PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 19. 2024



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A recording of Sunday's service will be uploaded to YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpING_TKTI9c_OIBbMqGwLw

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church! We're glad you've joined us for worship!

Please be aware that our Worship Services are *recorded and posted on YouTube and Facebook*. There is, although very slight, a possibility that your image might be posted. If you have any concerns, please either speak to the Elder on duty or alternatively seat yourself more towards the back of the sanctuary or along either of the outside aisles. May our gracious and loving Lord bless you as you worship Him. We pray we all remain safe and healthy.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIPPING



Lord, as we worship today on Pentecost Sunday, give us a vision. Move us by your Holy Spirit. Bring good news to us all. Bring freedom and peace to broken people, and let us get a taste of Heaven here on Earth. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS

Monday: Psalm 104: 24-34 Wed: Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Friday: Isaiah 2: 1-5 Tuesday: Genesis 11: 1-9 Thurs: Psalm 29 Saturday: Isaiah 5: 15-24

Musician – Mayumi Munoz + **Reader** –+ Vijay Samuel

ALSO HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Monday: 7:30 PM - Choir

Tuesday: 9:30-11 AM – Precious Moments

7:00 PM – Mary Martha

Thursday: 10:00 - 11:30 AM - SOUL

7:15 PM- Promise Band Practice

Saturday: 3:00 PM – CLTS Call Service

Sunday: 10:00 AM Holy Trinity Communion worship

MAY 2024 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 26 – Trinity Sunday Service of the Word for Prayer

PARISH EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP

No Sunday School or Coffee Hour today, Sunday, May 19th, 2024

PRECIOUS MOMENTS: continues to meet each Tuesday morning from 9:30 - 11:00 am. in the Church Nursery for Christian encouragement, learning, singing and playing. If you know of a young family who might benefit from joining together with others, please invite them to join us.

LWML-C/MARY MARTHA EVENTS

Tuesday, May 21 – 7 PM — Vijay Samuel.

Tuesday, June 18: Summer Potluck – 5:30 PM. More details to follow.

Please feel free to join us for any or all of the LWML-C/Mary Martha events!



UKRANIAN STYLE EVENT! Fellowship Committee invites you to join them for an outing **Saturday May 25th** – Ukrainian style! We'll meet at the St. John Centre at 91 Lakeshore Rd. in St. Catharines. Doors open at 1 pm with delicious cuisine available for purchase and cultural displays to view. Entertainment performances by local dance groups are at 2 pm & 4 pm. No need to sign up, just come & join us. We'll save some seats for us to be together. See you there! Pobachymos' tam!

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CALL SERVICE: Saturday, May 25, 3 PM. at Christ Lutheran. Rev. Alan Visser, pastor from British Columbia, will be the guest preacher. Students will receive their 1st call into the ministry with a parish placement. Seminarian Vijay Samuel will receive his vicarage [student pastor] assignment along with 2 others. All are welcome to attend. Fellowship and food hosted by Seminary guild, under Gail Julie's direction.

CHRIST LUTHERAN ANNUAL GENERAL/VOTERS MEETING: **Sunday, June 2, 2024** immediately following the morning worship service and a luncheon.

This is a very important meeting as it will provide up-to-date information with respect to all of the events which are currently ongoing within the congregation. Also, elections to the Board of Directors and Council Committee Chairpersons will take place.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Elections for the Board of Directors and Council Committee Chairpersons will take place at the Annual General/Voters Meeting on June 2. Should you wish to share your talents by serving in any capacity please speak with James Hyatt, Don Fretz or Pastor as soon as possible so that a list of eligible candidates can be published in the bulletin for May 26th.



leaders (Louise, Dan, or Valerie).

YOUTH AT ACTIVATE: Sunday, June 9 immediately following service we will car pool to Burlington for lunch and Activate. Cost is \$25/person + money for lunch. Activate is all about (think competition, problem solving, and all-around fun challenges): https://www.youtube.com/watchv=LV4hfG5eGXU With it being such a dynamic and active event, it's the perfect time to invite a friend or two to try out Activate together! The more the merrier, and we will coordinate rides accordingly.

Sign up here: https://bxzq0rfovsd.typeform.com/to/tHjlluSQ. Any questions, feel free to reach out to any of the youth



YARD SALE, PLANT SALE & BBQ.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1st @ 9 a.m.

