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## PENTECOST POTENTIAL

### COME, CREATOR SPIRIT!

May 30, 31, and June 3, 2020

*The Holy Spirit was present at creation, brooding over the waters and bringing life where there was none. Today we celebrate that the Holy Spirit is still active in his creative work, bringing spiritual and eternal life into our hearts.*

#### BELLS AND WELCOME

M In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

M Lord God, on that first Pentecost you record for us how Peter encouraged the people to repent and turn to you for the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, we too need to follow Peter's encouragement. Our sins nailed Jesus to the cross. We are sorry and ashamed. We deserve the punishment Jesus endured. Through the Holy Spirit we come to you with heavy hearts confessing our sins and seeking your mercy in the name of Jesus, Christ, our Savior.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

#### ANTHEM

#### Holy Spirit, Light Divine

Holy Spirit, Light divine,  
Shine upon this heart of mine;  
Chase the gloom of night away;  
Turn the darkness into day.

Holy Spirit, Love divine,  
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;  
In your mercy pity me;  
From sin's bondage set me free.

Holy Spirit, Joy divine,  
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;  
Fill me with your heav'nly peace;  
Let it grow and still increase.

Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine,  
Dwell within this heart of mine;  
Cast down ev'ry idol throne;  
Reign supreme and reign alone.

See, to you I give my heart;  
Cleanse my life in ev'ry part;  
Your own temple I would be  
Now and for eternity.

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**M** Let us pray.

O Lord, all things are possible with you. On that first Pentecost you miraculously blessed the disciples with the gift of speaking in languages they had not studied. Many believed in Jesus their Savior and were baptized. "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the LORD Almighty (*Zechariah 4:6*). Holy Spirit, open our ears and hearts as we study your Word today. Strengthen our faith and equip us to serve you in all we say and do. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

#### **FIRST LESSON**

**Joel 2:28, 29**

*Joel prophesies the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on God's New Testament Church.*

#### **The Day of the LORD**

<sup>28</sup> "And afterward,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your old men will dream dreams,  
your young men will see visions.  
<sup>29</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

M Come Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

#### SECOND LESSON

**Acts 2:1-21**

*The Holy Spirit comes on Pentecost.*

#### The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

<sup>2</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues<sup>[a]</sup> as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

#### Peter Addresses the Crowd

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,

- your old men will dream dreams.
- <sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.
- <sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
- <sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
- <sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.<sup>[c]</sup>

## ANTHEM

## Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for Your purity.  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;  
May Your joy be seen in all I do—  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude,  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace.  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth;  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
Will be clear for all the world to see.

*Pentecost Potential: Come, Holy Spirit, Kindle in Us the Fire of Your Love*

- <sup>7</sup> Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.
- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
- <sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
so that sinners will turn back to you.
- <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,  
you who are God my Savior,  
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.
- <sup>15</sup> Open my lips, Lord,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- <sup>16</sup> You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;  
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
- <sup>17</sup> My sacrifice, O God, is<sup>[a]</sup> a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart  
you, God, will not despise.
- <sup>18</sup> May it please you to prosper Zion,  
to build up the walls of Jerusalem.
- <sup>19</sup> Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous,  
in burnt offerings offered whole;  
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our**

salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### BLESSING

M     The Lord bless you and keep you.  
       The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
       The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C     Amen.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREACHER *Pastor Peter Panitzke*

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of June 1, 2020

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
<b>TUE</b>	10:00 am 10:30 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Ministerial Team Meeting
<b>WED</b>	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service <i>Following the Promise Bible Study (Faith Room)</i>
<b>THURS</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Traditional Worship Service
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am 9:15 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Traditional Worship Service Traditional Worship Service The Bridge Worship Service Traditional Worship Service

Congregational groups can begin to use our buildings. Please inform Tammy in our church office ([tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:tmiller@stpaulmuskego.org)) that your group is resuming scheduled activities so that your activity is seen on the calendar, your meeting space is reserved, and we can ensure staff is available for cleaning. We ask that all groups respect social distancing guidelines and wear masks as much as possible.



St. Paul's

Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

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# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## PENTECOST POTENTIAL

The Holy Spirit who was active at creation is also active in our lives. As we begin the Pentecost season, we will study the origins of the world and celebrate the power of God that is at work in us.

