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May 28, 2023

The Sunday of Pentecost

Welcome to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you are a guest or visitor with us today, we welcome you and invite you to come and worship with us again. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Pastor Hayes, and we hope to see you again soon.

Remember that the Worship Service begins when you enter. As the Music for Meditation begins, you are invited to join in quiet, preparation time for worship. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Liturgy – Divine Service Setting Three (pg. 184)

Opening Hymn: 500 “Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”

Hymn of the Day: 497 “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

Distribution Hymn: 768 “To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray”

Distribution Hymn: 494 “See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph”

Distribution Hymn: 655 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

Closing Hymn: 652 “Father, We Thank Thee”

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Hayes at pastor.hayes@outlook.com.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Angie Reinert, Lula Stuenkel, Marilyn Ohlde, Loraine Oldehoeft, & Lorna

Heitman (in the nursing home); **Charlie Pru Tiemeyer** (NICU);

Rebecca Zach (recovering from injury)

Ushers today - *Ryan Stuenkel, Aiden Sweet, Dylan Ohlde, & Liam Voelker

Ushers June 4 - *Aaron Stuenkel, Greyson Ohlde, Ethan Bott, & Eli Thalmann

LYF Mowing June 3rd - Camryn Beikmann & Liam Voelker

LYF Mowing June 10th - Aiden Sweet & Noah Thalmann

Upcoming Events

May 28 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. No Adult Bible Class

June 4 9:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
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Announcements

- * Linn Lutheran Preschool Open House for incoming 2023-2024 preschool students will be on **Sunday, June 11th**, @ 2:00pm at Linn Lutheran Preschool.
- * God's Living Water VBS will be June 19-23, from 9-11:30 a.m. We are still looking for some volunteers to be the Bible Storyteller and Preschool Leader. Contact Diane Beikmann if you can help. Please also stop by the Sunday School Bulletin Board to sign up to donate snack items!
- * St. John has \$17,802.02 left to match for the 2023 Linn Lutheran Endowment Matching Program. The matching program runs until July 15, 2023, and whatever isn't matched will go into the 4th Teacher Fund.
- * There will be an association meeting on **Sunday, June 25th**, at 2 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church. The main item on the agenda will be to call Mrs. Renae Bott as the fifth and sixth grade teacher at Linn Lutheran School. There will also be a parent information meeting on starting a stringed orchestra at 1:30 p.m., also at Zion.
- * LCMS memory verse challenge for this week: **Ephesians 2:13-14** - “**Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.**”

As We Gather...

The Holy Spirit Gives Peace

Following the flood, Noah's descendants failed to spread out and fill the earth as God had spoken. Rather, they exalted themselves; with “*one language and the same words*” (**Genesis 11:1**) they spoke proudly and arrogantly. The Lord humbled them by confusing “*the language of all the earth,*” dividing and dispersing the people (**Genesis 11:9**). That dispersal was reversed on Pentecost Day (the fiftieth day of Easter), when God caused the one Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to be preached in a multitude of languages. “*At this sound the multitude came together*” (**Acts 2:6**), for the preaching of Christ is the primary work of the Holy Spirit, whereby He gathers people from all nations into one Church. The Holy Spirit teaches and brings to our remembrance the words of Jesus, which are the words of the Father who sent Him. These words bestow forgiveness and peace to those who keep and hold on to them in love for Jesus. “*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*” (**John 14:27**).

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His Table those who trust His words, repent all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily, according to Holy Scripture, do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain from communing with us until such a time as they are properly instructed.

A short, more detailed explanation of our Confessional practice is available from our Ushers or Elders. If you would like to learn more about the Sacrament of the Altar and our confessional position, I would be happy to visit with you.

