

PENTECOST

May 28, 2023

Service Notes:

Hymns: 500, 497, 501, 913, 730, 635, 503
Old Testament Reading: Genesis 11:1-9
Epistle: Acts 2:1-21
Holy Gospel: John 14:23-31
Sermon: "My Peace I Give You" John 14:23-31

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Day	Date	Time	Attendance
Thursday/Ascension Day	05/18	6:30 p.m.	56
Sunday	05/21	8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	80 52

FLOWERS are given by Bob and Cheryl Cahill in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing.

THANK YOU to Pastor Fabrizio for preaching on Sunday, May 28.

SUMMER SCHEDULE begins *today*, May 28. This means the late service time moves to 10:00 a.m. until the Sunday after Labor Day, and there is no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class until next fall.

BAPTISM Jace Charles Stolte, son of Nate and Kristen Stolte, will be born again of water and the Word at the Thursday, June 1 Divine Service. As our Lord graciously says, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1 Due to ongoing safety concerns by a number of members over a period of time, the elders have decided to lock the church doors shortly after services start. We will allow some time for those who arrive late, and will also have an elder or an usher in the narthex to open the doors for anyone who is more than a little bit late. "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 05/28 **DIVINE SERVICES/PENTECOST 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.**
Monday 05/29 No School
Wednesday 05/31 Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Thursday 06/01 **DIVINE SERVICE 6:30 p.m.**
Friday 06/02 **CHAPEL SERVICE 8:10 a.m.**
Graduation 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 06/04 **DIVINE SERVICES 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.**
Scrip Orders Due

WE PRAY for Fred Ananias (father of Lori Bolger), Joe Ananias (nephew of Lori Bolger), Michael Borchardt, Sr., Janet Brown, Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, Anna Rose Consigny, Sandy Damms, Harriet Davidson, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Dorothy Hahn, Judy Hanson, Elaine Howe, Paul Howe, Jackie Johnson (mother of Don Johnson), Michelle Johnson, Marilyn Kolter, LeAnn Lagerman, Kandy Lilley, Konnie Otto, Angeline Pence, Jeff Pfander (brother of Todd Pfander), Caleb Schuh (grandson of Lori Bolger's friend), Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski), and Joan Wolffersdorff (sister-in-law of Donna Metzfeld).

SCRIP Orders are due next Sunday, **June 4**. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are located in the narthex and church/school office. Place your order and check made out to Our Father's in one of the boxes, *OR* you may order online with the Presto Pay Plan at www.shopwithscrip.com. The website has a list of participating retailers. **Please note that the website name has changed to raiserright.com, but the shopwithscrip.com link will still get you to the correct page to view vendors or place your order.** Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE will collect mite boxes on *Sunday*, May 28.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, **June 11** after the late service. Please plan to attend.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS for the church and school will be Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. starting **June 5**.

LETTER FROM PASTOR BENDER This summer, June 21-23, will be our last national Concordia Catechetical Academy symposium here at Peace Lutheran Church, Sussex. Your former pastor, Rev. Fabrizio, has been an important part of CCA since its founding in 1994, and will be a presenter and

preacher this year. We hope you will consider joining us. For more information and to register, see <https://PeaceSussex.org/CCA/symposium/>
Rev. Peter C. Bender, Director Concordia Catechetical Academy

ISAAC AND REBEKAH and other topics from Genesis are being discussed on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with coffee and snacks. Invite someone to come to Wednesday Bible Class with you! We meet every week, even during the summer months.

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**THE READINGS FOR
PENTECOST
May 28, 2023**

INTROIT

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

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.

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.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 11:1-9 (ESV)

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.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING

Acts 2:1-21 (ESV)

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.'

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:23-31 (ESV)

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.

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
THE FEAST OF PENTECOST**

“My Peace I Give You”

May 28 through June 3, 2023

Pentecost, the fifty days, is rooted in the appointed feasts of the Old Testament. The color for the day is red, which symbolizes the tongues of fire upon the heads of the Apostles and the blood of those who have been martyred for the sake of Christ. Fire is at the center of Old Testament narratives about God which point to His Spirit. For example, there is the burning bush account where the bush is not consumed, just as the fire does not burn the Apostles. Fire purifies and gives light, just as the Holy Spirit purifies us and enlightens us in the true faith. How does this happen? Through the Word of Christ which is recorded in Holy Scriptures. The Spirit is not some energy force which drifts about, but works through the Word and the visible Word of the Sacraments. He does not work except through that Word, for God always works through means for our salvation.