- **Created with Potential – Genesis 1 – June 7**
- **Potential for Perfect Love – Genesis 1:26-28 – June 14**
- **Potential for Perfect Relationship – Genesis 2 – June 21**
- **Potential for Restoration – Genesis 3 – June 28**



## PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request, please don't hesitate to contact one of our pastors or use the contact form at the bottom of our website at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org). We have a team of dedicated prayer warriors ready to pray for you. If you would like to keep your prayer requests confidential among the pastors, check the applicable box.

## HOSPITALIZED

Lois Guhr (hospice care at Care-Age in Brookfield), Fred Liermann (hospice care at Autumn Leaves in Franklin), Mildred Waedekin (Linden Grove New Berlin), Dorrette Probst (home hospice care), and Marlene Sobczak (rehabbing at daughter's house). Eden Wallner and baby Everly Marie Wallner have been discharged from the hospital.

## JUNE FAMILY IN NEED

A St. Paul's family was blessed with a little boy early in April. He was born premature at 27 weeks. By the grace of God, he has no major medical issues so far, just the "normal preemie" things that come with being born three months early. He will most likely stay in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) for nearly three months. Even after insurance, the medical bills are starting to add up. The family started a Facebook Fundraiser page that has received nearly \$15,000 in gifts toward a goal of \$20,000. If you would like to give a gift to help this family as they care for their newborn son, mark your gift, "June Family in Need," or go to [StPaulMuskego.org/Give/](http://StPaulMuskego.org/Give/) to give online using the "Friends in Need" line and indicate, "June Family in Need."

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# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## **COMMUNION/DEVOTIONAL SERVICES – JUNE 6 & 7**

Next weekend we will offer communion in small groups of ten, beginning on Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am in the Grace Room. Please enter through the west door rather than the narthex. A link will be sent to members by email to register or you may call Tammy in our church office, Monday-Friday between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm at (414) 422-0320 and press zero.

## **VOTERS MEETING AND OPEN FORUMS**

Our annual voters' meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. The Messenger with the annual ministry plan will be published next week. There will be two open forums: In person on Wednesday June 10 at 6:00 pm in the Trinity Gym and a Zoom meeting on June 10 at 8:00 pm.

## **ONLINE WORSHIP**

The option of online worship continues at St. Paul's. All online worship resources are available on our website at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org), including the worship folders for all services for you to follow along.

The Bridge, our modern/casual worship experience, is shown live on Sundays at 10:15 am on The Bridge website at [www.thebridgemuskego.org](http://www.thebridgemuskego.org), Facebook at The Bridge at St. Paul's, and on our YouTube channel at The Bridge Church Muskego. The service is also available for viewing later at any time on each platform.

**Bible Reading Plan** Follow along with Pastor Panitzke in his daily Bible reading plan found at the Welcome Center or by contacting Pastor Panitzke at [ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org).

**Daily Devotion** Bible readings are available at [www.stpaulmuskego.org/pastors-blog](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org/pastors-blog).

## **ENROLL NOW FOR PRE-K THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE**

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is open for our 3K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lutheran school. School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons would love to give you a tour of our school facilities and answer any questions you may have. He can be reached at [sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118. You may also find more information and register online at [www.stpmuskego.org/tads](http://www.stpmuskego.org/tads).

## **ST. PAUL'S EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION SERVICE**

Our Lutheran elementary school graduation service will be Thursday, June 11. Attendance will be limited to family members.

## **ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER**

We are pleased to announce that our child care center re-opened Tuesday, May 26. We currently have openings in the infant room and also for children who are 3 years of age whom will move to 3K in the fall. Please contact School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons at [sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118 for more information.

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2020!

The entire St. Paul's family says, "Congratulations and God's blessings!" to the 8th and 12th grade graduates in the Class of 2020 who are part of St. Paul's congregation. May the Lord move all of you to follow the same advice that Paul gave to the young Timothy: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12).

