

**St. Olaf Lutheran Church**  
**11 am, Sunday, May 23, 2021**  
**Day of Pentecost, Year B**

**Introduction**

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**“In Christ Alone”**

**Verse 1**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

**Verse 2**

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

**Verse 3**

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory

Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

#### **Verse 4**

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

### **"Holy Spirit"**

#### **Verse 1**

There's nothing worth more  
That could ever come close  
Nothing can compare  
You're our living hope  
Your presence, Lord

#### **Verse 2**

I've tasted and seen  
Of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free  
And my shame is undone  
Your presence, Lord

#### **Chorus**

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord  
Your presence, Lord

#### **Verse 1**

#### **Verse 2**

#### **Chorus**

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Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for

To be overcome by Your presence, Lord  
Your presence, Lord

### **Bridge**

Let us become more aware of Your presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness  
Let us become more aware of Your presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness

### **Chorus**

### **\* Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P: The gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

*Emily Wikner*

### **SERMON**

*Pastoral Intern  
Grace Braun*

### **“Indescribable”**

#### **Verse 1**

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea  
Creation's revealing Your majesty  
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring  
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings  
All exclaiming

## **Chorus 1**

Indescribable uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name  
You are amazing God

All powerful untamable  
Awestruck we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God

## **Verse 2**

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night  
None can fathom

## **Interlude**

You are amazing God

## **Chorus 2**

Indescribable uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name  
You are amazing God  
Incomparable unchangeable  
You see the depths of my heart  
And You love me the same  
You are amazing God

## **Ending**

You see the depths of my heart  
And You love me the same  
You are amazing God  
**(REPEAT)**

You see the depths of our hearts  
And You love us the same  
You are amazing God

## **\*Lord's Prayer**

## **"Lay Me Down"**

### **Verse 1**

With this heart open wide  
From the depths from the heights  
I will bring a sacrifice

### **Verse 2**

With these hands lifted high  
Hear my song hear my cry  
I will bring a sacrifice  
I will bring a sacrifice

### **Chorus**

I lay me down  
I'm not my own  
I belong to You alone  
Lay me down lay me down  
Oh hand on my heart this much is true  
There's no life apart from You  
Lay me down lay me down  
(Oh lay me down lay me down)

### **Verse 3**

Letting go of my pride  
Giving up all my rights  
Take this life and let it shine  
Take this life and let it shine

### **Interlude**

Oh lay me down lay me down  
Lay me down

### **Bridge**

It will be my joy to say  
Your will Your way  
It will be my joy to say  
Your will Your way  
It will be my joy to say  
Your will Your way always  
(REPEAT)

## **\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Assisting in Worship**

Presider:

Pastor Emily Sauer

Pastoral Intern:

Grace Braun

Children's Sermon:

Emily Wikner

Music:

Matt Drees

Sound Tech(s):

Marc Matthes

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