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 MINISTER OF MUSIC MUSICIAN EMERITUS The Rev. Gregory Shreaves, ELCA Adria Ryan Pamela Wilcox

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 15th, 2025 Service of Holy Communion Holy Trinity Sunday Happy Father's Day



WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY

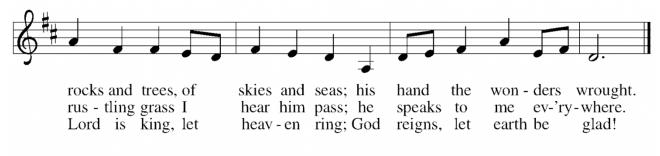
As worship begins, please silence your phones and end your conversation with your neighbor and begin your conversation with the LORD.

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

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY "O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.



WE BEGIN IN SONG "This is My Father's World"



Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901 Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

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 Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹But 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)*

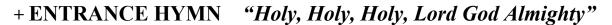
P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

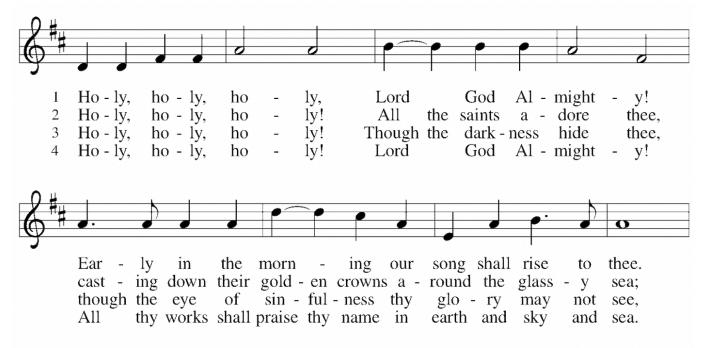


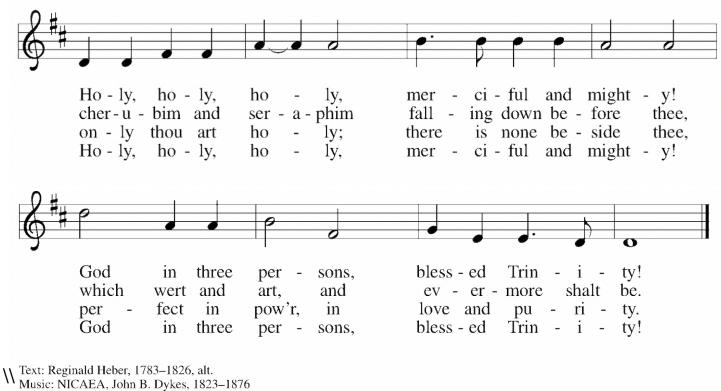
Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and we are God's children through faith.
In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.





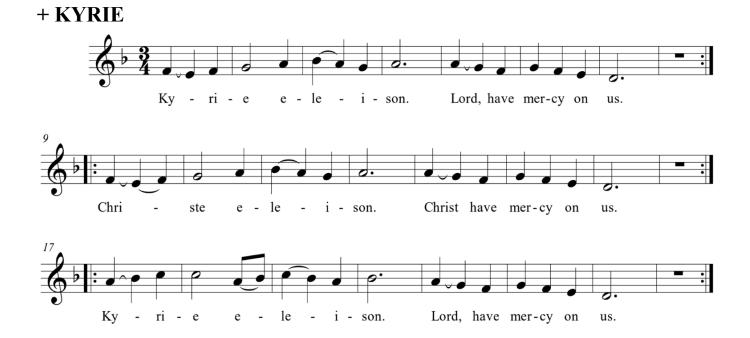


+ APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

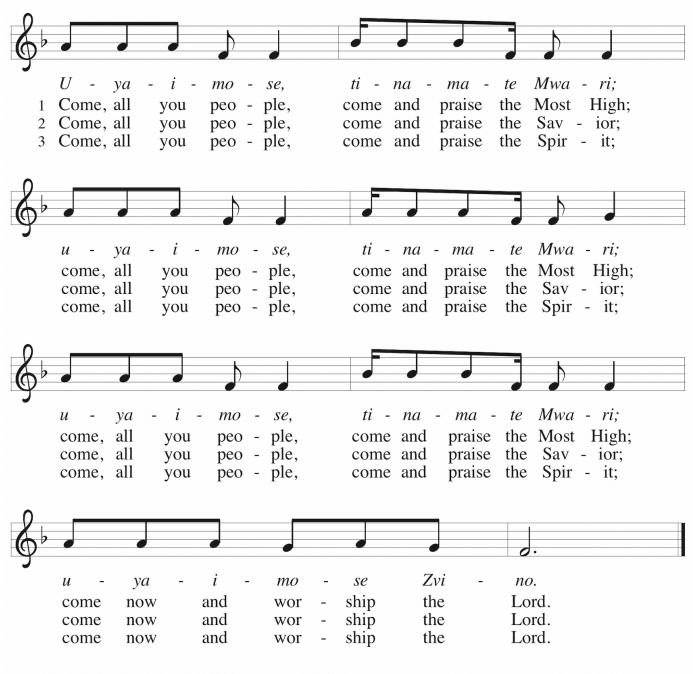
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy L: Spirit be with you all.