Weather permitting--outside in front of the church! the BEST barbecued hot dogs IN TOWN and drinks, etc. Also, handmade bracelets by one of our SOUL participants.

COME, find your Treasure, have a bite to eat and help us support various Missions and Charities including: Many

Programmes within our own Community such as "Out of the Cold" & "Niagara Mobile Closet"

Hope to see many people there!!

Mary Martha Yard Sale: Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. In conjunction with the Fitzgerald Neighbourhood Yard sale******WE NEED HELP FROM AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE! Here are some of the ways:

- 1. May 31: We need people to organize last minute details and move tables upstairs to the front doors
- 2. If you have items you wish to clear from your house and would like to donate to the church instead of Value Village, etc. request a table that you are able to man on the day of the sale (with some help from your friends.) Load up your car, the day before, unload in front to the church, sell whatever you can and take the remaining items to the Christian Benefit shop (or home.)
- 3. Bake some treats for the sale (cookies, squares, muffins) anything wrapped individually or in small portions bring them the morning of June 1 already priced please!
- 4. Contribute plants to our plant sale
- 5. Set-Up Come early on Saturday morning, especially men we would sure appreciate your help carrying the tables and boxes. We will likely start setting up about 7:45 a.m.
- 6. Man a Table or organize a table We will need 2 or 3 volunteers at each table.
- 7. Clean–Up Helpers to pack up and clean up afterward.
- 8. **HELP US ADVERTISE!!** Mark your calendars, save the date --- Tell your friends and neighbours, spread the word as much as you can, put a notice in your apartment building, post about it on your Facebook page, any other way you can think of. Please contact Lorraine Kaija at Ik_notl@yahoo.com.for_further information_The proceeds from this Yard Sale will go to one of the many deserving charities we help out!

NATIONAL-LWMLC Convention: The 12th Regular Convention of Lutheran Women's Missionary League–Canada will be held July 11-14, 2024, at the Four Points by Sheraton in London, Ontario: Theme – Ps. 149:1 'Sing to the Lord a new song'. You are welcome to join in person or online via live stream. For more information see flyer in narthex.

- Special Keynote Speaker, Deb Burma. Christian author and LWML seminar leader. Special Interest Speakers will share cross-cultural ministry with voice & song.
- The mites monetary offerings gathered the last 3 years provided local support for a Bethlehem Walk in BC to International support of deaconesses in Nicaragua and Cambodia. Rev. Mark Smith will bring information. Voting on Mission Grants for the next triennium. Anyone interested in attending, see Lorraine Kaijia. See LWML web site: lutheranwomen.ca



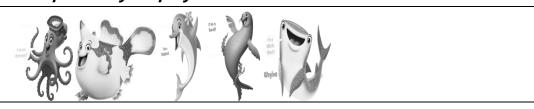
Vacation Bible School:

"SCUBA: Diving into friendship with God."

Monday July 22 - Friday July 26, 9 am -12 pm (extended care 12 noon - 3:30 for children Grades 1-6). Registration forms are available in the narthex. Please register by calling the Church at 905-685-8294 or email: secretary@christlutheransc.ca.

Please invite friends and neighbours.

VBS VOLUNTEERS: We thank God for the opportunity to provide a VBS program for children of our congregation and community, however we need volunteers. (Recreation, registration, group leaders to name a few) Please consider how **YOU** might help this year. Volunteer forms are available in the narthex. **PLEASE continue to keep VBS in your prayers.**



CHURCH SECRETARY POSITION – After faithfully serving our congregation as Church Secretary for over 50 years, Pat (Kimpel) Fejedelem has chosen to retire effective April 24th 2024. Pat's five decades of faithful and dedicated service were recently recognized with a thank you gift from the congregation at a very private presentation in the church office. Pat has always avoided being the centre of attention at group events so we will continue to respect her wishes. Unfortunately, we now have an immediate vacancy to fill. If you feel that you (or someone you know) have the necessary qualifications and are interested in this position, please contact the Congregational Chairman, James Hyatt or the Business Manager, Karen McCumber for a job description or and/or the necessary qualifications and experience required.

