

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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THE DAY OF PENTECOST

"What Does This Mean?"



5:30PM — June 3, 2017

8:00AM — June 4, 2017

THOSE WHO SERVE US

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall	Senior Pastor
Rev. Earl Brown	Assistant Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker	Preschool Director
Mrs. Jerry Starner	Organist
Mrs. Meghan Wahl	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30AM
Mr. John Jackson	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Tori Budde	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jerry Pruemer	8AM Elder on Duty
Blaine Flach	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Howard Haake	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Ella Niebrugge	10:30AM Acolyte
Mr. Todd Zeigler 821-6135.....	Elder on Duty for June 5-June 9, 2017
Missionaries from Pakistan	Younis Darshan and Raja Shaleem
Missionaries from India	Ajay Paul & Sonne
Sister Congregation	in Blidene, Latvia
Mrs. Arnetia Osborn	(342-2210) Prayer Chain Coordinator

WELCOME To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to the stranger, we extend our sincere greeting. If you are a visitor, please understand that you are our guest and we want you to feel welcome and comfortable. We are happy you chose to be with us in this service, and pray you have been blessed by our Lord today as He has blessed us by your presence.

CHRIST is important to us

- in our worship
- in our study
- in our fellowship
- in our lives.

YOU are important to us

- in our worship
- in our study
- in our fellowship
- in our lives.

HOLY COMMUNION – When the members of St. John’s Lutheran Church, (LCMS) celebrate the Lord’s Supper, we confess the Real Presence of Christ’s Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. (*1 Cor 10:16 & 1 Cor 11:23-26*) We believe that Christ’s Body and Blood are present “in, with and under” the elements of the Holy Supper. (*Luther’s Small Catechism*) Members should register their intent to commune on the pew card. If you are visiting with us and you desire to join with us in communion fellowship in agreement with these beliefs, please speak to one of the Pastors or the elder on duty before the service.

HIS VISION FOR US:

St. John’s will be known for being involved in our changing community, for providing leadership in our changing world, and for serving others in Christian love.

We will welcome our diverse guests with open arms. Our friendly, loving and accepting people will engage our guests, mentor them in the faith, and inspire many to become members.

Our members will be motivated by the cross to be actively engaged in ministry, showing love and care to others. We will encourage one another, nurture one another, and enthusiastically serve our God together!

HIS GOAL FOR US:

We will pray and work with singleness of purpose to expand the impact of our ministry to God’s children of all ages, with special emphasis on young families, by developing new ways to strengthen the relationship between St. John’s, our members and our community, providing the facilities and resources to involve more people in ministry and outreach.

WELCOME CENTER Greeters are present at the Welcome Center in the atrium adjacent to our sanctuary before and after the service to answer any questions you may have, provide directions to restrooms, classrooms, etc. If you are a first time guest, we also have a gift for you. If you live in our community or surrounding area and you do not have a church home, we welcome your consideration. We offer true fellowship with a living Savior and membership in His Church.

ATTENDANCE REGISTER Kindly fill out a registration card (welcome side) located in the pew rack. Our guests are also asked to complete the address and phone number portion. Please pass your card to the center aisle to be gathered during the offering.

CELL PHONES Please turn your cell phones off before the service begins.

AS WE GATHER “What does this mean?” This question might sound familiar to anyone who has spent time studying Luther’s Small Catechism. As the catechism covers each of the Six Chief Parts, the question is asked again and again: “What does this mean?” And then explanation follows. This same question was asked by many in the crowd on the Day of Pentecost, as recorded in Acts 2. As the people hear and see these miraculous events, they are amazed and perplexed, asking one another, “What does this mean?” In the verses that follow, Peter gives explanation from the Old Testament. He proclaims that God has fulfilled His promise to “pour out His Spirit on all flesh.” The gift of the Holy Spirit has been given for all nations. As you celebrate the Day of Pentecost today, reflect on these events by asking yourself, “What does this mean—for me?”

RINGING OF THE BELLS
PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

PROCESSIONAL HYMN..... “O Holy Spirit, Enter In” [LSB 913]

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Liturgical Text*

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: fill the hearts of the faithful,

Pastor: and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

People: **Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 25:7, 11*

Pastor: The psalmist prays and confesses, saying:

People: **Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me. For Your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

Pastor: These words of confession are our prayer too. In repentant faith, we acknowledge our sin. We ask that the Lord look upon us, who are by nature sinful and unclean, and remember His steadfast love. We repent of our great guilt and ask that the Lord would pardon it for the sake of the name of His Son, Jesus Christ.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: According to His steadfast love, the Lord remembers you and has mercy upon you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30*

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

People: **O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures. These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.**

Pastor: When You give it to them, they gather it up; when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

People: **When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the ground.**

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

KYRIE **“Kyrie! God, Father”** **[LSB 942]**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God,

People: **on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: 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;

People: **through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN..... **“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”**..... **[LSB 497]**

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Numbers 11:24-30**

(Moses desires the Lord to put His Spirit on His people.)

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ²⁶ Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” ²⁹ But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” ³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Acts 2:17b; Romans 10:10*

I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. With the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

SECOND READING.....Acts 2:1-21

(The Day Of Pentecost.)

2 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 people 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.'

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL.....John 7:37-39

(Out of believers in Christ will flow rivers of living water.)

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit,

whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CATECHISM

Pastor: As we celebrate the Lord pouring out the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we join in confessing the words of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, as well as its explanation from Luther's Small Catechism.

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

HYMN OF THE DAY "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" [LSB 498]

SERMON..... "ALL Together".....Acts 2:1-20

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart" [LSB 806]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, Heavenly Father, when You filled the disciples with the Holy Spirit, 3,000 souls were called, gathered, enlightened and sanctified. Likewise, please fill our congregation, our Synod and the whole Christian Church on earth with the Holy Spirit. Renew them, that the Sacraments may be administered faithfully and that many more would be called by the Gospel, enlightened with Your gifts, sanctified and kept in the true faith. Lord in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord of all comfort and peace, give to the world that peace which only You can give. Deliver Christians from the hands of persecution, restore peace to lands ravaged by war, and grant safety to refugees. Bring peace to our own nation. In the face of political division and tension, let us find peace in You and Your unchanging promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, look with favor upon those who serve out their vocation in the armed forces. Protect them from all harm and danger as they serve and defend their neighbor. Keep them ever grounded in faith and Christ's unfailing love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful Lord, please look with compassion upon those who are sick, hurting, facing surgery or downtrodden (especially.....). Visit them in their distress, grant them relief from pain, and let them ever fix their eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BENEDICTION *Liturgical Text*

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: fill the hearts of the faithful,

Pastor: and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

People: Alleluia!

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN *“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”* **[LSB 650]**

SILENT PRAYER GREETING OF PEACE POSTLUDE

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