

LIVING LORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Mission Statement

“Living Lord Lutheran Church is a family of believers, renewed through the Holy Spirit, to be the real presence of the Risen Christ in this place, our community, and the world.”

PASTOR

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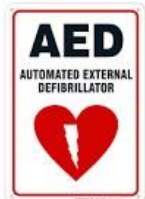
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION - 10:00 AM

Living Lord Lutheran Church is a church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (www.elca.org.) With over 9,100 congregations and 4 million members throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands, we are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. We are church. We are Lutheran. We are church together. We are church for the sake of the world.

We believe and teach that Christ’s body and blood are truly present and are really given in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Holy Eucharist. Communion at present is given in one kind – that is, the consecrated Body of Christ. It is given, along with the words spoken by the Presiding Minister, “The Body of Christ, the Blood of Christ.” Children and adults are invited to come forward to receive a blessing if you do not wish to receive the Sacrament.

Our parish family extends a warm welcome to all newcomers, as well as those returning home to Living Lord today. We do not consider newcomers to be visitors. This is the church of Jesus Christ, and there is a place for you here. We invite you to join the conversation, participate fully in the spiritual life of this community, and proclaim with us the Good News to all the world. Again, welcome to Living Lord Lutheran Church. If you are visiting today, please inform an usher or the Pastor. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the lobby of the church.

Pastor Greg’s contact information email: gbsbuckeye1@gmail.com



In the event of emergency, an AED device is located in the lobby/narthex of the church. You will find it on the wall leading to the restrooms.

Sunday, June 8th, 2025
Service of Holy Communion
Day of Pentecost



WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY

As worship begins, please silence your phones and end your conversation with your neighbor and begin your conversation with the LORD.

+ Indicates that the congregation is invited to stand as you are able.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY *On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.*

"Come to the Water" (video)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER *(all pray together)*

Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending the gift of your Holy Spirit. Look upon your people gathered in prayer, open to receive the Spirit's flame.

May it come to rest in our hearts and heal the divisions of word and tongue, that with one voice and one song we may praise your name in joy and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is invited to stand as you are able....

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

The assembly is invited to stand as. You are able...

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.



P: In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ But if we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*from 1st John 1:9*)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

+ ENTRANCE HYMN *“Standing on the Promises”*

R. Kelso Carter

1. Standing on the prom - is-es of Christ my King, Through e - ter - nal a - ges let His
 2. Standing on the prom - is-es that can-not fail, When the howl - ing storms of doubt and
 3. Standing on the prom - is-es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e - ter - nal - ly by
 4. Standing on the prom - is-es I can-not fall, Lis - t'ning ev - 'ry mo - ment to the

prais - es ring; Glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 fear as - sail, By the liv - ing word of God I shall pre - vail,
 love's strong cord, O - ver-com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 Spir - it's call, Rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

Stand-ing on the prom - is-es of God. Stand - ing, stand - ing,
 Stand-ing on the prom - is-es, stand-ing on the prom - is-es,

Stand - ing on the prom - is-es of God my Sav - ior; Stand - ing,
 Stand - ing on the prom - is-es,

stand - ing, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is-es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is-es,

+

APOSTOLIC GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

+ KYRIE



+HYMN OF PRAISE

VERSE

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2. Je sus...

3. Spir it...



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. *(the assembly is invited to pray this prayer together)*

C: God our creator, the reurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is invited to be seated...

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.



FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

The text for this reading may be found on the back of the bulletin cover

L: Word of God, word of life. **All:** Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

²⁴ How manifold are your | works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

²⁷ **All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season.**

²⁸ You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

³¹ **May the glory of the Lord en- | dure forever;
O Lord, rejoice in | all your works.**

³² You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³ I will sing to the Lord as long[|] as I live;
 I will praise my God while I[|] have my being.
³⁴ May these words of[|] mine please God.
 I will rejoice[|] in the Lord.
^{35b} Bless the Lord,[|] O my soul.
 Hal-[|] lelujah!

SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.

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L: Word of God, word of life. All: Thanks be to God.

