

### God's Spirit Is for All Who with Hearty Repentance and True Faith Turn to Him, Regardless of Other Distinctions and Differences

Jewish persons from all over the Roman empire were gathered in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost—one of the three obligatory feasts for all adult male Jews—to celebrate the harvest, God's giving of the law on Mt. Sinai and his making them his covenant people, the Rev. Dr. Brook Thelander said in his sermon Sunday.

"And with signs and wonders very reminiscent of Sinai," he continued, the Spirit of God descends on the people in Jerusalem, and the people begin to realize that the harvesting of God's family is underway and that it includes people from all walks of life, not just a select few.

"Red, yellow, black and white; rich and poor; educated and uneducated; professionals and blue collar workers; young and old; male and female; Jew and gentile—the promise is for *all*, and the Spirit is poured out upon *all*.

"And the result is that the Church is born, and launches into its ministry of continuing Jesus' presence in the world. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are now Jesus' hands, his feet, his voice.

"And so on this day which recalls the thunder and lightning and earthquake and smoke on Mt. Sinai, this day (when) the children of Israel were made the people of God and received God's law on tablets of stone; this day which celebrates the writing of God's law on the hearts of people by the gift of the Holy Spirit; let us open our hearts afresh and anew to the movement of the Spirit in our own lives and in this place.

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"Let us come again to the Lord's Table, seeking and receiving grace to help us as we carry on Christ's important work in the world. And let us give thanks that the gift of God's Spirit is not just for a select few, but for *all* of us who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him."

### June 3: Epworth Celebrates Trinity Sunday



"Holy Trinity" by Hendrick van Balen, 1620s. © Web Gallery of Art. In Rev. 4:11 on this Trinity Sunday, we will hear, "You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created."

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**Sundays** 10:00 a.m.: Word & Table service  
11:30 a.m.: Refreshments, conversation  
11:45 a.m.: Post-service discussion.

**6:00 p.m.: (First Sundays only) Evensong, tea, refreshments.**

Thursdays: 5:30 p.m.: Evening Prayers. 6:00 p.m.: Singing & discussing hymns.

**Readings, 6/3, 10 a.m.:** Is. 6:1-8; Ps. 29; Rev. 4:1-11; John 16:5-15. **6/3, 6:00 p.m.:** Ps. 112; Job 38:1-11; Rev. 19:4-10. **6/10:** 1 Kings 17:17-24; Ps. 30:1-6, 12-13; Gal. 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17.

**Prayer Emphases:** Cuba; Church of the Lutheran Brethren; Covenant Presbyterian Church, Boise, and the Rev. Phil Moran; OSM International; parishioners on Curtis Road.

**For the poor** (new list): Ground beef, chicken, bacon, fresh produce, canned fruits and vegetables, milk, butter, cheese, cooking oil, pancake mix, syrup, chili powder, garlic powder, diapers, baby wipes, toilet paper, hand and bath soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream.

**Excerpt from *The Voice of God Is Calling, 6/3's Recessional Hymn***

Referring to Is. 6:8 ("Whom shall I send . . .?") and John 16:13 ("he will guide you into all truth"), among others which we'll hear Sunday, in John H. Holmes' words we'll sing, "From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place absolve; purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve; take us, and make us holy; teach us your will and way; speak, and behold! we answer, command, and we obey!"