

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

June 5th, 2022



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Prayer: O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people to 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 in communion with the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children’s Message: Please be aware that during recorded services the children will be heard but no actual video will be taken, the camera will be focused on a still shot.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE TODAY: Psalm 104:34 <https://youtu.be/zKlpT-evqBA>

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Acts 10: 42-48 Wed.: Acts 3: 1-10 Friday: Eph. 2: 17-22
Tuesday: Acts 2: 42-47 Thurs: Acts 4: 6-21 Saturday: Acts 8: 14-25

MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE: We know each of us should all be working to memorize God's Word! You are invited to listen to our Children's Messages where we are focusing on understanding and memorizing a Psalm verse each week. This week is Psalm 104:34

Organist: 9 a.m. – Louise Gondosch
Readers: 9 a.m. – Paul Mason 11 a.m. – Howard Bogusat
Greeters: 9 a.m. – Judy Slingerland 11 a.m. – George & Gail Julie

WORSHIP NOTE:

- A recording of Sunday’s service will be uploaded to YouTube at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpING_TKTi9c_OIBbMqGwLw
- Archived videos of Sunday’s service will be uploaded to christlutheransc.ca – “Worship” page.

Any questions or concerns, please check out our church website (<http://christlutheransc.ca/>), contact Judy Slingerland (chairman.worship@christlutheransc.ca) or Pastor Todd (pastortoddhoeffs@gmail.com). or phone the church office (905-685-8294). May the peace of the risen Lord be with you all.

PASTOR TODD & JENNIFER are celebrating 23 years of marriage today, June 5th. They were married in Regina, SK, during Pastor Todd's vicarage year [3rd year of Seminary]. May God continue to bless their lives together.

SOUL resumed it’s FIRST IN-PERSON gathering this past Thursday! 14 people attended with 6 caregivers. We sang, prayed, created beaded necklaces, enjoyed refreshments and much needed relationship building in lively conversations. Pastor Todd was assisted by Heather Simons, Judy Slingerland, Tom Bailey, Judy Mason, Wendy Hyatt and Linda Sowry. This is a wonderful start which can only grow and grow as the Lord wills. Thank you for all who support this important and vital ministry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: A reminder that Sunday School is meeting **June 5th & June 12th** before we enter our summer schedule. We hope to see you! (yes, we will be doing a special Father's Day craft).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Friday, June 17th at 7 p.m. at the church.

We will continue our Right Now Media Bible Study entitled "*One at a Time.*" We all want to make a difference in the world. Without a doubt, Jesus is the one who has made the biggest difference in history; but how? There are many answers we could highlight, but one phrase captures how Jesus had an impact....by focusing on the one; "**One at a Time.**" Please feel welcome to join us!

FATHER'S DAY DESSERTS: Come, celebrate "*fathers and father figures*" that impact our lives in such positive ways. Treat them to a slice of their favourite pie and coffee, then join in on some special time together between the services on **Sunday, June 19th.**

We thank our heavenly Father, for His example and ask that He continue to bless the fathers that support and surround us. Pie and Bake Sale proceeds will go towards defraying the costs of the July National Youth Gathering in Winnipeg.

P.S.—If anyone would like to make a pie or other goodies for the bake sale, sign up sheets are in the narthex.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING: We are so excited to let you know there are 3 youth attending the gathering this July 14th - 19th in Winnipeg, plus 2 adults as ibods (assisting with the details of the gathering itself) and myself as the youth leader. We ask for your continued prayers on the gathering as committee members work to pull things all together and on us as we make plans to travel.

LMWL-C/Mary Martha are pleased to invite you to our final gathering before the summer **break** on **Tuesday, June 21st at 5:30 p.m.** as a pot luck. Kathy DeKouchay has the sign-up sheet for food, so if you can discuss with her what you might bring (appetizer, salad, main course, dessert) that would be helpful. Mary Saxton has graciously offered her home at 28 Emerald Common (go north to Lakeshore & just east off Vine St. turn left onto Willcher, left onto Sapphire & left onto Emerald Common.) Since parking is limited please arrange to carpool. Please also bring with you, your own plates and cutlery plus a lawn chair. We look forward to seeing you and being together.