The assembly is invited to stand as you are able....

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

D F#m G D
 Seek ye first the king dom of God
 Man shall not live by bread a lone,
 Ask and it shall be gi ven un to you.

5 G D Em A7
 and His right - eous - ness.
 but by ev' - ry word
 Seek and ye shall find.

9 D F#m G D
 And all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.
 Knock and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.

13 G D Em A D
 Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia!

+ GOSPEL John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 17th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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After the reading...

P: The gospel of the Lord

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

The assembly is invited to be seated...

MESSAGE The Rev. Gregory Shreaves

Silence for reflection . . . The assembly is invited into quiet reflection after the message, and before the Hymn of the Day.

The assembly is invited to stand as you are able...

+ HYMN OF THE DAY “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king-dom's work, claim us for your king-dom's work!

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+ NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The service continues with the prayers of intercession.

A: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

The prayers are concluded with these or similar words...

P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C: **Amen.**

+THE PEACE

P: The Revelation peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

The peace is shared by remaining in place and bowing, waving, extending a hand to those around you. The service continues with the Offering.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.



THE OFFERING OF THE GIFTS

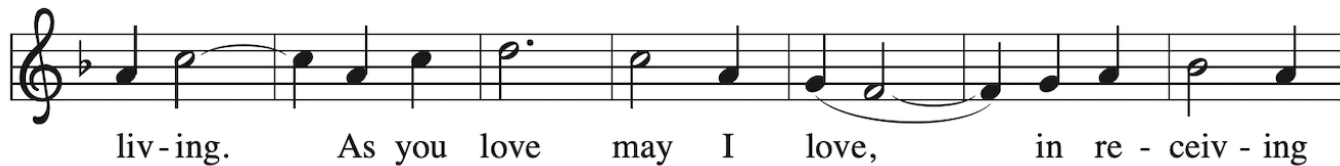
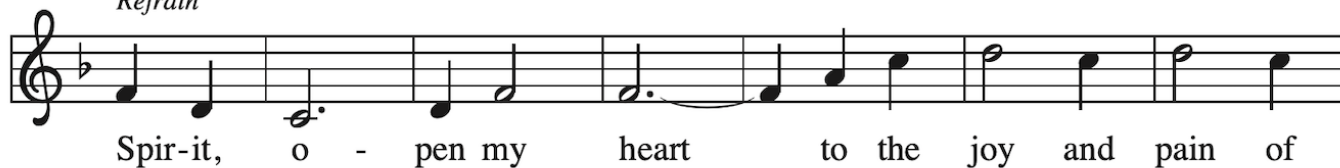
The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared. All are invited to place their offering in the offering plates in the lobby/narthex of the church either prior to entering the worship space, or on the way out of the church. All are invited into quiet reflection as the Offertory is played.

Our work – God's work here at Living Lord, is supported entirely by the financial generosity of this community. As an additional option to your giving today, prayerfully consider using the QR code below for a secure payment gateway on our church website. There you may designate where you'd like.



OFFERING HYMN *“Spirit, Open My Heart”*

Refrain



- 1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
- 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
- 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

The assembly is invited to stand as you are able...

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+ OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

+ DIALOGUE

The presiding minister offers the Words of Institution over the bread and wine...

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

C:

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+SANCTUS

G C G G C G G D G

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, — Ho-ly, (Ho-ly, Ho-ly, — Ho-ly) Lord, God of pow-er and might;

7 G D G G C G G C G

(Lord, God of pow-er and might;) Heav-en, heav-en and earth (Heav-en, heav-en and earth)

13 G D G G D G G C G G C G

are full of your glo-ry. (are full of your glo-ry.) Sing Ho-san-na, (Sing Ho-san-na,)

19 C Am C C Am C G C G G C G C D G

Sing Ho-san-na, (Sing Ho-san-na,) Sing Ho-san-na, (Sing Ho-san-na,) Sing Al - le - lu - ia.