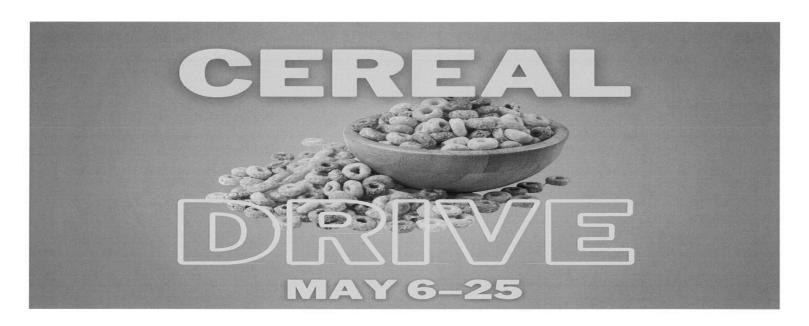
BUSINESS MANAGER Job Opportunity at Christ Lutheran please check out the link: https://westridgehr.catsone.com/careers/100287-Westridge-HR/jobs/16446903-Business-Manager/

Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, is seeking a Librarian Technician. The Library Technician is responsible for managing the seminary's print and digital collection, purchasing and processing books, circulation, and reference support to faculty and students. The Library Technician also manages occasional sales in a small bookstore. The position is part-time. Extra hours may be available as Assistant to the Registrar. To apply send your resumé to president@concordia-seminary.ca.

CLTS International Student studying at the Seminary in need of housing by August 14. Karl is 30 and is fluent in English. If you can help in anyway please contact him at: PasserKarlBy@gmail.com

L.A.M.P Mission team - If you are interested in joining please contact Pastor Jeff Swords at telephone number <u>905-931-3165</u>. L.A.M.P. is a frontline mission experience through the sharing of Christ's love, Grace, and Promise of resurrection. The team strives to demonstrate these same attributes to His community in the north. Our assigned community is Kingfisher Lake, through a VBS program, community presence and friendship. We are looking for additional team members, pray partners and financial support.

MOTHER'S DAY DIAPER DRIVE is hosted by choose LIFE Niagara for the month of May. Diapers and wipes for mothers in need may be dropped off at the church and Judy Mason will deliver. Monetary donation marked "Diaper Drive" can be sent to the agency on 1 Belton Blvd. Income tax receipts will be issued for your donation (including gift-in-kind tax receipts where store receipts are given.)



The Community Breakfast Program at St. George's serves breakfast 365 days a year to all who come. Breakfast was served to over 30,000 people last year. The program is staffed entirely by volunteers from churches and community organizations.

We need donations of cereal, red jam, peanut butter, and Cheese Whiz.

Donations can be dropped off at any service at St. George's, OR at the rear door of the parish hall Monday–Friday OR at U-Haul at 72 Vine St. during business hours.

Financial donations are also gratefully accepted, by cheque or etransfer to St. George's Anglican Church, marked for the Breakfast Program. Tax receipts will be issued for amounts in excess of \$20.

Pentecost Sunday NEW CREATIVE HOLY COMMUNION

May 19, 2024

OPENING SONG:

"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

LSB 496

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.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** You are my hiding place o Lord;

You will save me from trouble

I sing aloud of your salvation,

because you protect me.

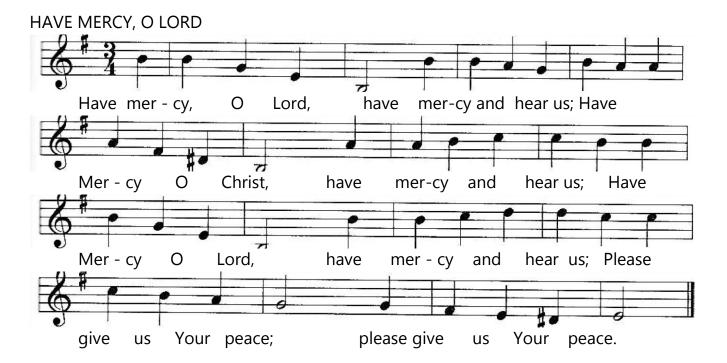
Then I confessed my sins to you;

