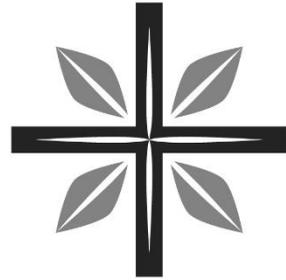


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Welcome to our visitors!

- It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- Large print service folders, assisted listening devices, children's service folders, and children's worship notes are available from the ushers.
- Parents may take small children into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed and follow the worship service on the TV monitor. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.
- As the offering is received, members and guests are asked to sign the Friendship Register. Please pass the register to your neighbor and then return it to the center aisle. Visitors are also asked to fill out a guest card and give it to an usher.
- The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in our worship today. Scripture tells us that the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in God's Word and a privilege reserved for those who have publicly confessed their oneness in faith. Therefore, we ask guests who are not members of WELS or ELS congregations to refrain from communion until such oneness can be established. We do not intend to be exclusive and unloving. Rather, we desire to faithfully carry out the teaching of Scripture and further explore God's Word with you in the hope that we may eventually enjoy such "communion fellowship" together. For more information, please speak with one of our pastors.

Pentecost⁺

June 8 & 9, 2019

A New Day Dawns: Strength from the Holy Spirit

Prelude

Opening Hymn

We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost

Christian Worship 190

During the singing of the opening hymn, the congregation is asked to rise and turn to the back of the church to visually follow the entrance of the cross on its way to the chancel.

Affirmation of Holy Baptism (10:30 a.m.)

Christian Worship, pg. 12

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

DIALOGUE FOR PENTECOST

M: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. *Genesis 1:1, 2*

C: **The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.** *Job 33:4*

M: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

C: **If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.** *Psalms 139:7, 8*

† Pentecost: For New Testament believers, *Pentecost* marks the 50th day after Easter and is commemorated as the birthday of the Christian Church. But Pentecost was first celebrated in the Old Testament as the feast of Shavuot, also known as the Festival of Weeks. For more information on Pentecost, see pg. 35 of *Understanding Lutheran Worship*, found in the hymnal rack.

Lo, in the likeness of fire, on those who await his appearing
He whom the Lord had foretold suddenly, swiftly descends. **Refrain**

Forth from the Father he comes with heavenly wisdom and courage,
Pouring upon the new church pow'r to proclaim and baptize. **Refrain**

Hear how in myriad tongues Christ's own, his chosen apostles,
Preach to the ends of the earth Christ and his wonderful works. **Refrain**

See the communion of saints increase through the gospel of Jesus.
Praise to the Spirit of life; praise to the Spirit of pow'r! **Refrain**

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace.

Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that with a true and living faith we may tell
abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one
God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Genesis 11:1-9

At Babel, God confuses languages and scatters people all over the earth.

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. The LORD said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”

So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel – because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 51b

Through faith created by the Holy Spirit, sinners from all over the earth turn back to God.

Refrain

Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, re - new our hearts and
kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

Psalm tone *

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. **Refrain**

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will turn back to you.

**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. Refrain**

Second Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

At Pentecost, God reconciles languages and brings together people from all over the earth.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“ In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

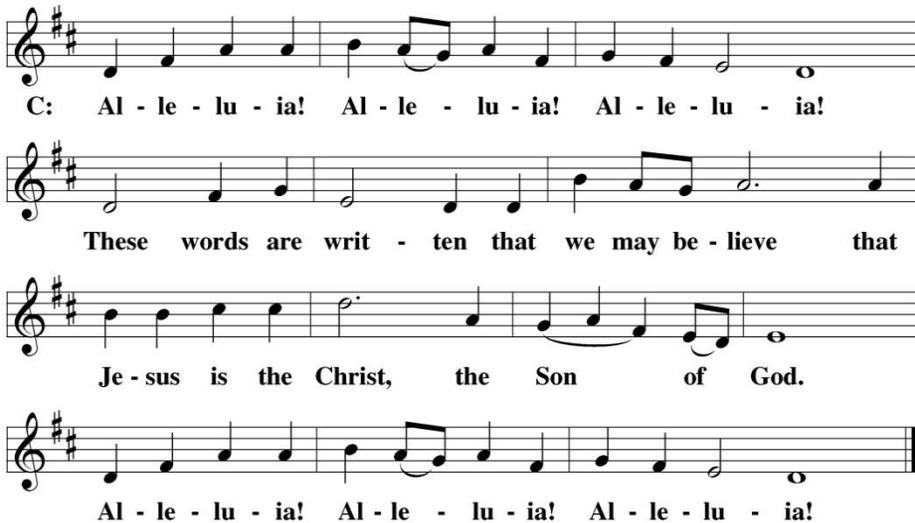
I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ ”

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia, alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand

Gospel

John 15:26, 27

Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to help his disciples testify all over the earth.

“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
Christian Worship 176

Sermon

Genesis 11:1-9

A Common Language

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Be seated

Offering

The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work in our community and around the world, and our offerings are a joyful response of our faith. To submit your offering electronically, scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/giving. If you are a visitor today, you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.