25 C D G G C G G C G

(Sing Al - le - lu - ia.) Bless-ed, bless-ed is He (Bless-ed, bless-ed is He) Who

31 G D G G D G

comes in the name of the Lord. (Who comes in the name of the Lord.)

35 G C G G C G C Am C C Am C G C G

Sing Ho - san - na, (Sing Ho - san - na,) Sing Ho - san - ns, (Sing Ho - san - na,) Sing Ho - san - na,

40 G C G C D G C D G

(Sing Ho - san - na,) Sing Al - le - lu - ia. (Sing Al - le - lu - ia.)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Presiding Minister continues...

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
Amen.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

+LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who hunger and thirst for a better life.
for a deeper faith,
for a better world,
here is the bread of life:
feed on it with gratitude;
here is the cup of salvation;

drink from it and believe.
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

Lamb of God, ri-sen for us, you take a - way the sins of the

8 world, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us. _____

15 Lamb of God, ri-sen for us, you take a - way — the sins of the

22 world, O — grant us peace, O grant us last - ing peace, Lamb of God.

The assembly is invited to be seated for the distribution of the Sacrament.

The Sacrament is distributed. Worshipers will come forward to receive a host from the Presiding Minister, and receive the wine from the Assisting Minister.

As the Presiding Minister offers these words, “The body of Christ, given for you”, and the Assisting Minister offers these words, “The blood of Christ, shed for you” each is invited to respond with “Amen.”

During the distribution of the Sacrament, the assembly is invited to sing below:

COMMUNION HYMNS *“Spirit of God”*

SKYE BOAT SONG, Scottish folk melody
Arranged by Christopher Walker



Spir - it of God, be near to us now, ra - di-ance from a - bove.



O - pen our hearts, our spir - its in-spire, Breath of the Fire of Love.



1. Wis-dom of God, strength-en our faith, weak-ness and sor - row mend.

2. Mir - ror of truth, Hope in the Word, show us the Sav - ior's face.



1. In times of stress, in times of pain be to us guide and friend.

2. Come to us now, Foun-tain of Love, with your a - noint-ing grace.

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“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”



There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I



know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

WORDS and MUSIC: Doris Akers (1922-1995)

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with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings

we lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that



After the distribution of the Sacrament is completed, all are invited to stand as you are able...

+ P: The body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen.

+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.



+BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

P: May the Spirit of the living Christ
fill you with faith and trust,
burn in you with the fire of love,
enliven your bones, body, and life,
and breathe through you the breath of life.
Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly is invited to be seated for Ministry Announcements.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly is invited to stand as you are able...

+ SENDING HYMN

"They'll Know We are Christians"



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from



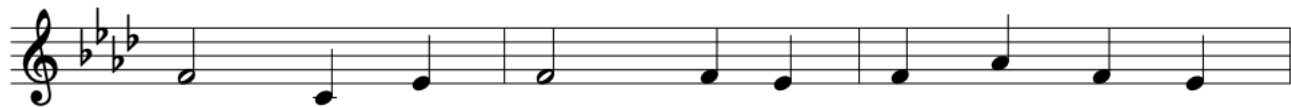
one in the Lord, We are one in the
 walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
 work side by side, We will work with each
 whom all things come, And all praise to Christ



Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
 oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
 Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
 geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
 guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's
 praise to the Spir - it, who makes us



stored:
 land: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
 pride:
 one:



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Tune: ST. BRENDAN'S, 7 6 7 6 8 6 with refrain; Peter Scholtes, b.1938
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+DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

June 8, 2025

DAY OF PENTECOST

Let's Dance!

What on earth actually happened on this day of Pentecost? What was the miracle that revealed the presence of God? What was the Holy Spirit up to?

In the Acts of the Apostles we hear that the disciples spoke in various languages (2:4). Are we hearing about a miracle of the tongue, an ability to speak so that others might understand? The scripture also says each person in the crowd heard the disciples “speaking in the native language of each” (v. 6). Did we just hear that it was in fact a miracle of the ear? Is this story about people being able to comprehend the power of God’s presence?