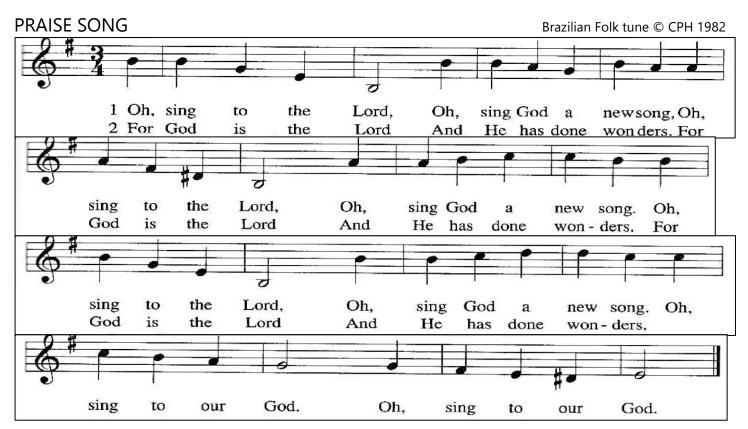
I did not conceal my wrongdoings.

Looking for mercy from the Blessed Trinity, let us confess our sins together, as one people.

O Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and gift us with grace to grow more into the likeness and image of Your dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Life of all the living. Amen.

Receive the forgiveness Christ Jesus Himself has won for you by His Passion, His death and resurrection. In the place of 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.**





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us 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 Ezekiel 37:1-14

I felt the power of the Lord was on me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord. And he put me down in the middle of a valley. It was full of bones. The Lord led me around among the bones. There were many bones on the bottom of the valley. I saw the bones were very dry. Then he asked me, "Human being, can these bones live?" I answered, "Lord God, only you know." The Lord said to me, "Prophesy to these bones. Say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. This is what the Lord God says to the bones: I will cause breath to enter you. Then you will live. I will put muscles on you. I will put flesh on you. I will cover you with skin. Then I will put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I was commanded. While I prophesied, there was a noise and a rattling. The bones came together, bone to bone. I looked and saw muscles come on the bones. Flesh grew, and skin covered the bones. But there was no breath in them. Then the Lord said to me, "Prophesy to the wind. Prophesy, human being, and say to the wind: 'This is what the Lord God says: Wind, come from the four winds. Breathe on these people who were killed so they can live again." So I prophesied as the Lord commanded me. And the breath came into them, and they came to life. They stood on their feet. They were a very large army. Then the Lord said to me: "Human being, these bones are like all the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope has gone. We are destroyed.' So, prophesy, and say to them: 'This is what the Lord God says: My people, I will open your graves. And I will cause you to come up out of your graves. Then I will bring you into the land of Israel. This is how you, my people, will know that I am the Lord. I will open your graves and cause you to come up from them. And I will put my Spirit inside you. You will come to life. Then I will put you in your own land. And you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken and done it, says the Lord." This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

The New Testament: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd

gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, 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 Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon 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 upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel St. John 15:26-27; 16:5-15

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, chapters 15 & 16: **Glory to You, O Lord.** [Jesus says:] 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.... But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that

are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

NO CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



MESSAGE

THE OFFERINGS are gathered.



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 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 neigbourhoods 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;

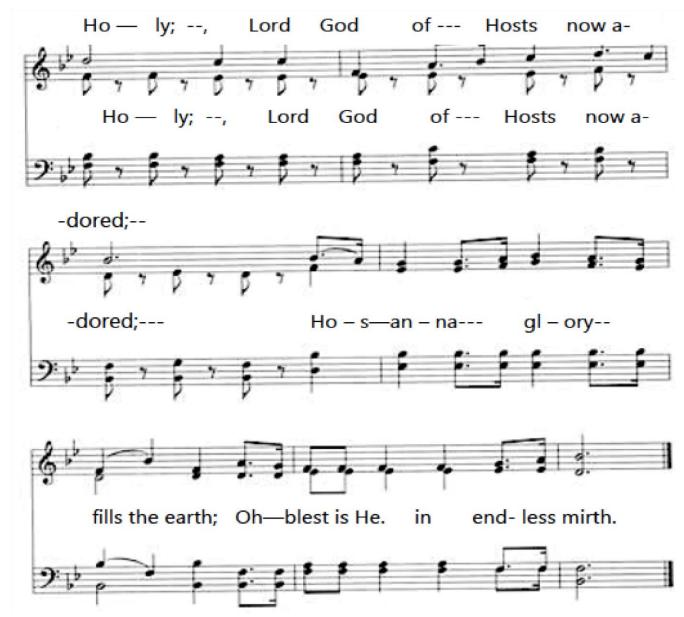
We speak to You, O Lord; hear our humble prayer.

