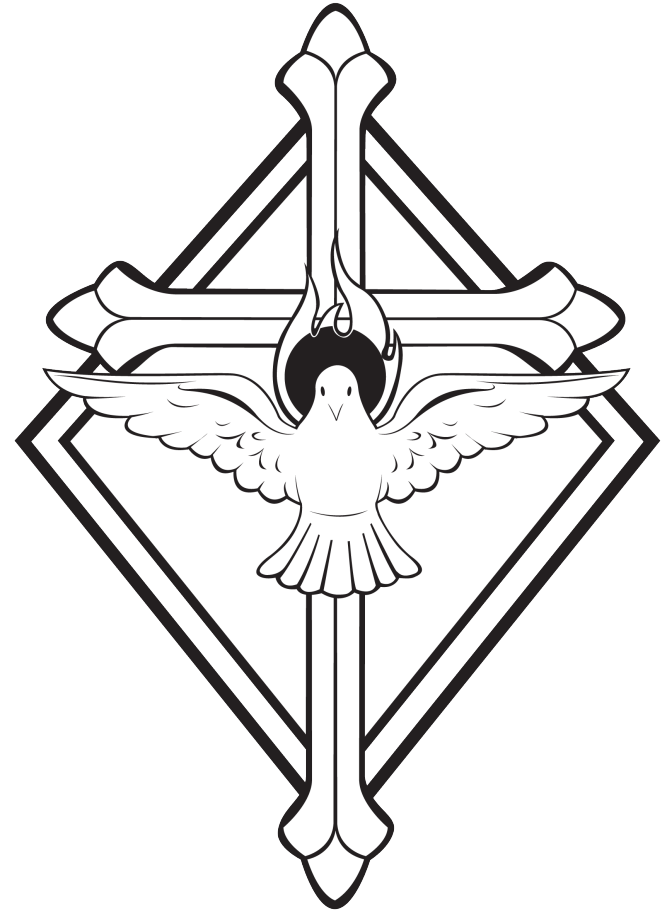


Old Testament Connections

With the accession of Samuel to the judgeship the downward course of Israel gradually came to an end. After twenty years of faithful work, his efforts were rewarded – a religious awakening spread throughout the nation of Israel. Samuel founded the schools of the prophets, which exercised a good influence on the religious and moral life of God's people for many generations. Although Samuel's position as ruler and judge of the nation ended with the anointing of Saul, he was honored and respected as Israel's religious leader for the rest of his life. When Samuel was old his sons, to whom he had entrusted many of his duties, proved unworthy of their great father and shamefully allowed the administration of justice to be corrupted by bribes. The leaders of Israel approached Samuel and requested that Israel have a king like other nations. God agreed to give them a king, but He warned them that their kings would eventually rob them of their personal freedom and overburden them with taxes and enforced military service. Samuel anointed Saul, son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin. By this act Israel entered the new age – the period of the Kings. Saul was modest, able, head and shoulders above the average in stature and personality, just the kind of king the people had in mind.

(Adapted from "Old Testament History: A Survey of the Old Testament" by Arthur W. Klinck. Concordia Publishing House, 1938.)

Parkland Ev. Lutheran Church THE FEAST OF PENTECOST *Holy Spirit*



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* Indicates the congregation may stand.

I. THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

The Processional Hymn

#2 - Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

1. The Opening Prayer p. 41

*3. The Confession of Sin p. 41 - 42 *Form II*

*4. The Kyrie Eleison p. 42-43

*5. The Absolution p. 43 *Form II*

*6. The Gloria in Excelsis Deo p. 44-45

*7. The Salutation & *8. The Collect of the Day p. 45

Let us pray: O God, You taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit: Grant us by that same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one true God, now and forever.

♪ C: Amen.

II. THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

11. The Epistle: Acts 2:1-11 *Read in Greek by Pr. Lehne (see note on page 7)*

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya

Pentecost Traditions at PLC

Reading of the Epistle Lesson

In the Epistle reading we hear of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles and giving them the ability to speak in different tongues (languages). It is clear from the Epistle that the Apostles were not speaking gibberish, because the crowd commented that they understood the Gospel being preached to them. This tradition serves as a reminder that we are still a congregation gathered from every nation, tribe, language and people. Parkland has for many years had the Epistle read in a language other than English. While we may or may not understand all the words, when the Lector starts to read the different nationalities, we are usually able to follow along. It is like a reversal of the Tower of Babel where language divided the people.

Chanting the Gospel Lesson

Starting at Christmas in 1992, Parkland's pastors have been chanting the Gospel readings of the high feasts (Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost) in the aisle among the congregation. Chanting all the readings every Sunday was the regular practice since ancient times as a way to cause the readings to be remembered, as well as naturally amplifying the voice of the pastor so that all could hear. Today, we use it also to help set these special feasts apart from other Sundays.

The Exordium and Exordium Hymn

This Scandinavian tradition seen on the three high feasts, is passed down from the Norwegian heritage of our synod. The Exordium is a brief introduction to the theme and joy of the festive day. It concludes with an invitation to rise and sing the traditional Scandinavian Exordium Hymn. On Pentecost, this is ELH #399 - *O Light of God's Most Wondrous Love*. After the hymn, the sermon proper then begins.

Announcements

The Recessional Hymn

#401 - O Day Full of Grace

Postlude: Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness (*Clarinet solo*)

✠ *The Light of Christ goes with us into the world. ✠
to shine through our vocations.*

belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.” (NKJV)

P: This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

♩ C: God be praised for His glad tidings.

***13. The Nicene Creed** p. 47

14. The Chief Hymn

#402 - Holy Ghost, with Light Divine
stanzas 1-4

The Exordium & *Exordium Hymn (see note on page 7)

#399 - O Light of God's Most Wondrous Love

15. The Sermon: 1 Samuel 16:14-23

Rev. Matthew Lehne

Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the Lord tormented him. And Saul's servants said to him, "Behold now, a harmful spirit from God is tormenting you. Let our lord now command your servants who are before you to seek out a man who is skillful in playing the lyre, and when the harmful spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and you will be well." So Saul said to his servants, "Provide for me a man who can play well and bring him to me." One of the young men answered, "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence, and the Lord is with him." Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me David your son, who is with the sheep." And Jesse took a donkey laden with bread and a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them by David his son to Saul. And David came to Saul and entered his service. And Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor-bearer. And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David remain in my service, for he has found favor in my sight." And whenever the harmful spirit from God was upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand. So Saul was refreshed and was well, and the harmful spirit departed from him.^(ESV)

***16. The Prayer of the Church** p. 48-49

***17. The Apostolic Benediction** p. 49

18. The Offering & The Offering Hymn

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee
Gladly, freely, of Thine own.
With the sunshine of Thy goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.^(#459:2)

III. THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Those who commune today have informed the pastors prior to the service. If you are not a Lutheran in our fellowship (ELS/WELS) and would like to commune with us in the future, please speak with one of the pastors.

***19. The Preface** p. 50 & ***20. General Preface** p. 51

The appropriate Seasonal Preface can be found on pages 74-75.

***21. The Sanctus** p. 51f & ***23. The Lord's Prayer** p. 53

***24. The Words of Institution** p. 54 & ***25. The Agnus Dei** p. 55

26. The Distribution & Hymns & 27. The Dismissal p. 56

#511 - Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide
stanzas 1-4

#309 - A Wondrous Mystery Is Here

#511 - Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide
stanzas 5-9

***29. The Collect of Thanksgiving** p. 56

***30. The Benediction** p. 56 - 57

32. The Closing Prayer p. 57