In a broken world, in a world of “me, me, me first,” our impulse is often to choose one interpretation or the other—and to make sure we end up on the “correct,” winning side of the discussion. But when we return to the death of Jesus on the cross, observed some fifty days ago, we see that he offers us a third and holy option. Rather than taking sides in our walk with Jesus, we align with his heart, capable of embracing all.

To consider that the Pentecost story is a miracle of *both* the tongue and the ear is to accept a beautiful invitation—an invitation, at the birth of the church, to enter into a sacred dance of both speaking and listening. To consider it a dance would be to acknowledge a natural flow of the Spirit drawing us to not one or the other but to both in loving turn.

In John’s gospel reading for the day, Jesus says, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (14:15). The commandment Jesus speaks of is “Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” (13:34).

Speak, listen, and love: this is how we dance together.

ROGATION DAYS

Stewardship of creation is an ongoing ministry in the church. The creation that God declared good is entrusted to the care of humankind. Exercising that care is one dimension of daily Christian discipleship. Rogation Days are a way for the church to honor God for the gift of creation and to pray for the land, the gift of labor, and the needs of all people.

Rogation Days were traditionally celebrated during the fifty days of Easter on the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Ascension Day. The word Rogation has its roots in the Latin word that means to ask or petition, and it comes from the ancient introit for the Sunday preceding the Ascension. In some places the celebrations of Rogation Days were quite elaborate and included processions from the church to and around fields while asking for God's blessing.



ROGATION DAY PRAYER

Merciful Creator, your hand is open wide
to satisfy the needs of every living creature.
Make us always thankful for your loving providence;
and grant that we,
remembering the account that we must one day give,
may be faithful stewards of your good gifts,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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The Pastor Requests

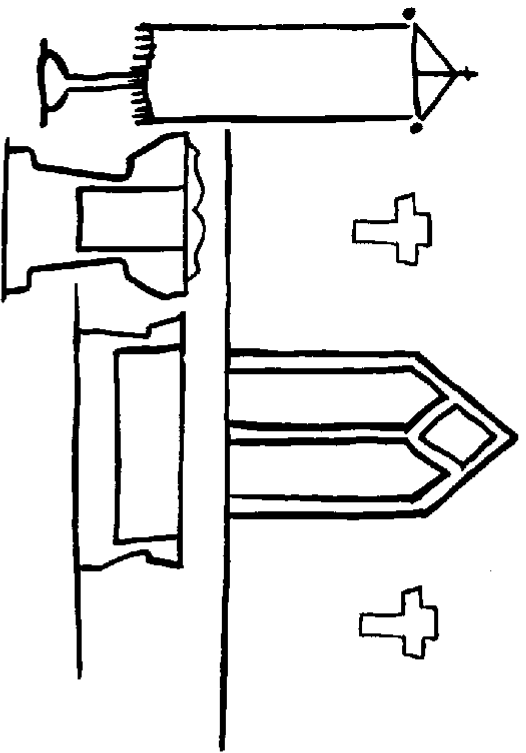
We're always in need of copy paper here at the church – both “8 ½ x 11”, and 11” x 17”. Won't you prayerfully consider donating one or more reams of copy paper to your church? You can find them online at Amazon.com. or at Staples on Route 1 in VB. Seems like a little thing, but your donation really helps us out in the office. Thanks.

See Pastor Greg if you're able or interested in helping out.



Birthday Decorations

Just like you might decorate to celebrate birthdays, the church uses decorations to celebrate Pentecost, its birthday. Do you see any unique decorations in church today? Add the decorations that you see to this picture of a sanctuary.