Please stand

Prayer of the Church for Pentecost

M: Holy Spirit of God, we worship and glorify you as the Lord and giver of all spiritual life. By our own thinking and choosing, we would still be lost in our sins, wandering in spiritual darkness toward eternal death.

C: **Only by your gift of faith do we confess that Jesus Christ is our Lord. With the Father and the Son, you are one God and one Lord.**

M: We thank you for fulfilling the Word you gave through the prophets and the promise spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ. You came down on the day of Pentecost to guide and comfort the apostles, to lead them into all truth, and to reveal your plan to save us.

C: **Extend your Church throughout the world by the words we speak and by the messages we send.**

M: We praise you for calling us by the gospel and making us your sons and daughters through faith in Christ Jesus. You gathered us into his flock, the one holy Christian Church, where we hear the Shepherd's voice proclaiming the forgiveness of all our sins.

C: **Live in us, Holy Spirit, and warm our hearts with the fire of your love.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

M: Continue to preserve us in the one true faith by the means you have chosen: our Savior's gospel in Word and sacraments. Enable us to present ourselves as thank offerings to him who sacrificed himself for us.

C: **Sanctify us in body, mind, and spirit. Give us the will and the desire to glorify our Father in heaven until that day when we will see him face to face. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Be seated

Hymn

Voices Raised to You We Offer (see pg. 12)
Christian Worship Supplement 724

Please stand

M: Send down, O Lord, the fire of your Holy Spirit, that being fed and nourished by your Word we may be bold to confess and live out its truth. Pour out your Spirit on all your people that we may trust faithfully, serve willingly, and act wisely in every circumstance to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



Closing Hymn

There Is a Balm in Gilead *Christian Worship 564*

During the recessional, the congregation is asked to remain standing to sing and turn to visually follow the cross as it leaves the sanctuary. Please be seated at the completion of the hymn.

Announcements

WELS Connection

Welcome Home Campaign

Postlude

If you do not wish to take your service folder home, please place it in the basket so it can be reused.

Voices Raised to You We Offer



1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer;
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you;
 3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate,
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion,
 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer



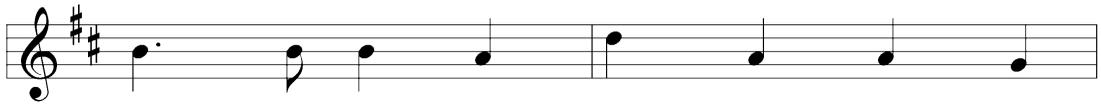
Tune them, God, for songs of praise.
 Earth and sky your works dis - play.
 Touch - ing earth with heav - en's grace.
 Kin - dle faith with - in each heart.
 Mea - sure all the thanks we owe!



Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
 Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,
 For your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
 Lift our voic - es high in chor - us;
 Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



For your gifts through all our days.
 We re - turn to you to - day.
 For your ris - ing, hear our praise!
 Through our hands your love im - part.
 Gifts of love we can be - stow.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Tri - une God, to you we sing!
 God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!
 Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!
 Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!
 Tri - une God, to you we sing!

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Serving at Worship

Preacher	Pastor Kyle Bitter
Presiding Minister	Pastor Joel Leyrer
Lectors	Pastor Eric Schroeder Pastor Joshua Yu
Musicians	Carmen Rupprecht, piano (Saturday) Lynn Kozlowski, organ (Sunday)
Head Ushers	Rick Yahn (Saturday); Tom Wessel (8:00 a.m.); Doug Knuth (10:30 a.m.)
AV Operators	Dan Schmal (8:00 a.m.); Paul Puglisi (10:30 a.m.)

Worship Notes

- The altar flowers are placed by Bill Forbes and Lou Dengler in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and in thanks for blessings received.
- Ruby Mae Leyrer, daughter of Jon and Jessie (nee Reddy) Leyrer, will have her baptism affirmed during the 10:30 a.m. service. Serving as sponsors are Michael Leyrer and Pabla Flores.

In Our Prayers

- Theo Sullivan Rusch, son of Mark and Lisa (nee Kowalske) Rusch, who was baptized in a private ceremony on Saturday.
- Kathy Bergquist, who is scheduled for surgery next week.
- Helen Albrecht, Drexel Hansen, and Sue Freedund, all released from recent hospital stays and convelescung at home.
- Pastor Kyle Bitter and St. John's teacher, Keith Hackbarth, as they deliberate the two divine calls each now holds.

Parents' Preview for June 16

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

Psalm 150 Refrain

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Readings for the Week of Pentecost

M	Isaiah 44:1-8	John 3:16-21
T	Acts 2:42-47	John 6:44-51
W	Acts 3:1-10	Acts 3:11-21
R	Acts 4:5-22	Acts 4:23-31
F	Ephesians 2:17-22	Ephesians 4:11-16
S	Acts 8:14-25	John 20:19-23

