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| **The Pentecost Difference**  *Promise: God sends the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us…* Pastor Timothy A. Duesenberg Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 143; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:23-31 (Day of Pentecost), 6/8/25)  *And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.* – v. 4  **Lead In –** Fifty days after Christ’s resurrection the disciples were gathered together under one roof. It was the Jewish Holiday called the Feast of Pentecost. And it was ten days after Jesus was visibly lifted up and then hidden from their sight in a cloud. The disciples are confused, frightened, and still uncertain how Christ’s mission is to proceed through them. All that was about to change. It was to change in dramatic fashion. For this was the day that the promised gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples. From henceforth the Holy Spirit would minister to and accompany all believers until the Lord’s return.   1. **In OT Reading: Too Much Uniformity** (unity ≠ uniformity)    1. With one language the people build for themselves…    2. Making a name for ourselves? Who’s name is to be…    3. God’s punishment is also a blessing… 2. **In Gospel Reading: The Promised Advocate**    1. The *parakletos,* this is a rich word…    2. The Son reveals the Father, and the Spirit bears…    3. Illuminating, giving birth, empowering, nurturing… 3. **In NT Reading: All Heaven Breaks Loose!**    1. The dramatic miracle demonstrates mission to every…    2. Out of the house, on to the streets, filled with boldness…    3. The life-transforming Gospel is preached…   **Final Word –** We are gathered here this morning because of the work of the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity. He inspires preaching that gives birth to saving faith. He bestows new spiritual birth in baptism. He convicts us of our sins and leads us to confess them so that we receive the forgiveness of sins accomplished by Christ’s death on the Cross. He continues to nurture us in the Church and at the altar where we receive Christ’s body and blood in the Lord’s Supper. Today we especially give thanks to God our Father and God the Son who has sent us God the Holy Spirit to equip, guide, sustain, and bring us to the completion of our salvation. Come Holy Spirit and fill our lives, we pray. Amen.  **Ge 11:4** Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”  **Ge 1:28a** And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth…”  **Ge 11:6** And the Lord said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.  **Jn 14:26** 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 that I have said to you.  ***parakletos*:** Literally, ‘one called alongside’, an advocate, an attorney who pleads our cause, a helper, a comforter, a key to how Christ’s presence continues with us until we see Him face to face at His return. | **Acts 2:1-21 ESV**  *The Coming of the Holy Spirit*  1When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.  5Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. 7And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? 9Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, 11both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—**we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”** 12And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”  14But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 15For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:  17“‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; 20the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. 21And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”  **Jn 16:7** Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.  **Jn 15:26** “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.”  **Jn 16:8** And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.  **Jn 16:12-13** “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.  **Ac 1:8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” |