Lord upholds all who fall; **He lifts up those who are bowed down.**
The Lord sustains them on their sickbed, **and ministers to them in their illness.**
The Lord is my strength and my song, **and he has become my salvation.**
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, **and his mercy endures forever.**

*** The Apostles' Creed**

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and was born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, and the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** Canticle**

He is Arisen! Glorious Word!

LBW #138

Salutation

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us pray

(*stand as you are able)

First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian)*

O God, on this day you taught the hearts of the faithful with the light of your Holy Spirit. By the same Spirit guide us into wisdom; and through His good counsel may we find eternal joy, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Musical Offering

(E/St.M)

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 A lesson from Acts:

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.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: 104:24-35

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

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

**Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumer- / able are there,*
living things both / small and great.**

There / go the ships,*
and Leviathan that you formed to / sport in it.

These all / look to you*
to give them their food / in due season;
when you give to them, they gath- / er it up;*
when you open your hand, they are filled / with good things.

When you hide your face, they / are dismayed;*
when you take away their breath, they die
and return / to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they / are created;*
and you renew the face / of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord en- / dure forever;*
may the Lord rejoice / in his works--
who looks on the earth / and it trembles,*
who touches the mountains / and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long / as I live;*
I will sing praise to my God while / I have being.
May my meditation be pleas- / ing to him,*
for I rejoice / in the Lord.

Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked / be no more.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul. / Praise the Lord!

Glory to the Father, and / to the Son,* and to the / Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginn- / ing, is now,* and will be forev- / er. Amen

Second Lesson: 1 Cor. 12:3b-13

A lesson from First Corinthians:

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. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*** Gospel Acclamation**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

WOV #612

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-23 Glory to you, O Lord.

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

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*** Gospel Response**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

WOV #612

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pr. Paul Messner

Hymn of the Day

God of Tempest, God of Whirl

Last Page

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

RESPONSE

*** Offertory**

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

Last Page

Offertory Prayer:

Holy Father, with new gifts you announced the sending of your Spirit. And with new offerings we declare that we would be your holy ones. In your mercy, receive us, and by your grace, use us; send your Spirit to sanctify us for the sake of those who are being saved. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*** Prayers of the Church**

First Intercession:

Most Merciful God, we worship you for the peace you have created with your people by the gift of your son. Knowing our fears and helplessness, you announced your reconciliation through the cross. By your Spirit lead us boldly to believe its possibilities in dealing with each other; and may peace and its fruit of joy be our vision of your eternal promises.

Prayers for Healing and Hope

Let us pray for all who suffer. Merciful Lord, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all who suffer pain or grief to find in him strength and peace, so that their trust in your promises may be renewed, and that despair may give way to hope; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for recovery from sickness. O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers on behalf of others whom we name before you now, aloud or in silence. Grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those in affliction. Almighty and everlasting God, comfort of the sad and strength to those who suffer: Let the prayers of your children who are in any trouble rise to you. To everyone in distress grant mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who minister in healing. Almighty God, source of human knowledge and skill: Guide physicians and nurses and all those you have called to practice the arts of healing. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that, by their ministries, the health of all people may be promoted and your creation may be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the ministry of family and friends. Loving God, our creator and redeemer: Give strength and gentleness, patience and faithfulness to family members and friends. Let their hope be in you, and by their ministry of love let your love be known; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who desire our prayers. Blessed Lord, we ask your loving care and protection for those who are sick in body, mind or spirit and who desire our prayers. Take from them all fears and help them put their trust in you, that they may feel your strong arms around them. Touch them with your renewing love, that they may know wholeness in you and glorify your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those making decisions. O Lord our God, send your Holy Spirit to guide us, that we may make our decisions with love, mercy and reverence for your gift of life, especially on behalf of those most vulnerable at the beginning and the ending of life in this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Praise to you, almighty God and Father. You sent your Son to live among us and to bring us your salvation. **Blessed be God.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, incomparable Son of the Father. You humbled yourself to share in our humanity, and you came to heal all our illnesses. **Blessed be God.**

Praise to you, Holy Spirit, our defender and consoler. You heal our sickness with your mighty and life-giving power. **Blessed be God.**

Holy and blessed Trinity, sustain your servants, whom we have named before you this day, with your presence; drive away their sickness of body, mind and spirit; and give them that victory of life and peace which enable them to serve you now and evermore. **Amen.**

Laying on of Hands

Hymns during Laying on of Hands

LBW #257, 475, 456

(Those who wish to receive laying on of hands (and anointing) come to the altar rail
or the foot of the altar and if conditions permit, kneel.
The minister lays hand(s) on each person's head)

Father in heaven for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon your servant, drive away all sickness of body and spirit, make whole that which is broken; deliver *him/her* from the power of evil; and preserve *him/her* in true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore. **Amen.**

OR

I lay my hands upon you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with grace, that you may know the healing power of his love. **Amen.**

(After all have returned to their places)

The almighty Lord—a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and whom they obey—be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray in unison.

Merciful Lord God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we

have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

SENDING

***Benediction**

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*** Recessional Hymn**

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

LBW #459

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Remain to Pray Depart when you wish.

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Weekly Worship Practice:

Please help us keep our sanctuaries neat by placing worship resources in their appropriate places. Each pew rack should hold two *LBWs* (green book); one *WOV* (blue book) and a pew *Bible*. Thanks

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Martha Messner Martha Messner Martha Messner Mary Mansbach	Gabe L. Ilse S. & D. LaG Dorothy L. Mia P. Lane	

+OCLP+

We welcome Pastor Jim Crouthamel to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John's.
Next Sunday Deacon Robin Bush will lead worship at St. Matthew and Atonement.

