

## THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember: Marcia Neelly, Kirk Aeilts, Walt Dibbern, Dennis Reuvers, Beverly Baker

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** Order of Service    Hymns    650    496    917

### **THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:**

May 23    8:30 a.m. Worship at English

May 23    9:00 a.m. Bible Studies

May 23    10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

May 25    10:00 A.M. Bible Study

May 25    6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

May 27    Noon Bible Study

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Today is Pentecost Sunday, the day on which the Holy Spirit filled God's people. But who is the Holy Spirit? What does he do? That is what our hymn of the day, *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*, seeks to teach us. The Holy Spirit is the one who broods over a world of gloom and night, seeking to create spiritual life in a dead and dying world. He is the one who forms in us the mind of Christ. He is the one who strengthens our faith and forgives our sins. He is the one who sets captives free and knits the church into one eternal communion. This Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the work of the Spirit in our midst, the Lord and Giver of Life.

**ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:** On that first Pentecost morning, Jesus' promise of the Spirit was fulfilled. All that the disciples witnessed and heard from Jesus prior to His cross and resurrection were brought out into the light like the heavens breaking open for the first time. The Spirit of truth descended and gave them boldness to proclaim the Gospel of forgiveness, life, and salvation in Jesus.

**BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**    Isaiah 6:1-8    Acts 2:14-36    John 3:1-17

**FROM PASTOR ALEX:** Spring is here. The fellowship hall is reopened, and I am looking forward to getting to know every family in the parish. If you would like a visit, you can sign up in the fellowship hall or call the church office. My goal is to visit every family once this year. I look forward to seeing you soon.

**ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN:** Orphan Grain Train is in need of good clean used men's and women's adult clothing. A collection box will be placed in the Fellowship Hall. Please have all items in the box by June 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help with this project.

**MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS:** A list of books that are missing from the Church Library is on the bulletin board by the office. Please check to see if you have any of these books at your home.

**POTLUCK DINNER JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>:** A belated celebration potluck will be held following the church service to welcome Pastor Alex and Ashlie and family to Peace Lutheran. Please bring a dish to share. We hope you can come for food and fellowship.

**BLESSINGS SUNDAY:** Blessings Sunday will begin on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Fill the jar with coins or bills in thanks for all the birthday, anniversaries, and other blessings you have received. This will be held the second Sunday of every month and proceeds will go to missions. Daughters of Peace appreciates your generosity in giving to this project.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Rainforest Explorers will be our VBS theme this year. We are very excited for this summer's program! VBS will be Monday, June 7 through Friday, June 11 from 8:30-12:00. To register, please go to [vbsmate.com/peacelutheranchurch](http://vbsmate.com/peacelutheranchurch). VBS is in need of volunteers for the kitchen, crafts, and also teachers! What a great opportunity to connect with our youth! We are also accepting snack donations! Please let Natalie Larson know if you are able to help out, her number is 719-641-7547. Thank you in advance!

**THIS MONTH** Daughters of Peace will collect dish soap, hand soap, detergent, fabric softener, etc. for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

**USHERING TODAY is Team 1; Next Sunday is Team 2:** Kevin Stueven, Dennis Reuvers, LeRoy Fick Terry Dieren, Walt Dibbern, Scott Schneidermann

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**HYMN 650: HOLY SPIRIT, EVER DWELLING**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**P** 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.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** 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.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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 Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
**and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;  
**the earth is full of your creatures.**

These all look to you,  
**to give them their food in due season.**  
When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
**when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**  
When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,  
**and you renew the face of the ground.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**  
**and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
**and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.  
**C** 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.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Ezekiel 37:1–14*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL**

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

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

**SECOND READING**

*Acts 2:1–21*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## VERSE

*Liturgical Text*

**Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*After the Reading*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** 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.  
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.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**HYMN 496: HOLY SPIRIT, LIGHT DIVINE**

## SERMON

## OFFERTORY

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**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew 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

## BENEDICTION

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## HYMN 917: SAVIOR, AGAIN TO THY DEAR NAME WE RAISE

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