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 HOLY MEAL

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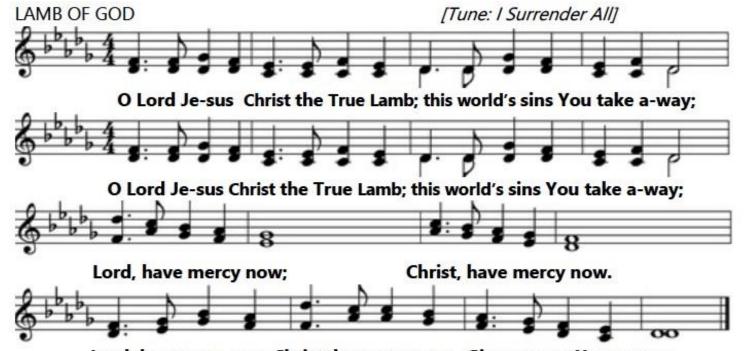
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come.....

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take, eat; This is My + Body which is given for you, this do, in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying "Drink of it all of you, this cup is the New Testament in My + Blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you**



Lord, have mer -cy; Christ, have mer -cy; Give us now Your peace.

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

For those who have need, please feel free to stand at the rail if kneeling is difficult. The common cup and trays of individual glasses are available.

Gluten free wafers are also available.

Light purple glasses of sacramental wine mixed with water are in the centre ring of the trays.



5 Dear Savior, draw reluctant hearts;
To you let sinners fly
And take the bliss your love imparts,
Revive, and never die.

"Come To The Table, Sinner And Saint"
[Have Thine Own Way tune]

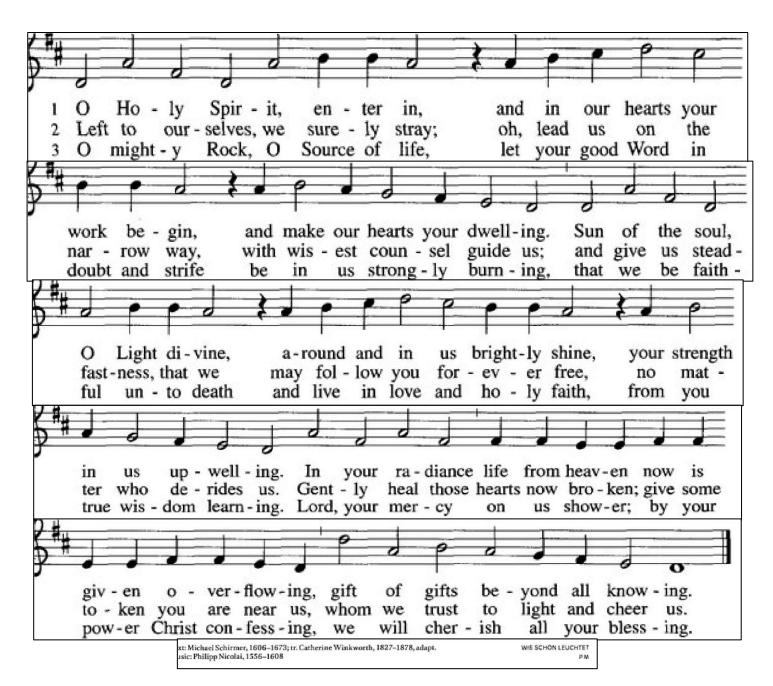
Come to the table, sinner and saint, strong-hearted, mighty, weary and faint, empty, repentant, seeking a place.
Christ welcomes you with joy and grace.

Come, unafraid, for here you will find Love shows you mercy; always is kind. Love treats as one all those who believe. Come to the table, Christ now receive.

All things are ready, come and draw near. Share in the supper -- given out here: bread that is broken, drink the red wine, Love's holy token--human, divine.