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

THE CREED

VERSE: ⁷ The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.
Psalm 28:7 (ESV)

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: 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. **AMEN.**

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 46

PSALMODY PRAYER: O God, our Refuge and Strength, be in the midst of Your Church, that She may endure all the assaults of the Evil One. In the face of all attacks, open my eyes to behold Your works and cause me to be still that I might trust in You. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	No School
Tuesday	Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday	Matthew 21:33-46
Thursday	Matthew 22:1-14
Friday	Psalm 28:7
Saturday	John 3:1-17

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Ten Commandments

The First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Luther, On Genesis 11 (1536): . . . as a result of this division of languages, hearts were disunited, customs changed, and dispositions and endeavors altered. Consequently, you can truthfully call it the seedbed of all evils, since it has caused political as well as economic confusion. Although these are very serious inconveniences, they are nothing in comparison with the confusion that this division of languages has brought to the churches and the endless occasions it has provided for idolatry and superstition. Who does not realize that the function of the ministry was almost entirely disrupted by this change of languages? Eber, who undoubtedly retained the first and true language, was unable thereafter to instruct others whose language he did not know and who could not understand him. Therefore, it is a great blessing and an outstanding miracle of the New Testament that by means of various languages the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost brought men of all nations into the one body of the one Head, Christ (Acts 2). Christ joins and unites all into one faith through the Gospel, even though the different languages remain; and He tears down the wall (Eph. 2:14), not only by reconciling us to God through His death and speaking to us in a new language but also by bringing about outward harmony, so that different flocks are brought together under one Shepherd and are gathered into one fold (John 10:16). This is Christ's blessing; and since it is common to all, differences in outward life cause no offense. Let us, therefore, give Him the credit that through the Holy Spirit He has removed this most severe punishment, which was the beginning and seedbed of all evils and discords, and has brought us a holy harmony, even though the different languages remain. For where Christ the Mediator is not acknowledged, there is a disagreement of hearts like that of the

languages, and there is horrible blindness. Hence when we survey the histories of all nations and times, we see that various wars broke out and a great variety of customs, religions, and ideas arose because of the diversity of languages. This evil Christ wanted to remedy by means of a new miracle. I myself do not understand an Italian, nor does an Italian understand me; and so there exists a natural opportunity for anger and enmity between us. But if we both understand Christ, we mutually embrace and heartily kiss each other as fellow members.

But where Christ is not present, there the punishment of Babylon still prevails, the division of languages, which brings on a sure division of hearts and gives rise to confusion, not only in the administration of the home and government but also in religion and the church. This punishment, which is so horrible, warns us to be on our guard lest we fall away from the Word or prefer ourselves above others as though we were better and holier. Because Ham's descendants did this, a horrible punishment followed, which, in my estimation, brought greater harm to the human race than did the Flood itself. The latter harmed only the human beings of one time, but the former lasts until the end of the world. Although Christ brought us some help through His Spirit, yet how small is the part that receives the Word and believes it! The remaining multitude is as divided in its opinions as it is in its languages and renders welcome service to Satan, the instigator of wars and of discord. (LW 2:215-216)

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord's Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S 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 may 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.**

OR

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. 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.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: *LSB 539 "Christ Is the World's Redeemer"* (stanza 4)

**LOOKING FORWARD TO
THE SUNDAY OF HOLY TRINITY**

June 4, 2023

“Born of Water and the Spirit”

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 953, 498, 507, 571, 506, 621, 504

READINGS

Isaiah 6:1-7

Romans 11:33-36

John 3:1-17

From where do we get the name Trinity? It is not a Biblical term, but a Greek word which describes the truth about God that is revealed in the Scriptures. Consistently, the Scriptures tell us that there is only one God who created, redeemed, and sanctifies. Yet the name of God is a plural form in the Old Testament, even when the verb used in agreement is singular. Already in the Old Testament God is referred to as Father, Servant of the Lord, and Holy Spirit. The New Testament is even more specific as Jesus preaches about the relationship of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as they work for our salvation. The Gospel text from John 3 portrays the loving Father who is willing to send His own Son to be one of us and suffer in our place by being lifted up on the cross. The Son willingly offers Himself that in looking to Him we might be saved from eternal damnation. The Father has promised that all who look to the Son will be saved as surely as those who believed the promise that they would be healed when they looked to the serpent on the pole. Yet how are we to be raised up from this inheritance of death to the inheritance of life? Jesus teaches us that we receive the inheritance of life through our baptism. It is there that we are born again through the work of the Holy Spirit in the water. The Spirit is there in the Word of God, for wherever the Word of God is preached in its truth and purity, there is the Spirit of God at work.