THE MARY MARTHA is collecting items for Medical Missions that they will take to the Ingathering at the LWML District Convention this coming June, we invite everyone to help by adding items to the container sitting on the Narthex Table. Below is a list of supplies which Medical Missions use on an ongoing basis. Please ensure that you check expire dates to ensure that the dates are well into the future:

Monetary Gifts made payable to "Christ Lutheran Church" and placed in an envelope designated for "LWML Ontario District Medical Missions". Everything appreciated with Thanks

- Antibiotic Ointment (Polysporin, etc.)
- Vicks VapoRub
- Tylenol, Advil, Acetaminophen for Adults and Childen
- Disposable Gloves
- Vitamins for Adults and Children
- Zinc Oxide/Diaper Rash Cream
- Antihistamines – Benadryl
- Q-Tips
- Voltarin (Arthritic Ointment)
- Band Aids/Adhesive Tape
- ACE Elastic Bandages

<u>Last Sunday Attendance:</u>		<u>May 29th, 2022</u>		<u>Attn: 9 A.M. – 46; 11 A.M. – 32;</u>		<u>Total: 78</u>	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>+ or – (--)</u>		
Current:	283,291.00	5,554.73	2,856.00	91,281.78	(28,572.10)		
LCC Missions	20,000.00	392.16	205.00	6,425.50	(2,036.04)		
Property Improvement:			154.00	3,081.50			

EXTRA HANDS & BODIES NEEDED: we continually need extra people assisting in our services. With offering both 9 am and 11 am services, we are finding ourselves short staffed of volunteers. Particularly for the late service, we need your help in the following areas:

- 1) Greeting of Worshippers at entrance and Covid Protocol Preparation of our PowerPoint worship services [editing the Google Doc Slides, can be done at home]
- 2) Operation of the PowerPoint during church services [training with written instruction will be provided]
- 3) Taking a turn preparing the Altar for Communion and seasonal colour cloth changes [Altar Guild]
- 4) Ushering people to pew seats and directing people to line up for communion
- 5) Lighting and extinguishing of altar candles

Recording services using newly installed equipment [training with written instructions will be provided]
 We pray that you consider helping. We need participation from all ages. Should you wish more information about what is involved, please speak to Judy Slingerland, Tom Kuhl or Pastor Todd.

GREETERS: - What a wonderful way to get to know everyone in the congregation and at the same time enjoy a little fellowship! Greet members at the door, encourage hand sanitizing and provide them with a copy of the Bulletin and Worship Folder. It's as easy as that! A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board and everyone is encouraged to sign up.

Notice to Church Extension Fund Depositors: The Church Extension Fund (CEF) is winding down its operations and as of now all depositors with current addresses have received their deposited funds plus the interest owing. However, we have a number of unclaimed savings accounts and savings certificates as we do not have current contact information for these. If you or someone you know thinks they may have a CEF account which has not been redeemed, please contact Darryll Holland at: 800-465-8179 ext4 or dholland@lceast.ca. Also if you are in possession of God Bank Savings Stamps or Tracky Stamps, these too can be redeemed by returning the books or stamps to: Lutheran East District, 275 Lawrence Ave., Kitchener, ON N2M 1Y3.

CREATIVE SERVICE OF THE WORD BRAZILIAN MELODY

THE DAY OF PENTECOST
June 5th, 2022 + 9 AM Service

OPENING HYMN:

"Spirit Of The Living God"

**Spirit of the living God --Fall afresh on me
Spirit of the living God -- Fall afresh on me
Melt me; mould me; Fill me; use me
Spirit of the living God --Fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mould me; Fill me; use me
Spirit of the living God --Fall afresh on me**

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, our reluctance to bear the cross:

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Forgive our poverty of worship, our neglect of fellowship and the Sacraments of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in Your service, our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts:

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgements, hasty in condemnation, grudging in reconciling, unwilling to help all in need:

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Have mercy on us, O God:

**According to Your never-ending love, blot out our sins, wash us through
and through from sinful stains, creating clean hearts in us, with new and
right spirits. Amen.**

With mercy and compassion, our Father in Heaven saves you. The Light of the promised Holy Spirit guides your feet into the way of peace. And so in the place of Jesus Christ and by His Holy Command, I forgive you all of your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HAVE MERCY, O LORD

Have mer - cy, O Lord, have mer-cy and hear us; Have
Mer - cy O Christ, have mer-cy and hear us; Have
Mer - cy O Lord, have mer - cy and hear us; Please
give us Your peace; please give us Your peace.