And also with you. **C**:



+HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come, All You People" "Uyaimose"



Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.

Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo

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+PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Threein-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and 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 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

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 8

Your glory is chanted above the heavens. (Ps. 8:2)

 1 O | Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

² you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in-¹ fants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger. ³ When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴ what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,

human beings that you should | care for them?

⁵ Yet you have made them little less | than divine;

with glory and hon-[|] or you crown them.

⁶ You have made them rule over the works | of your hands; you have put all things un- | der their feet:

⁷ all | flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts | of the field,

⁸ the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea. ⁹O [|]Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in [|] all the earth!

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

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

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



+ GOSPEL John 16:12-15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

- P: The holy gospel according to John, the 16th Chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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- P: The gospel of the Lord
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

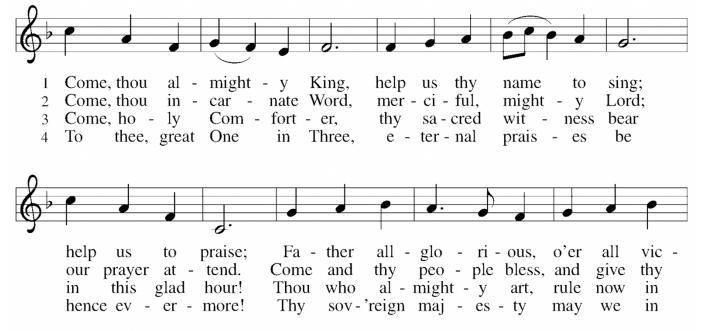
The assembly is invited to be seated...

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 *"Come Thou Almighty King"*





come and reign of ri - ous, ver us, An-cient Days. to -0 word suc-cess. scend. and let thy righ - teous-ness on us de de - part, Spir - it pow'r. ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us of glo - ry and ter ni - ty love and dore. see. to e a -

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt. Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

+ 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.

<u>MEAL</u>

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.

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OFFERING HYMN

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"



Text: 78 78 77 with repeat; *Te Deum laudamus;* attr. to St. Nicetas, ca. 335–414; Grosser Gott, wir loben dich; tr. ascr. to Ignaz Franz, 1719–1790; tr. by Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900. Music: Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, ca. 1774.

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

+ OFFERING PRAYER

A: Creator God,
In your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all,
through Jesus Christ, our 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:



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.

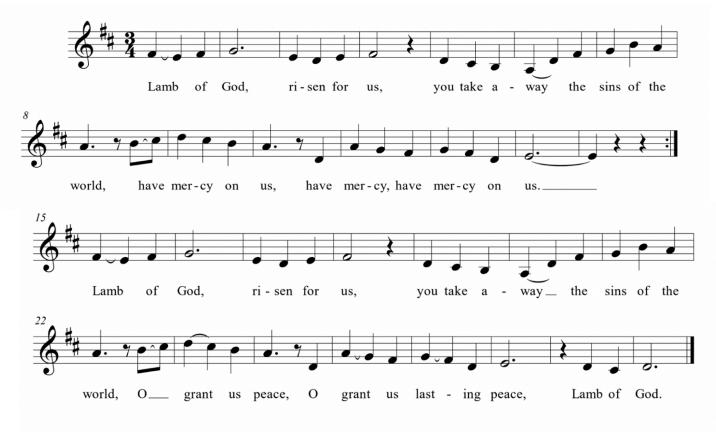
+LORD'S PRAYER

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)



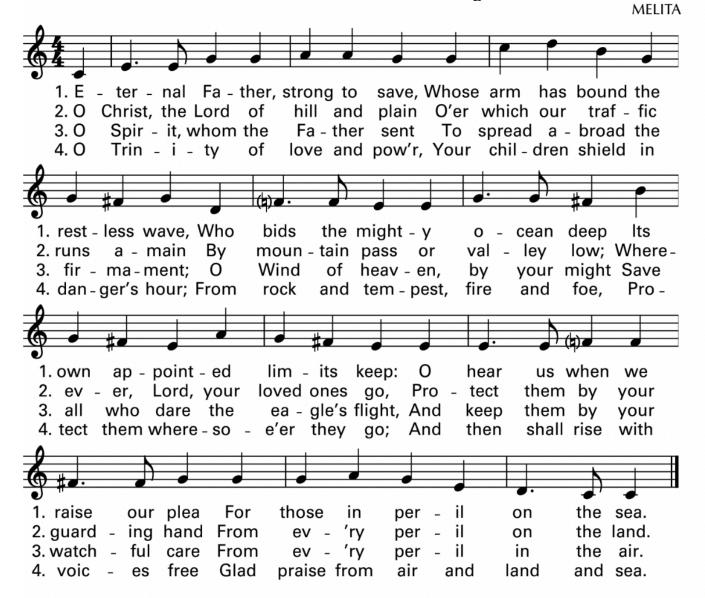
The assembly is invited to be seated for the distribution of the Sacrament.