Eat, and remember, as we partake, Jesus the Christ who died for our sake, sharing this meal for Christ is the way, rising to lead us to a new day. Go from our Lord's meal, joyful in heart, filled with thanksgiving as you depart, graced by the Spirit, blessed by our Friend, strengthened with Christ to serve to life's end.

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I am un-worthy to be thought Your child, Nor sit the last and lowest at Your Feast. One Word from You, my Lord, one smile, one look, And I can face the cold, rough world again;

Sweet mercy is Your grace prerogative—
Free mercy, boundless, fathomless, divine!
I, Lord, the chief of sinners, please forgive,
And You, my greatest joy! True peace sublime.

I hear Your voice; You welcome me to rest;
I come, I sing, I clasp Your blessed feet;
You seat me at Your place, as worthy guest among
Your saints, and of Your banquet eat.

My praise can only breathe itself in prayer, a prayer which always reaches where You'll be; Forever, rest within my heart, and there, Lord, let me dine with You; please dine with me.

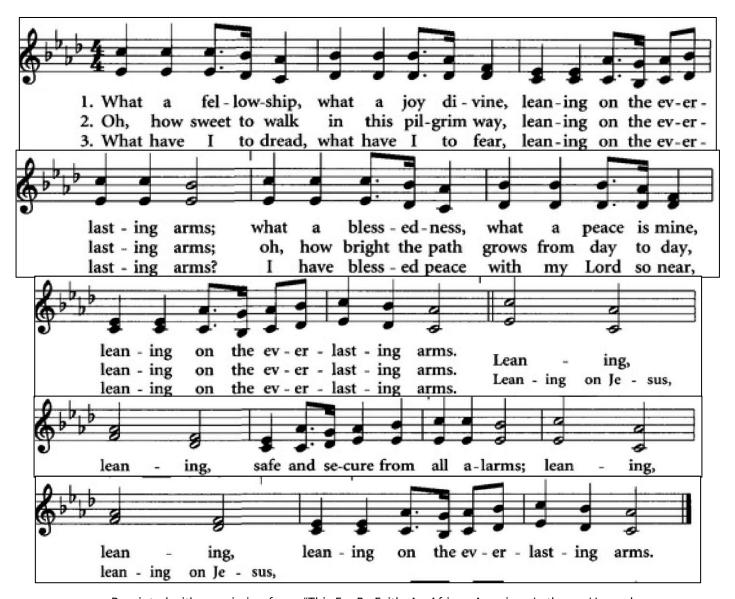
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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: Pour out upon us Your blessed Holy Spirit, O Lord, that we who have shared in this Holy Communion feast of Your Body and Blood may find strength in the Fellowship and Confession of the One True Faith which sends us forth to proclaim Your redeeming love to the world and prepare us joyfully to see You face to face in glory; Who with the Father and the Spirit You live and reign as one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord upon you with favour, + and give you peace. **Amen.**



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The Day of Pentecost

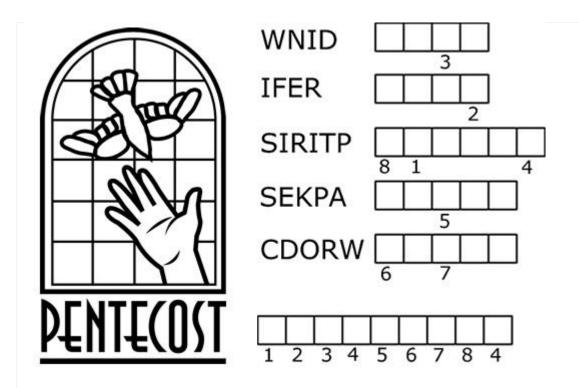
All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



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SPEAK	LANGUAGE	PENTECOST	HEAVEN	BLOWING
SOUND	OTHER	HOLY	SPIRIT	HEAR
FILLED	WIND	FIRE	TONGUES	AMAZED



Puzzle Clues
Check your answers by looking them up in the Bible.
(Clues are from the NIV)
1. A sound like the blowing of a violent came from heaven. (Acts 2:2)
2. They saw what seemed to be tongues of (Acts 2:3)
3. All of them were filled with the Holy (Acts 2:4)
4. They began to in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:4)
5. Peter stood up and spoke to the of people. (Acts 2:14)
FINAL ANSWER: All of these events took place on the day of (Acts 2:1)