PRAISE SONG:

Brazilian Folk tune © CPH 1982



1 Oh, sing to the Lord, Oh, sing God a new song, Oh,
2 For God is the Lord And He has done wonders. For



sing to the Lord, Oh, sing God a new song. Oh,
God is the Lord And He has done won - ders. For



sing to the Lord, Oh, sing God a new song. Oh,
God is the Lord And He has done won - ders.



sing to our God. Oh, sing to our God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray: O Father, You taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Fill us with the same Spirit, so that we may have a right understanding in all things and always rejoice in His holy comfort; we ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD

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

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. 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. 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." And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. 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. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. 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.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

The Second Reading:*Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-21*

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 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." 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. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: "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; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR PENTECOST MEDLEY:**Spirit of God descend upon my heart**

Wean it from earth, thro' all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
And make me love You as I ought to love.

Teach me to love You as Your angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame,
The baptism of the heav'n descended dove,
My heart an altar and Your love the flame.

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Lord listen to Your children praying

Lord send Your Spirit in this place
Lord listen to Your children praying
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace
(sung 3x)

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Breathe on me breath of God
Fill me with life anew
That I may love what Thou dost love
And do what Thou wouldst do

Breathe on me breath of God
Till I am wholly Thine
Until this earthly part of me
Glow with Thy fire divine

Breathe on me breath of God
Until my heart is pure
Until with Thee I will one will
To do and to endure

Breathe on me breath of God
So shall I never die
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity. Amen.

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The Holy Gospel: *St. John 14: 23-29*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 14th chapter:

Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus answered (Judas not Iscariot), "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. 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. "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 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. 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. 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. 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.

GOSPEL SONG: *"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing;
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."**

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

*(James K. Manley (20th century), hymn-writer. Published in Everflowing Streams (1981). "Spirit," I. 1-4 (1978).)
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MESSAGE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD: "Refiner's Fire"

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
And precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
Pure gold

Chorus: Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will

Verse 2: Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within

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WE PRAY

Gracious Heavenly Father, thank you for pouring your Spirit out so abundantly since Pentecost, and for uniting us with our Lord Jesus Christ and the blessings of his resurrection through your gifts of grace. Continue to send the Holy Spirit into the world through the preaching, teaching and witnessing of the church, and through your holy Sacraments. Bring many people to faith and open up lives to Jesus as Lord.

We speak to You, O Lord; **hear our humble prayer.**

Build up our faith and confidence in our own parish, trusting your mighty power rather than our own efforts. Keep us close to your holy word, and stir us up to work for you in the ways you have gifted us and to the tasks you call us.

We speak to You, O Lord; **hear our humble prayer.**

You inspired the disciples with your Spirit to praise your marvelous deeds in many different languages. Unloose the tongues of all your people, so that we may joyfully confess you as our Lord and boldly proclaim our common faith to all the world. Bless the witness to Christ given by all the churches in this area; give all Christians the unity that is only possible through the Holy Spirit and your word of truth.

We speak to You, O Lord; **hear our humble prayer..**

Your Spirit touched the hearts of those who heard the Gospel message. Ready the consciences of those who hear your word and help them embrace the truth, so that all may turn away from what harms us and receive your merciful forgiveness. Open the minds and hearts of those in our homes, in our neighbourhoods and in our workplaces to hear and believe.

We speak to You, O Lord; **hear our humble prayer.**

Your Spirit brought healing and hope through the good news of Jesus' resurrection. Shine on them with your grace and peace. Give health and strength to all we know to be in need, such as [*names added...*], that if it be Your will, restore fullness of health or uphold them with grace to endure;

We speak to You, O Lord; **hear our humble prayer.**

You united people from many different nations and cultures by your Holy Spirit. Bring together those who have been divided by misunderstanding, hatred, and mistrust, and join us with them and all the angels as we adore you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING:

Go out into the world in peace; take good courage, hold fast to what is good; strengthen the weak, honour all, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing always. And now the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour, + and give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN:

"We Are One In The Spirit"

We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored

Chorus:

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love-- by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our
love.

We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land.

Chorus:

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love-- by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our
love.

All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus
His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one

Chorus:

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love-- by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our
love.

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LSB DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 3

June 5, 2022 + 11 AM Worship

GATHERING

OPENING HYMN:

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

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**Holy Spirit, light divine, shine upon this heart of mine,
Chase the shades of night away, turn my darkness into day.**

**Holy Spirit, joy divine, cheer this saddened heart of mine,
Yield a sacred, settled peace, let it grow and still increase.**

**Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine,
Kindle ev’ry good desire, purge me with Your Holy Fire.**

WE BEGIN IN GOD’S NAME

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made Heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

[Brief prayerful silence]

O Almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You, and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the your Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY [Sung]

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA [Sung]

Glory be to God on high:

And on earth, peace goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, Heaven’ly King! God the Father Almighty! O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY [Spoken]

Lord be with you.

