



# Pentecost Sunday

## Order of Worship

May 20, 2018

10:00 am

## Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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# *Welcome to God's House today!!!*

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any help to you, please speak with the pastor after the service. We invite all guests to sign the Guest Register. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week.

## ***Today's Focus – The Festival of Pentecost***

Today we are celebrating one of the oldest and greatest Festivals of the Church. Pentecost marks the end of the Festival half of the Church Year. Today we celebrate the event that is remembered as the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit Who turned those timid and confused followers into bold and powerful witnesses to Jesus Christ. In the same way that the Spirit breathed new life into the dry bones of Ezekiel's vision, so the Spirit breathes new life into Christians every day, and brings them together as the Church of Jesus Christ. In a sense, what we celebrate today is truly the birthday of the Church.

***Children are welcome in worship!*** If childcare is needed, an unattended nursery is open during worship services. It is located across from the restrooms next to the Church Offices.

***Is there something you'd like us to pray for today? "Prayer Request"*** cards are in each pew. Please hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will give them to the pastor to include in the prayers for today.

***The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays*** of each month. We joyfully share our conviction that this is The Lord's Table. We receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with the bread and wine in a manner our human reason cannot understand. (Real Presence) By communing together with our Lord:

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly; life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

**The white wine is denatured (alcohol removed)**

# Festival of Pentecost

## **AS WE GATHER:**

If the Holy Spirit of God didn't work in this world, this room would be empty. We are gathered here as evidence of the Holy Spirit's power, for He has called us by the Gospel, enlightened us with His gifts, and sanctified us in the true faith. Yet, because of sin, we are often afraid and ashamed of the Truth. God in Jesus Christ takes away the shame and grants us boldness to walk in the light as Christ's witnesses who share the good news of our forgiveness.

✠ *WE ENTER TO WORSHIP & BE BLESSED* ✠

## **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

### **WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      *"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"*      **LSB 913**

### **INVOCATION**

**PSALMODY PRAYER**      *Psalm 143:1,8-12*

### **OUR CONFESSION**

### **GOD'S DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"* **LSB 650 v 1,2**

✠ *THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD* ✠

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Ezekiel 37:1-14*      **ESV**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**      *Acts 2:1-21*      **ESV**

**GOSPEL ANTHEM**      *"Spirit of the Living God"*      **TCH 389**

**HOLY GOSPEL READING**      *John 15:26, 27; 16:4b-15*

### **CATECHISM REVIEW**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"*      **LSB 496**

**SERMON**      *"Victorious In Christ"*      **John 16:4b-15**

✠ *OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD* ✠

**THE OFFERTORY**      *"Create in Me"*      **Hopkins**

### **GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **THE BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN** *"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"* **Tune: LSB 524**  
+ *Silent Prayer* +

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/ POSTLUDE**

✠ *WE DEPART TO SERVE* ✠

## **TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR**

**May 20**

**"Functional Atheist No More!"**

**(Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27)**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Christians like to think of themselves as following the first disciples. That's uncomfortably true. The first disciples had trouble believing the promises of Jesus for their daily lives. Too often we do too. On Pentecost the Spirit of the risen Lord Jesus gave the first disciples faith like they had never had before. Today the same Spirit is ready to do the same for us.

## **NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

**May 27**

**"Impossible"**

**(Acts 2:22-24)**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Can death hold us? Experience says, "Yes!" the Apostle Peter says, "No." Today's sermon talks about making possible that which can't happen.

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or 1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on Sundays at noon or listen anytime at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:** **May 20** "We celebrate when a mother has second thoughts concerning abortion and keeps her baby. We sing 'Alleluia' when an orphaned child once abandoned is adopted and lives in a home filled with the presence of Christ's love reflected through a mother and father." *Chaplain (Lt. Colonel) Steven Hokana, Assistant Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) (LCMS) • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

## **STEWARDSHIP:** **May 20: Pentecost**

**Acts 2:1** – *"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place."* Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival: a time of thanksgiving, bounty, and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that in the New Testament it takes on the meaning of a new harvest: the ripe fields of the nations, bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing the Lord's praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase and that the harvest calls for thanksgiving.



## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>5/20 Sun</b>	<b>The Festival of Pentecost (Military Sunday)</b>
	<b>8:45 am Education Hour</b>
	<b>10:00 am Worship w/HC</b>
	<b>4:00 pm NA Pot Blessings</b>
	<b>6:00 pm NA</b>
<b>5/21 Mon</b>	<b>2:00 pm Counter's Training</b>
	<b>6:30 pm AIAnon 1</b>
	<b>8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2</b>
<b>5/22 Tues</b>	<b>9:00 am – 1:00 pm Pastor's Winkel</b>
<b>5/23 Wed</b>	<b>10:00 am BIBLE STUDY</b>
	<b>6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Study</b>
<b>5/25 Fri</b>	<b>5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice</b>
	<b>8:00 pm AA/AIAnon</b>
<b>5/26 Sat</b>	<b>10:00 am TLWCC Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 pm TLWCC Worship &amp; Fellowship</b>
<b>5/27 Sun</b>	<b>The Holy Trinity</b>
	<b>Note: NO Education Hour (resumes after Labor Day)</b>
	<b>10:00 am Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 pm NA</b>