+ + dings Through This Week

See website: <https://www.otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

+Prayers of the Church+

(Please take this prayer list home and use with your personal devotion time)

+Atonement+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Joan Lambiaso, Richard Laitsch (John's brother), John Laitsch, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Barbara Richardson (Denise), Patsy (H. Byrnes), Ken Nye (S. Dana), Linda Czernak (P. Serra-Lima), Stan Whitmore (C. Brown), Lewis Sherrill (D. Sherrill), Brian Sherrill (D. Sherrill), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Beth Gilmore (Pudelka), Virginia Pudelka, Paula Holleran (Mansbach), Sandy Shear, Joan Carman, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), Rene Prins (Roper), Tony and Thoranne Winkler, and Thomas Mendes

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Robert & Barbara Loitsch

For young adult: Carly King

+Evangelical+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Kathi Yule (C. Butts), Yvonne Cornell, Dan Barrows (John and Pam Miller), Alex Reynolds (C. Butts), Marilyn Urbiss (Burda), Shannon Mahoney (J. Boyd), Roz Winne (C. Butts), Janet Underwood (Burda), Amy Beuchler (Linsenbardt), Bob Hazelton (C. Butts), Joyce Boyd (C. Lane), Karen Ingraham (C. Butts), Gloria Hendricks, and Mary Peterson

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Dennis Hascup

For Young Adult: Kristoff Jaeck

+St. Matthew+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Robert Evans, Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Maureen VerPlanck (Parsons), Laura Emmet (Lawyer) , Peg Hughes (Janet B.), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Bart Bonney, Tennison (T. Wood), Gina Pywar, Erika Baker-Heinegg, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Charles Hulbert, Triston (Hahn), Gabrielle Bush, Adam Pierce (Forbes), Doris Schlee (R. Nelson), Priscilla Galbreth (Hulbert), Marissa Struckle, Rose Nelson, Patty Hulbert, Chayse Winslow, Kelly Ives (Wood), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), and Ginny Ganio

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Bart & Marge Bonney

For Young Adult: Jenna Ganio

+St. John+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Jennifer Darling (Hecker), Fred Schoellig

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Carl & Carolyn Gronlund

For Young Adult: Lizzie Hecker

+Beyond the Parish+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Nancy Saxton Miller (Mansbach), Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, David Brenner (Former Oneonta Mayor), Sue Haney, Mary Jane Bianchine (Pr. Paul), Senator James Seward, Warren Robinson (Messner), Carleen Roberts (Messner), Pr. Ameen Aswad (Jail Ministry)

For those preparing for marriage: Scott Lehenbauer & Stephanie Keaney

For those celebrating childbirth: Ryan Loveland & Jessica Carocci, on the birth of Henry Ryan (grandparents – Toni and Frank Wood)

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Fox Hospital Emergency Services Staff

In the Foothills Conference: Our Confirmation ministry, confirmands (name your own), teaching staff and the Mohawk Valley Lutheran Confirmation Camp

National/ International Concerns: People of Hong Kong, China, Italy, Iran, Afghanistan, Israel and Palestine; our country during this time of a pandemic. For our companion church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Zimbabwe

Natural and Man-Made Disasters: Those impacted by the coronavirus; the cruise ship, airline, hospitality industries, seasonal storms and flooding

**+Blessed are the Dead+
Who Die in the Lord**

+ Parish News and Notes +

+The Festival of Pentecost 5/31

"Peace "e with you" - The"r–surrected Jesus' first' words to His terrified and astonished disciples. And right there and then He breathes God's Spirit of Life into them - to fo–give and retain sins (Gospel). Hurricane force winds, fire bursting out on faithful followers' brows, simultaneous translation of the message of Jesus' risin' from death (in fulfillment of Joel's prop'ecy). Are they drunk? Yes - on Go–'s powe' of life, joy and hope! (1st less^{on}). The Spirit gives us the faith to

proclaim, "Jesus is Lord", and to the whole Church, and its individual members, a "variety of activities" which God then activates in us: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing...(2d lesson).

+A special welcome to all visitors, friends and guests. Please fill out a Voice from the Pew folder and sign our Guest Book. Please include your complete mailing, e-mail address, and phone number. If you are new to the community or are looking for a Church Home, please let us know how we can be of service and consider our Christian family your own.

Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
5/24			\$116
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+ THIS WEEK +

+Today: The Festival of Pentecost

Coming Up

The reopening of our churches for worship.
Stay tuned.

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+ Thought of the Week +

Before fruit is ripened by the sun,
Before the petals or the leaves uncoil,
Before the first fine silken root is spun,
A seed is dropped and buried in the soil.

Before we gain the grace that comes through loss,
Before we live by more than bread and breath,
Before we lift in joy an empty cross,
We face with Christ the seed's renewing death.

-- Thomas H. Troeger

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God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pentecost
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks you
 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 a love

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - for
 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
 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
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - arth

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

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the
Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en _____ Je - sus
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en _____
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of
what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace. All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age restriction. Those who commune in their home parishes are welcome to commune; those not yet communing of any age and for any reason may come forward to receive a verbal blessing. Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Baptized children may begin communing after parents have consulted with Pastor. The Lutheran Church believes, teaches and confesses that in, with and through the elements of bread and wine, Our Lord gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sin and the salvation of our lives. Anyone who has a legitimate impediment to receiving either element of the meal may receive in one kind only (bread or wine) and trust the Lord's grace that they are receiving full communion. Members, please fill out a "Voice From the Pew" folder to record your communion at least once a year. This is a constitutional requirement to determine our "Active" Voting membership roster. Thank You.

In the OCLP We Practice The "Reserved Sacrament". When laity "preside" at Holy Communion, they will use elements (bread and wine) previously consecrated by Pr. Paul at a prior worship service. Reserved elements are kept in an ambry for subsequent use in worship and distribution to the sick and shut-ins.

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