And with Thy Spirit.

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SCRIPTURE

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Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. 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. 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." And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. 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. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. 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. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

The Second Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-21*

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 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." 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. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: "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; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR PENTECOST MEDLEY:

Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
And make me love You as I ought to love.
Teach me to love You as Your angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame,
The baptism of the heav'n descended dove,
My heart an altar and Your love the flame.

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Lord listen to Your children praying

Lord send Your Spirit in this place
Lord listen to Your children praying
Send us love send us pow'r send us grace
(sung 3x)

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Breathe on me breath of God

Fill me with life anew
That I may love what Thou dost love
And do what Thou wouldst do
Breathe on me breath of God
Until my heart is pure
Until with Thee I will one will
To do and to endure

Breathe on me breath of God

Till I am wholly Thine
Until this earthly part of me
Glow with Thy fire divine
Breathe on me breath of God
So shall I never die
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity. Amen.

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The Holy Gospel: *St. John 14: 23-29*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 14th chapter:

Glory be to Thee, O Lord. [Sung]

Jesus answered (Judas not Iscariot), "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. 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. "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 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. 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. 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to Thee, O Christ. [Sung]**

THE APOSTLES' CREED: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. 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.**

GOSPEL HYMN:

"Holy Spirit, The Dove Sent"

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1 Ho - ly Spir - it, the dove sent from heav - en,
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, the fire ce - les - tial,
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, the unc - tion of bless - ing,



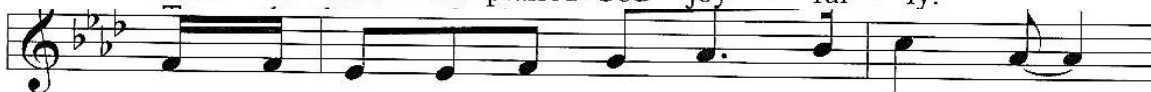
Ev - er one with the One who is Three,
 Who on Pen - te - cost came as fore - told,
 Sa - cred oil of the green ol - ive tree,



From the Fa - ther You came, Words of peace to pro - claim,
 To de - scend from on high And the Church oc - cu - py
 Giv - ing heat, giv - ing light, As the tent lamps ig - nite



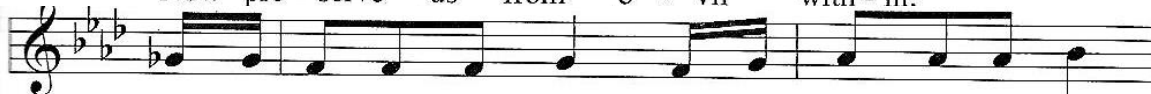
Come and com - fort us, speak ten - der - ly.
 As the cloud filled the tem - ple of old;
 And as Aar - on praised God joy - ful - ly.



You, the fra - grance of life we are seek - ing;
 All the bap - tized You seal with Your prom - ise,
 Bless - ed liv - ing and life - giv - ing wa - ter,



Fill Your tem - ple, Your al - tar make clean.
 All be - liev - ers Your gift there re - ceive,
 Now pre - serve us from e - vil with - in:



Joy - ous shel - ter of love, Gra - cious friend from a - bove,
 So that all the e - lect — All in Christ — may ex - pect
 For in Je - sus, God's Son, All be - liev - ers are one



In Your care we are rest - ing, se - rene.
 To en - joy what by grace they be - lieve.
 In this wash - ing that cleans - es from sin.

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Mat. 3:16-17; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; Titus 3:5-7; Rom. 8:26-27

MESSAGE

GOSPEL RESPONSE

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and re-new a right Spirit within me.
Cast, me not, away from Thy presence
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me, the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Gracious Heavenly Father, thank you for pouring your Spirit out so abundantly since Pentecost, and for uniting us with our Lord Jesus Christ and the blessings of his resurrection through your gifts of grace. Continue to send the Holy Spirit into the world through the preaching, teaching and witnessing of the church, and through your holy Sacraments. Bring many people to faith and open up lives to Jesus as Lord.