## SERVING TODAY

**Elder: Karmon Christopherson**

**Ushers: Morellis**

**Counters: Derald & Chris Hadrath**

**Altar Care: Verlayne Sather**

**Attendance: 5/13/2018: 38**

**Offerings -- Regular \$1,469; Loose Plate \$73; May Mission \$200; Memorials \$55; Kitchen Fund \$200; Street Repair \$200; Funeral Programs/Office Supplies \$100; Rental \$125**

**Total: \$2,422**

**Needed each week for 2018: \$3,477.59**

**Wednesday Bible Study**

**2 Thessalonians**

**Sunday Bible Study**

**Emotions and the Holy Spirit**

**--Anxiety/Stress**

**Counters, as a reminder, if you don't recognize a donors name as a member, please add their address on the back of the tally sheet, so a personalized giving statement can be sent. Thanks, Nanc Rixe**

**BIRTHDAYS:** 24<sup>th</sup> Cindy Martinez

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 26<sup>th</sup> Larry Schlais & Wenda Schwoch

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** Bob & Sandy Bauer, 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**FLOWERS:** None

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson,  
Millie Demcho, Millie Eckhardt, Deb Forsberg, Harriet Harris,  
Robert & Delores Kluwe, Margaret Maxwell, Nanc Rixe, Ada Samson,

**REQUESTED PRAYERS:**

**Larry Derksen** (Shirley's brother) – recovery from surgery

**Dr. Lori Ongeri** (Debra Forsberg's niece) – for a baby boy

**Jeffrey Lucero** (Debra Fosberg's nephew) – Ulcer

**Vera Gade** (Pastor's mother) hospitalized w/ broken hip

**John Gillund** (Patty & Meridel's brother) medical issues

**Dick Gillund** (Patty & Meridel's brother) medical issues

**Elaine Gillund** – surgery and radiation

**Brandon Johnson** (son of Lori Sharbono) continued good results

**Roxie Johnson** (Morelli's niece) heart issues

**Steve Kaiser** (friend of Patty Lyrenmann's brother) – COPD

**Amy Price** (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

**Jimmy Royal & Dave** (friends of Dick Gillund)

**Marvin & Norma Thor** – poor health/stomach cancer

**Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker** – Chronic Illness

**Nancy Tousant** (Krystal Kruse's co-worker) – Cancer

**Doris Rixe**, (Nanc's mother) – heart related emergency

**Cindy Merriam** (Sandy Westling's cousin) Treatment/Liver Cancer

**“IN OUR PRAYERS” AND “REQUESTED PRAYERS”**

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, please use the prayer request cards found in the pews or at the Ushers' counter and give to the office. They will be added to the Prayer list. Any updates to the current list? Let the office know.

**Counter's Training**

Due to a medical emergency in Nanc Rixe's family the training scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled for **Monday, May 21 at 2 pm**. Please plan to attend if you are an active counter and need a refresher on the basics of counting, OR if you have any questions. The training will take place at the church. ☺

**Living Well Support Group for those diagnosed with early dementia and mild cognitive impairment**

**Tuesday, May 22, 10:00-11:30am**

Are you someone living with early dementia or mild cognitive impairment and are looking for a network of support from others living with this disease? This support group provides a connection with others and a safe place to gain support and learn about other resources and education. There is no cost to participate. Contact Sara Tucker to pre-register and learn more about this group and availability: 612-787-4007, [stucker@esns.org](mailto:stucker@esns.org). This program is supported, in part, by a grant from the Minnesota Board on Aging.

**Spring band concert at Edison**

**May 22 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

The Edison High School Band will present its spring concert May 22, 7-8:30 pm, in the school auditorium. 700 22nd Ave. NE.

**The Rose Ensemble Welcomes Capella Quirina Neuss**

From Saint Paul's sister city of Neuss, Germany, chamber choir Capella Quirina Neuss will perform works by world famous composers in addition to a collection of German folksongs and several pieces for organ. **Sunday, May 20** at Church of the Assumption, Saint Paul, **3 PM**. General admission tickets \$10, Children 12 and under free. For more information and tickets at [roseensemble.org](http://roseensemble.org) OR 651-225-4340. Following there will be a free reception with the ensemble at Landmark Center.

**Spring Offering -- May/June**

This year's Spring Offering, being held through the end of June, will benefit **Bethesda Lutheran Communities**.

Every day they are making a difference in the lives of people in communities across the country, it is for that reason, the Board of Stewardship decided on Bethesda Lutheran Communities as the recipient of the Spring Offering. Bethesda is a Christian organization that provides homes and other services for people with developmental disabilities to help them live the lives they want. Feel free to use your May/June Offering envelopes or another envelope marked as such. Thanks!

