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**Pentecost**  
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*“I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins.” (Isaiah 43:25)*

**PRESERVICE MEDITATION:** Psalm 51 (pages 134-135 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

**HYMN 227** (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Come, Holy Ghost, In Love”*

**The Order Of The Confessional Service** (pages 46-48, The Lutheran Hymnal)

**FIRST LESSON:** Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup> When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup> And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in



which we were born? <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs – we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” <sup>12</sup> So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?” <sup>13</sup> Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.” <sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. <sup>15</sup> For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the

third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood and fire and vapor of smoke. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. <sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass *that* whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.’”

**PSALM OF THE DAY** (*responsively*) – Psalm 32

**L:** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**C:** BLESSED IS THE MAN TO WHOM THE LORD DOES NOT IMPUTE INIQUITY,  
AND IN WHOSE SPIRIT THERE IS NO DECEIT.

**L:** When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long.

**C:** FOR DAY AND NIGHT YOUR HAND WAS HEAVY UPON ME; MY VITALITY WAS  
TURNED INTO THE DROUGHT OF SUMMER.

**L:** I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden.

**C:** I SAID, “I WILL CONFESS MY TRANSGRESSIONS TO THE LORD,” AND YOU  
FORGAVE THE INIQUITY OF MY SIN.

**L:** For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You in a time when You may be found;

**C:** SURELY IN A FLOOD OF GREAT WATERS THEY SHALL NOT COME NEAR HIM.

**L:** You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with  
songs of deliverance.

**C:** I WILL INSTRUCT YOU AND TEACH YOU IN THE WAY YOU SHOULD GO; I  
WILL GUIDE YOU WITH MY EYE.

L: Do not be like the horse or like the mule, which have no understanding,  
C: WHICH MUST BE HARNESSSED WITH BIT AND BRIDLE, ELSE THEY WILL NOT COME NEAR YOU.  
L: Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; but he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.  
C: BE GLAD IN THE LORD AND REJOICE, YOU RIGHTEOUS; AND SHOUT FOR JOY, ALL YOU UPRIGHT IN HEART!

SECOND LESSON – the Gospel: John 14:25-27 *rise*

<sup>25</sup> These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

THE NICENE CREED (page 5, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 229 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*Holy Spirit, Hear Us*”

SERMON: Ezekiel 36:22-29a

### GOD’S GRACIOUS DELIVERANCE

**<sup>22</sup> Therefore say to the house of Israel, “Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘I do not do *this* for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name’s sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. <sup>23</sup> And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I *am* the LORD,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. <sup>24</sup> For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. <sup>26</sup> I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*. <sup>28</sup> Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God. <sup>29</sup> I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses.’”**

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 234 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*Holy Ghost, With Light Divine*”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, & THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (page 17, Worship Supplement)

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT – *Nunc Dimittis sung* (page 20, WS) Luke 2:29-32

THANKSGIVING (page 21, Worship Supplement) *sung* Luke 7:50; Psalm 100:2

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 777 (Worship Supplement) “*Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound*”

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WELCOME, VISITORS! Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex.

TODAY our usher is Tyler Louderman. Sunday School and Bible Study after church.

FRIDAY: North Aurora Bible study: 10:10 AM.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP: 10:00 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Glenn Libby. North Aurora Care Center service: 3:00 PM,  
Batavia Rehab Center Service: 4:00 PM.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering last Sunday was \$1,149.00 (needed each week: \$1,157.00); our attendance last Sunday was 14. Our General Fund balance as of last Sunday was \$2,144.00.

CHURCH WORK DAY on SUNDAY, JUNE 10, immediately following our church service (no Sunday School or Bible Class that Sunday).

ASCENSION DIRECTORY: There is a ROUGH DRAFT of our UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY on the TABLE IN THE NARTHEX. Please look it over and make any necessary additions and corrections.

ILC SUMMER HELP NEEDED: Cleaning assistance will soon begin on the Immanuel campus in Eau Claire. If you can help, the facilities manager, Paul Heinze, would like to know at least 2 weeks ahead of time what you would like to do. Lunch will be provided. Following is a list of people to contact.

May 21-26 - Debra Mayhew - 507-794-7793 - [debra@debramayhew.com](mailto:debra@debramayhew.com)

May 27- June 2 - Carol Naumann - 253-230-3237 - [pgnaum@aol.com](mailto:pgnaum@aol.com)

June 5-9 - Laila Fleischer - 651-309-7403 - [lefleischer2@gmail.com](mailto:lefleischer2@gmail.com)

June 10-16 - Carol Sandeen - 715-864-2842 - [carolsandeen@gmail.com](mailto:carolsandeen@gmail.com)

June 17-24 - (Convention time)

June 25-30 - Lynette Roehl - 715-831-8306 - [lynette.roehl@ilc.edu](mailto:lynette.roehl@ilc.edu)

July 1-7 – (contact person needed)

July 8-14 - Kathy Oster 715-214-7806 - [kathleen.oster@charter.net](mailto:kathleen.oster@charter.net)

July 15-21 - (contact person needed)

July 22-28 - (contact person needed)

July 29-Aug. 4 - (contact person needed)

Aug. 5-11 - Sharon Schierenbeck - 863-521-7526 - [johnschierenbeck@gmail.com](mailto:johnschierenbeck@gmail.com)

Aug. 12 - school opening - final dusting of the dorms to get ready for students