We speak to You, O Lord; **hear our humble prayer.**

Build up our faith and confidence in our own parish, trusting your mighty power rather than our own efforts. Keep us close to your holy word, and stir us up to work for you in the ways you have gifted us and to the tasks you call us.

We speak to You, O Lord; **hear our humble prayer.**

You inspired the disciples with your Spirit to praise your marvelous deeds in many different languages. Unloose the tongues of all your people, so that we may joyfully confess you as our Lord and boldly proclaim our common faith to all the world. Bless the witness to Christ given by all the churches in this area; give all Christians the unity that is only possible through the Holy Spirit and your word of truth.

We speak to You, O Lord; **hear our humble prayer..**

Your Spirit touched the hearts of those who heard the Gospel message. Ready the consciences of those who hear your word and help them embrace the truth, so that all may turn away from what harms us and receive your merciful forgiveness. Open the minds and hearts of those in our homes, in our neighbourhoods and in our workplaces to hear and believe.

We speak to You, O Lord; **hear our humble prayer.**

Your Spirit brought healing and hope through the good news of Jesus' resurrection. Shine on them with your grace and peace. Give health and strength to all we know to be in need, such as [*names added...*], that if it be Your will, restore fullness of health or uphold them with grace to endure;

We speak to You, O Lord; **hear our humble prayer.**

You united people from many different nations and cultures by your Holy Spirit. Bring together those who have been divided by misunderstanding, hatred, and mistrust, and join us with them and all the angels as we adore you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING [Spoken]

The Lord be with you

And with Thy Spirit.

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

"What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine"

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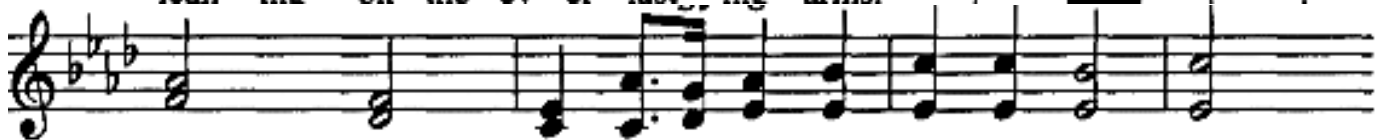
1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grimway, lean-ing on the ev-er-
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-



last - ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing on Je - sus,
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms; lean -



ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

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Pentecost Day

Scripture: Genesis 11: 1-9

Title: "Are Words Still Powerful?"

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In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Have WORDS lost their meaning?

Contracts used to be sealed with a handshake and giving someone your WORD.

Your WORD got tied up with your name & reputation.

Infants scream and cry because they do not have the ability to say words – then when they actually talk you kinda wish they'd stop. Since our Kindergarten days we use letters and sounds to express our ideas. And yet we can speak out loud in our cars and a voice answers us and gives us directions. Pictures, emoji's, symbols, icons, all make it easier to speak without words.

Texting/Tweeting/emailing has forever changed the way we use words; it makes it far easier to hastily choose words without care and yet those seemingly unimportant words to us can be seriously taken to heart by the one reading them. Words can hurt. As meaningless as our words can be today people are hired and fired by whatever words they type out on the internet. I usually compose an important email, save it and then re-read it and let it sit a bit before sending just in case I chose the wrong word. While our words can haunt us, when anger creates abusive words,

we can't take them back but they can be --forgiven. When our gracious God created one language,

who can also confuse languages, can WITH ONE GREAT WORD re-unite scattered people

with ONE LIVING WORD, the Lord & promised Saviour. Jesus Himself is God's Own Ancient Word born with Flesh and Bones. Whomever has His Word has faith. Whomever has such faith

the Father and He will come and make their home with them. This comes with Jesus' promise of the

out-pouring of the Holy Spirit's Work. Today we celebrate Pentecost which means 50 days after

Jesus' Easter resurrection. Whatever words were too hard for the disciples came into clear meaning with the Spirit's enlightening. Words wrapped in riddles and parables and miracles

Now are unwrapped and made understandable as the Holy Spirit's fire lights the flame of faith and

whose wind blows away the dust of their denseness. So that this Word of God will dwell richly within each one of us. Way back about 3500 years before Jesus' birth Just ONE LANGUAGE.

Talking was easy. Everyone could be heard and understood. But soon the one language created a pride leading to personal arrogant greatness. These people planned to use their words to serve their own interests. These would have been the children and grandchildren of Noah's family

after surviving the flooded earth. Maybe the fear of losing everything by a flood moved them to create such an expansive building enterprise. A walled city with a tower reaching into the Heavens would be immovable! Make them feel invincible! Feeling invincible feels good.