***Together, the best life is possible.***

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

***During the Sunday Fellowship on June 10<sup>th</sup> Angie and Karmon will entertain us with music and song.***

***They will be doing songs from the 30's, 40's and 50's, etc. See you there!!*** ***Hosted by Social Ministry***

### **Indoor Walking Group - Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 pm**

Come for a walk on the smooth and climate controlled indoor track at Bottineau Park, 2000 Second Street NE, Minneapolis. After your walk, catch up with the news and have a cup of coffee. Donations are appreciated. Sponsored by Northeast Senior Services and Bottineau Park.

### **Nutritious Meals Delivered**

Eastside Meals on Wheels delivers meals to homebound persons living in NE and SE Minneapolis, and St. Anthony Village. Contact Eastside Meals on Wheels at 612-277-2529 or via email at [info@eastsidemeals.org](mailto:info@eastsidemeals.org) to register.

### **You are Invited!**

Trinity First is proud to present their version of the Biblical story of ***Esther: Teen Queen God Used to Redeem***. This original musical with story adaptation by Terri Bentz and music by Rev. Tom Gundermann tells the story of God's saving grace through the actions of one brave girl. With plot twists such as a beauty pageant, courtiers, and a menacing Haman, audience members young and old will laugh, cheer, and most importantly hear the Gospel presented in song. Performances are **May 23rd at 6:30pm** and **May 24th at 10:30am and 6:30pm** at the **E.M. Pearson Theater at Concordia University in St. Paul.**

If you have questions please call the school office 612-871-2353.

### **Salad Luncheon at St. Mary's**

**Thursday, May 24**, the Women's Club of St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral hosts its annual **Salad Luncheon from 11 am-1 pm**. Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased by calling Cindy, 651-644-3195 or the Church office, 612-781-7667. A limited number of tickets will be sold at the door. 1701 5th St. NE.

**Bill Woll would like to THANK everyone for their kind words and the help they provided at Dorothy's funeral.**

# **Catechesis Note for the Week**

## **Who or what is the Holy Spirit?**

The Holy Spirit is a real person who came to reside within Jesus Christ's true followers after Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to heaven (Acts 2). Jesus told His apostles...

***"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."*** (John 14:16-18)

The Holy Spirit is not a vague, ethereal shadow, nor an impersonal force. He is a person equal in every way with God the Father and God the Son. He is considered to be the third member of the Godhead. Jesus said to His apostles...

***"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*** (Matt. 28:18-20)

God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And all the divine attributes ascribed to the Father and the Son are equally ascribed to the Holy Spirit. When a person becomes "born again" (from above) (John 3:3) by acknowledging the truth that the Holy reveals in God's Word about Who Jesus is and what He has accomplished for our salvation (John 3:3-21), God resides in that person through the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 3:16). The Holy Spirit has intellect (1Cor. 2:11), emotion (Rom. 15:30), and will (1Cor. 12:11).

A primary role of the Holy Spirit is that He bears "witness" of Jesus Christ (John 15:26, 16:14). He tells people's hearts about the truth of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit also acts as a Christian's teacher (1Cor. 2:9-14). He reveals God's will and God's truth to a Christian. Jesus told His disciples...

***"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 said to you."*** (John 14:26).

# Today's Scripture Readings

**EZEKIEL 37:1-14:** *The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of resurrection and new life. In the vision of the valley of dry, lifeless, dead bones, the prophet is called to speak forth God's life-giving Word. This is how the Holy Spirit breathes new life into the dead, raising us from the death of sin. This vision speaks of the power of the Holy Spirit, through the Word, not only to create the new life of faith, but also to raise the dead.*

**ACTS 2:1-21:** *Visible and audible signs of wind and fire occur together with the promised outpouring of the Spirit to demonstrate the authentic action of God. Speaking in tongues was also a sign beyond human comprehension and intelligence showing the presence of the Spirit's action. The miracle was not only in the speech of the linguistically unskilled disciples, but also in the hearing and understanding of dispersed Jews from many other countries present in Jerusalem just at that time. Here is a reversal of the chaos of Babel! This event cannot be separated from all the events of Jesus' earthly ministry, his birth, his divinely authoritative preaching and teaching, his substitutionary death for the sins of the world and his resurrection and, of course, his ascension. The whole event could only happen as an outflow of his exalted return to the full resumption of his glorious state of godhead. This is the baptism with fire to which John the Baptist alluded and is a retrospective demonstration of Jesus' true messiahship. Peter uses Ezekiel's prophecy to connect the crowd's present experience to the future role of Christ's message bringing eternal salvation from destruction to whoever will believe.*

**JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4b-15:** *Jesus here before his death comforts his disciples with an appraisal of the coming role of the Spirit after his own departure. He uses the name 'Advocate' for the Spirit because the Spirit represents believers before the Father, and also presents the directives of the Father and the Son to those who testify for Jesus on this earth. Because Jesus is withdrawing his physical presence it is important they know that they will still be led as they take the testimony of the gospel into the world. Thus the Spirit can convince the world about sin, righteousness and judgment. The disciples could continue in trust that what the Spirit would reveal to them and remind them of would be simply that which Jesus had already achieved and would achieve through them in the future. The Father, Son, and Spirit are in perfect accord in this divine work.*

## Lessons for Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; John 3:1-17