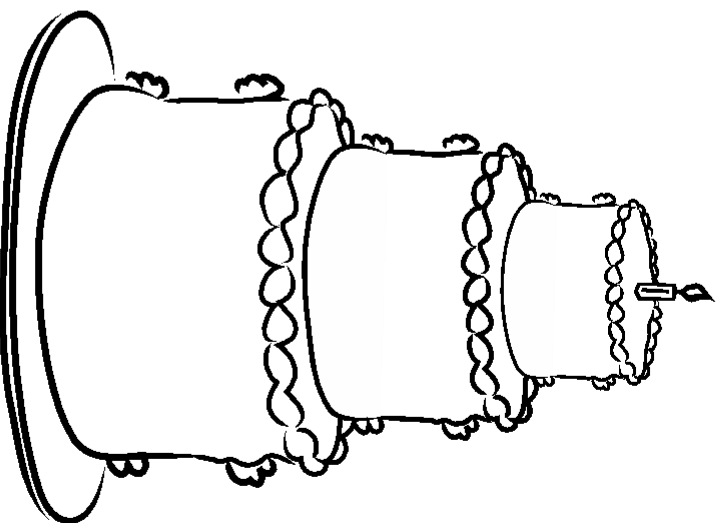
READER

Day of Pentecost

- Today is the **Day of Pentecost**.
- The symbol for today is **fire**.
- The Day of Pentecost is the **church's birthday**.
- On this day, **God united people who spoke different languages**.

Happy Birthday Church

Decorate a cake for the church's birthday and color in the symbol of fire on top. Draw lots of fancy frosting, add more candles, and be sure to write "Happy Birthday Church!"

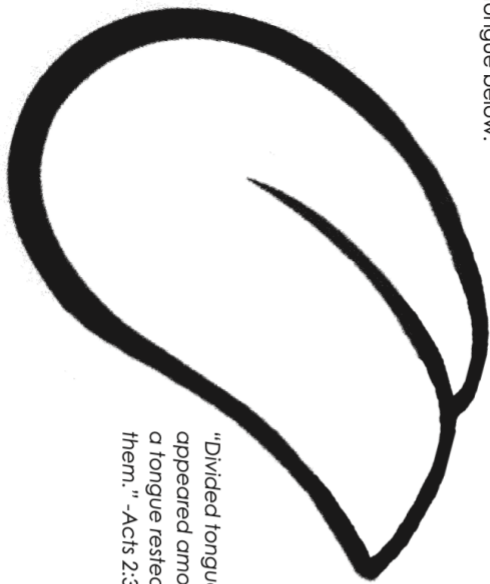


On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit enabled Jesus' disciples to speak in other tongues. Write today's memory verse on the tongue below.

Memory Verse



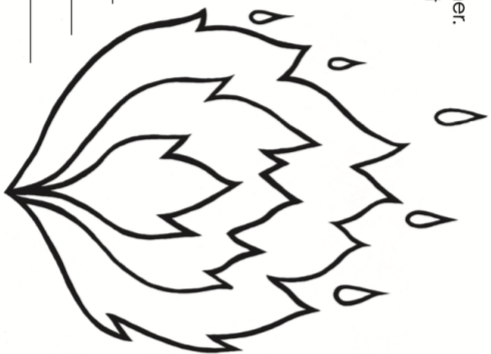
"Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them." -Acts 2:3



What is the Holy Spirit?

Today's lesson says, "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

God is our Creator. Jesus is our Redeemer. But what exactly is the Holy Spirit? What do you know about the Holy Spirit? In this space, write what you know about the Spirit. You can also write the questions you might have.



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DAY OF PENTECOST



Look it Up!

In today's story, people from many different countries who spoke many different languages could suddenly understand each other. Go to Acts 2:1-21 to find these locations. Write at least five of those places below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Learn a Language...or Ten

In today's lesson, God made people who spoke different languages able to speak to each other and understand one another. How amazing! Can you understand these different languages? Try to match the word "Church" with the correct language by drawing a line to the correct match.

Church	Chinese
Iglesia	German
Kanisa	Swedish
كنيسة	Spanish
Gotteshaus	Arabic
教堂	Hindi
गिरजाघर	Swahili
Церковь	French
église	Russian
Kyrka	English

ANSWERS: Church=Chinese, Iglesia=German, Kanisa=Swedish, كنيسة=Arabic, Gotteshaus=German, 教堂=Chinese, गिरजाघर=Hindi, Церковь=Russian, église=French, Kyrka=Swedish