When our lives are untouchable we think we're strong and powerful and brazen and storm straight ahead through life! We say what we feel and think less of the impact of our words or lives on others.

Did Babel's architects really need God? They had one language, literally, all of their lips created the same shape around which their tongues sounded out the same words. Imagine the human

connection with one set of words! There was no stopping their ability! It wasn't Babel's tower that was so bad. Technology is rarely the problem. Human ingenuity has given us incredible advances

over the centuries in everything from architecture to the arts to science to medicine and simple household improvements. Quite honestly, any believer in Christ is positioned well to invent and

create and innovate, for they properly understand the relationship between the Creator and His creation; all things of God's good earth may be used in love toward one's neighbour and in

faithfulness toward the Lord Who graciously provides. A grand building wasn't enough;

They wanted a name BETTER than the Lord had bestowed. The family survivors of a great trauma wasn't enough. A name giving witness to life and promise with a rainbow colour scheme

Just didn't make them into what they desired. Why even bother building up to Heaven when God came down to them? That's the boldness of their egos. The sinful motive. Wanting more and more.

It's easy flaunting our achievements. Either by openly bragging or hiding behind false modesty.

It almost can't be helped in a culture of posting selfies and moment to moment activity online.

We take joy in the failure of others we do not like. We like our pride and we protect it at all costs.

Thanks be to God our Lord came down that day on the plain of Shinar, confused the languages, and scattered the people. Pride goes before the fall as the saying goes. Self-worship must

dismantled. This was the last time The Lord God came down to look around

and dwell among His own. The world grew too stubborn, too evil, too set in their own ways.

So He sent off the families, in order that He may once again gather all people as He sees fit.

Not under the arrogance of a towering structure built by human hands, but under the divine Temple of Jesus not built by human hands, Who is the living breathing Word of God. Whose Life and Teaching

and sacrifice draws all people together. When the Lord came down, He entered this world born of the Virgin Mary. He lived among prideful people. Arrogant religious leaders. Wreckless rulers and

crowds of hungry mouths. And He came to gather us together once more,

not to Babel, a tower of brick and mortar, but to His Body, crucified on a cross, putting to death all

human sinful pride and waywardness. And by sending His Spirit, the gathering of all in His Church,

becomes a place of refuge and a place of mission activity for all eyewitnesses – Like Mary Magdalene, Peter, James, John and the other Apostles. With the Word of the cross they will bridge the Kingdom of God into the world. Jesus' Cross lives on as the glorious tower built up from the earth with its steeple set in the heavens. Upon this cross hung the most glorious work ever accomplished. Not human work, but God's work. His own Son Who never used His Word or reputation of divine muscle to skirt death but silently shed His Blood, emptied Himself, said IT IS FINISHED and breathed His last breath. And when Christ crucified is lifted up He gathers all people unto Himself. The Spirit's breath revives us and ensures that we remain in Jesus' Body. The Spirit gives you words to say when a crisis hits and you are speechless. He blesses your memory with Scripture verses and hymns and conversations and times when you pulled through because of Jesus Who is in you. We may not all believe the very same details in God's Word. We may have different versions of the faith. The Holy Spirit does the work of uniting us, from different cities and nationalities and cultures and languages. We can in willing faith listen and understand and embrace differences with acceptance and hope. In Christ we are one. Baptism makes this so. It gives us His name, His Spirit, and a new, transformed Christ-centered identity. You also share one meal which gives and celebrates unity – the Bread of Life and Cup of Blessing. At His Word. Powerful, compassionate words. Our words have meaning, even our careless words, even our words that remain thoughts and are never spoken or written. God forgives our harsh words and inspires our good words. Babel's curse is no more. God's Word transcends human tongues and inspires every person or every place and time and culture. God's Word has power to transform and re-shape
and comfort
and bless
and change
and tear down
and build up –
and when God's Word is your word,
you offer this same awesome joy filled power –
a creative Word to the world around you
– on Pentecost
– and every day. Amen.

Pentecost

The words below are taken from Acts 2, where we read the story of Pentecost. Circle the words as you find them in the puzzle.

P P R O S E L Y T E S A S S W
T A T N E P E R C Y R E N E I
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PENTECOST
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MESOPOTAMIA
CAPPADOCIA
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PAMPHYLIA
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ROME
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ELAMITES
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