8 <sup>th</sup> GRADE GRADUATE	SCHOOL GRADUATING FROM	SCHOOL ENTERING FOR 2020-2021
Evan Clark	Fox River – Waterford	Waterford High School
Kailee Cook	Park View – Mukwonago	Mukwonago High School
Logan Eirschele	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Wisconsin Lutheran High School
Colin Foley	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Muskego High School
Bailey Gallagher	Park View – Mukwonago	Mukwonago High School
Sofia Garofani	Muskego Lakes – Muskego	Muskego High School
Christian Guhr **	Prattville Junior High – Prattville, AL	Prattville High School
Bradyn Horn	Lake Denoon – Muskego	Muskego High School
Samuel Kneser	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Waukesha West High School
Aiden Krause	Lake Denoon – Muskego	Muskego High School
Ashton Krause	Lake Denoon – Muskego	Muskego High School
Sophia Lepke	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Wisconsin Lutheran High School
Autumn Metzger	Muskego Lakes – Muskego	Muskego High School
Mason Mroczenski	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Muskego High School
Jack Olson	Muskego Lakes – Muskego	Muskego High School
Sara Potter	Frank Lloyd Wright – West Allis	West Allis Central High School
Alyssa Randolph	Muskego Lakes – Muskego	Muskego High School
Hailey Ristow	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Wisconsin Lutheran High School
Jackson Rossmann	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Wisconsin Lutheran High School
Eddie Rynders	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Wisconsin Lutheran High School
Schuyler Santos	Fox River – Waterford	Waterford High School
Jacob Schenkel	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Muskego High School
Kierstin Schlevensky	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Muskego High School
Allie Schneck	Greendale – Greendale	Greendale High School
Dominic Schnier	Lake Denoon – Muskego	Muskego High School
Nathaniel Sperber	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Wisconsin Lutheran High School
Megan Tweedie	New Berlin West – New Berlin	New Berlin West High School
Preston Vahovick	Lane – West Allis	Nathan Hale High School
Brooke Weber	St. Paul's Lutheran – Muskego	Wisconsin Lutheran High School
Henry Westphal	Lake Denoon – Muskego	Muskego High School
** Christian's parents are in the United States Air Force and currently stationed in Prattville, Alabama.		

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ON NEXT PAGE

12 <sup>th</sup> GRADE GRADUATE	SCHOOL GRADUATING FROM	PLANS FOR FALL OF 2020-2021
Taylor Antoniewicz	Muskego High School	Waukesha County Technical College <i>Early Childhood Education and Teaching</i>
Savanah Balcerak	Muskego High School	Belmont University – Nashville, TN <i>Exercise Science/Physician Assistant</i>
Katie Becker	New Berlin West High School	University of Wisconsin – River Falls <i>Equine Science</i>
AnnElise Glaze	Wisconsin Lutheran High School	United States Air Force Reserves and Institute of Beauty and Wellness – Milwaukee <i>Cosmetology and Esthiology</i>
Olivia Guerten	Greendale High School	University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh <i>Ultrasound Science</i>
Alexander Gunther	Muskego High School	Entering Workforce
Brandon Henneberry	Muskego High School	Undecided At This Time
Nathanael Hintze	Luther Preparatory School	Martin Luther College – New Ulm, MN <i>Pre-Seminary Program</i>
Noah Hirtz	Muskego High School	Entering Workforce <i>Plumbing Apprenticeship</i>
Erik Kain	Muskego High School	Temple University – Philadelphia, PA <i>Actuarial Science</i>
Elizabeth Koch	Franklin High School	Trine University – Angola, IN <i>Biology and Teaching</i>
Ryan Manzara	New Berlin Eisenhower High School	University of Wisconsin – Whitewater <i>Business</i>
Jacob Meyer	Wisconsin Lutheran High School	University of Minnesota – Minneapolis <i>Statistics, Sports Management, and Spanish</i>
Samantha Newell	Muskego High School	Undecided At This Time
Logan Nowak	Mukwonago High School	United States Air Force Reserves <i>Sports Medicine</i>
Kimmy Remschak	Whitnall High School	University of Wisconsin – La Crosse <i>Environmental Science and French</i>
Maxwell Salmon	Muskego High School	United States Navy <i>Nuclear Program</i>
Melissa Schneider	Muskego High School	University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh <i>Business</i>
Lydia Tretow	Muskego High School	University of Minnesota – Minneapolis <i>Entrepreneurial Management</i>
Ian Tweedie	New Berlin West High School	Waukesha County Technical College <i>Electrician Apprenticeship</i>
Amanda Veley	Muskego High School	University of Wisconsin – Madison <i>Actuarial Science</i>
Zachary Wranovsky	Wisconsin Lutheran High School	University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire <i>Music Composition</i>

**Class of  
2020**

No human words or reassurances can comfort enough or compensate for the disappointment you graduates feel as this milestone life-event has been so negatively altered for you by the Covid-19 pandemic. Heavenly words can, however.