-Rev. Joshua Hayes, Pastor, St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

In preparation for Holy Communion, you may use the following statements as part of your self-examination:

- I admit that I am a sinner. **(1 John 1:8-10)**
- I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, from Satan and death. **(Acts 4:10-12; John 14:6)**
- I desire to live as God wants me to. **(John 14:15; 1 John 2:6)**
- I am sure of my eternal salvation because Jesus died for me and rose again. **(John 3:16; Romans 8:14; & 1 John 5:11-12)**
- I believe the Risen Christ is really present in Holy Communion and that with the bread and wine I receive His Body and Blood. **(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 4:22-24; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; Luke 22:17-20)**
- I forgive those who have wronged me.

MORNING PRAYER

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life my please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.



Introit (*Psalm 68:1, 4a, c, 11a, 33b, 35a; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Psalm 68:3*)

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alle- | luia.*

The righteous | shall be glad.

They shall exult be- | fore God;*

they shall be jubilant with joy! Alle- | luia.

God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;*

and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!

Sing to God, sing praises | to his name;*

exult be- | fore him!

The Lord | gives the word;*

behold, he sends out his voice, his | mighty voice.

Awesome is God from his sanctu- | ary;*

the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his | people.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Collect for the Sunday of Pentecost

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 11:1-9*

¹ Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. 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.” ⁵ And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. 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. ⁷ Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸ So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Epistle Reading: *Acts 2:1-21*

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But 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. ¹⁵ For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But 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;

¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.
²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

Alleluia Verse (*Psalms 104:30; Liturgical Text*)

Alleluia. When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: *John 14:23-31*

²³ Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 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. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.”

Luther’s Words on Pentecost

Neither you nor I could ever know anything of Christ, or believe in him and take him as our Lord, unless these were first offered to us and bestowed on our hearts through the preaching of the Gospel by the Holy Spirit. The work is finished and completed, Christ has acquired and won the treasure for us by his sufferings, death, and resurrection, etc. But if the work remained hidden and no one knew of it, it would have been all in vain, all lost. In order that this treasure might not be buried but put to use and enjoyed, God has caused the Word to be published and proclaimed, in which he has given the Holy Spirit to offer and apply to us this treasure of salvation.

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

BEGINS IN MAY OR JUNE

(This year Pentecost Sunday is today, May 28th.)

PENTECOST is a Greek term meaning “fifty,” referring to the Old Testament feast held 50 days after Passover.

Christians celebrate Pentecost 50 days after Easter. On Pentecost, the Lord poured out His Spirit upon the church. The gift of God, once limited to a chosen few, was given to all. The intimacy of the Father and the Son is ours. Bound together in Christ, we are received into most intimate fellowship with the Father. By the Spirit’s testimony through us, the world will be called to repentance.

Calendar: Pentecost may fall as early as May 7 or as late as June 14. Pentecost is always on the Sunday 50 days after Easter. This year, it is next Sunday, June 5th.

Customs: Red is the color of Pentecost. White is the color of Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost. The color for the rest of the season is green for new life and growth. During Pentecost, the Gospel readings at church focus on the teachings of Jesus. In many congregations, Pentecost is the day for confirmation. Congregations or individuals may renew their confirmation vows through the questions and answers of the confirmation service. Traditional confirmation gifts include Bibles, hymnals, and prayer books. Recite the Athanasian Creed, in unison or in parts, on Trinity Sunday.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Why is Pentecost so important?

When Jesus died, the disciples were sad because they thought that their friend and Lord was gone forever. But Jesus rose again! Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus did finally ascend into heaven, leaving the disciples below. However, before Jesus actually died, rose again, and ascended into heaven, He made a promise to His disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit to them. He said that the Holy Spirit would come and guide them “into all truth” (**John 16:13**). Jesus doesn’t leave us alone to fend for ourselves. Jesus is here with us, and the Holy Spirit guides and leads the Church into the truth of the wonderful Gospel! We celebrate and remember this at Pentecost.

Parents:

At home, read the story of Pentecost in **Acts 2** to your children. Remind them that the Holy Spirit comes to us through the Word and Sacraments just as our Lord has promised. Encourage them to thank God for the gift of His Holy Spirit in their lives.

“...and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit”



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