

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. Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL. John 14:8-17

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

*The Day Of Pentecost***Sunday, June 5, 2022**

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

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"In response to God's love, St. Matthew's is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone."

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord's Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

COVID-19

Although mask mandates are now lifted in most Ontario indoor settings, our Bishop encourages "all congregations to continue using masks for the time being." For now, we strongly recommend wearing a mask.

If you missed last week's sermon, it is available on our website.

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This morning's Order of Worship is an alternate Eucharistic setting called "Now the Feast and Celebration", located in the *Hymnal Supplement* on page 2. The Thanksgiving for Baptism and hymns are in the hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

Psalm 104:24-34 - Tune: 855 Crown Him with Many Crowns

The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.

Reader: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created; you give new life to the earth.

**The Spirit of our God
Descends to fill the earth,**

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**To breathe new life on all abroad,
To give to all new birth.**

All things living look to you to give them their food in due season.

**Come, Holy Spirit true;
Each faithful heart inspire.**

When you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

**The flame of love in all renew,
Your love's bright glowing fire.**

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created; you give new life to the earth.

**The Spirit of our God
Descends to fill the earth,**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

**To breathe new life on all abroad,
To give to all new birth.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**Come, Holy Spirit true;
Each faithful heart inspire.**

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

The flame of love in all renew, | Your love's bright glowing fire.

Raising Funds for School Lunches

Sharon and I have discovered over the years that we find loose change on the ground as we're walking. We've saved up and then would give to a food sharing program (often the local foodbank).

Here's my idea (which could be adapted/alterd....)

We all could save up loose change we find beginning now and wrapping up Labour Day Weekend. We'd count up how much we all collected and then convert the coin to a cheque or cash and present it to agencies that provide school lunches for kids (In Port Colborne it's Port Cares). We could decide to make this a combined project for both congregations, or each congregation could gather "pennies from Heaven" for their neighbourhood and hometown.

I would give 'for keeps' pottery pieces as collection dishes/jars for anyone who would want one.

Let me know what you think.... bartsterc@gmail.com

Dates to Remember

- June 12 11:00 a.m. - Outdoor worship service and picnic, hosted by St. Matthew's. All food is provided. Please bring a lawn chair.
- June 19 9:30 a.m. - Service of the Word, **hosted by First Lutheran**; 688 Elm St., Port Colborne
- June 26 11:00 a.m. - Service of the Word, hosted by St. Matthew's

While Pastor Bart is on vacation, for any pastoral emergencies during that time, please contact our chairperson, Jenn Rusk.

All types of food donations are welcome at Open Arms Mission. Donation focus for June: Hygiene items (Diapers, baby products, first aid, soap, shaving cream/razors, deodorant, women's hygiene, shampoo, toilet paper, etc.)

**Sunday, June 12 • 11:00 a.m.
Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic**

We plan to have a fun-filled relaxing day with our friends from First Lutheran at an outdoor service and BBQ picnic, hosted by St. Matthew's. Rain or shine! Invite your family and friends.

Bring a sunhat and lawn chair. All food will be provided.

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