As you press on into an uncertain future, trust God's promise to you... ***“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”*** (Jeremiah 29:11).

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## **FOLLOWING THE PROMISE – BIBLE BASICS AND YOU**

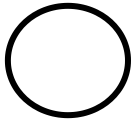
Pastor Nate Strobel is leading our new member Bible study—*Following the Promise*—Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. YouTube recordings are available for every class. Pastor Nate would love for you to join him while he walks through the basics of what the Bible teaches and how it relates to God's promises for you. It's not too late to join. Register on the back of your Connection Card or at [nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org).

## **KIDS CLUB LESSONS OVER THE SUMMER**

As a service to families and children and as a way to keep "Family Church" Christian education going during the uncertain weeks ahead, **Kids Club family resources** will be produced every week over the entire summer. There will be a weekly lesson, videos relating to the lesson, videos of songs to sing, and additional lesson activities for the kids to do on their own and/or as a family. All of this will be posted on the church website like it has been all year. Let's all stay connected to Jesus over the summer.

## **STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY DAY TRIP**

Consider joining the senior day trip to the Wisconsin Dells for a boat trip on Lake Delton on Thursday, July 23. The ride on the boat will include a meal provided by Chula Vista and a concert from the Clausen Family. Cost is \$114. Please contact Anita at Stoney Creek at (414) 422-4686 by June 10 to indicate your interest.



## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

*Life application materials for use in Connector Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.*

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### **Celebrate the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit**

1. The disciples spent the days before Pentecost waiting for the Holy Spirit. We too are waiting to see the long-term effects of the two-month absence of public worship on God's Church.
  - a. What do you think the disciples were afraid of as they waited?
  - b. What concerns do you or others have for God's Church as we wait to see the effects of the shut-down over the next year or more?
  - c. As the disciples were waiting, "they all joined together constantly in prayer" (Acts 1:14). Begin your meeting by bringing the concerns about the Church to our God in prayer.
2. Read Acts 2:1-42. Below are some phrases that your group may want to discuss or choose your own.
  - a. "In the last days..." (v. 17) Since the Holy Spirit has been poured out, we are in "the last days." What do you think that phrase meant to the apostles? What does it mean to you?
  - b. "I will pour out my Spirit"... "You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (vv. 17 & 38). In our baptisms we receive the promise that the Holy Spirit is poured out on us. How does this promise of the Holy Spirit comfort you?
  - c. "God's set purpose and foreknowledge..." (v. 23) The apostles didn't understand Jesus' death when it was happening. Only in hindsight did they see this was all part of God's plan. How can that comfort people as they live through the disruption and disease of the COVID-19 pandemic?
  - d. "We are all witnesses of the fact" (v. 32). Of what were the apostles to serve as witnesses? In what ways is your call to be a witness for Jesus the same and different than the call of the apostles?
  - e. "They broke bread in their homes..." (v. 42-47) What elements of that early Christian church life would you most like to bring back to our 21<sup>st</sup> century church?
3. Close with the reading of Psalm 51 as your prayer, asking the powerful Holy Spirit to come upon you and give you a new heart that claims God's forgiveness and is generous in that forgiveness toward others.



## NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

*Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points*

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# Pentecost Potential

## Come Holy Spirit, Create in Us...

### Psalm 51:7-19

Introduction: What is the threat to the Church today?

#### 1. A crushed heart (51:7-9,17)

- a. The virus is invisible. Is it present in your heart?  
“Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults” (Psalm 19:12).
- b. Wash in the blood of the Lamb.

#### 2. A pure heart (51:10-12)

- a. With a spirit that is firmly grounded on God’s Word. I know what is right.
- b. With a spirit that is generous toward others. I want to do what is right.

#### 3. A praising heart (51:13-15)

- a. A heart that has turned back to God.
- b. A heart that has dealt with “blood guilt.”

#### 4. A praying heart (51:16-19)

- a. A heart concerned about “the walls of Jerusalem.”
- b. A heart that asks, “Use me.”

## My Next Steps to Grow in Pentecost Potential

#### Get the back-story:

- The back-story of Pentecost – Read Acts 2.
- The back-story of David’s prayer – Read 2 Samuel 11-12.

**Make David’s prayer your own.** Use Psalm 51 as your personal prayer every day this week. Highlight key phrases that you want to commit to memory.