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 *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*



Text: 88 88 88; verses 1, 4, William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.; verses 2, 3, Robert N. Spencer, 1877–1961, alt. Music: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876.

"Majesty"

Words and Music by Jack Hayford



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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: Let us pray.
Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

SENDING

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

+BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

P: May the love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
+ bless you and give you peace.

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...



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

+DISMISSAL

- A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
- C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL MESSAGE June 15, 2025 THE HOLY TRINITY Bevond the Known Limit

Telescopes provide a whole new way to see the cosmos, and over the centuries since their invention, we have expanded our understanding of the known universe. For example, we keep increasing our estimate of just how many galaxies are out there. In another hundred years, that number will no doubt be even greater. Will we ever find a fixed boundary?

We might view love as we do the universe. We might experience a limit to love today, but as we embrace the truth that God is love, we continually discover another truth: there is no limit to love. Jesus says all is contained in the two great commandments—love God, and love neighbor as self.

On Pentecost, the church was given the profound gift of love by the Holy Spirit, flowing and very much alive. The church is encouraged to dive deep into that love, to experiment with and experience the reality of love, as shown to us by the God who created us.

One practical way to know God's love is to acknowledge there is so much more to learn about it. We allow for the possibility of infinity in how God expresses love, whether for the person we see in the mirror or for the person who angers us the most.

The Trinity is often shown in ancient art as the Holy Triune gathered around a table in deep and honest conversation. This conversation began way before the beginning, continues in the present, and lives forevermore. The ancient art often offers the viewer a space in the holy circle for one more person. That "one more" is each one of us.

When Jesus says, "I have many things to say to you" (John 16:12), we give thanks that at the holy table, the triune God invites us to sit together and then gifts us with all the time in the universe for each one of us to listen to the loving words God has to say.

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The Pastor Requests

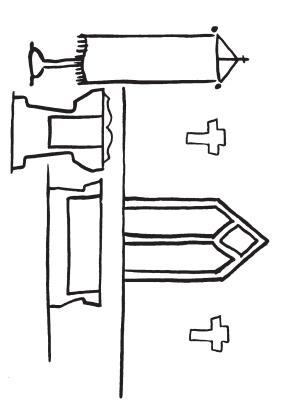
We're always in need of copy paper here at the church – both "8 $\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ ", and 11" x 17". Won't you prayerfully consider donating one or more reams of copy paper to your church? You can find them online at Amazon.com. or at Staples on Route 1 in VB. Seems like a little thing, but your 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 picture of a sanctuary. decorations in church today? Add the decorations that you see to this



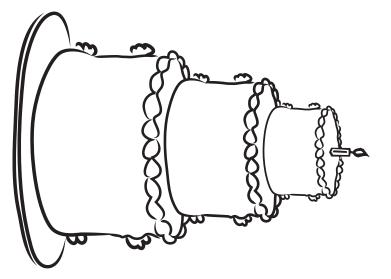


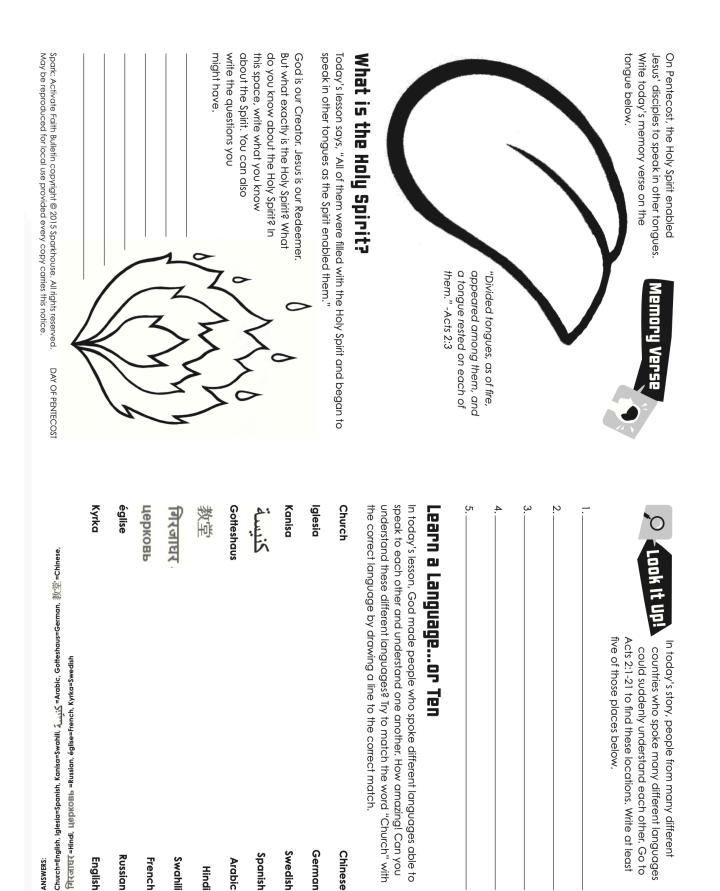
- Today is the **Day of Pentecost**.

- 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!"





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Chinese

German

Swedish

Spanish

Arabic

Hindi

English

ANSWERS:

Russian

Swahili

French