

WELCOME to St. James Lutheran Church



Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Vigil of Pentecost Acts 2:1

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place."

This verse struck me as something we all hope will be true soon. For all of us to be together in one place...in our congregations... in person...worshiping together. How wonderful it will be when that will happen.

Here the people are together, but there is still a barrier. The barrier of language. But when the Holy Spirit came upon them like the wind, the people were able to understand what the other was saying.

To be able to understand is to take away fear. How wonderful it would be to understand the languages of our brothers and sisters in Christ. I pray that we will take more opportunities to worship together no matter what our denomination is, no matter what language we speak. I pray that we can take all the barriers away, that we put in our way, and just be brothers and sisters in Christ, worshipping together, giving praise and thanks to our God... being God's beloved children together.

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, be with us as we celebrate the coming of your Spirit among us. Amen.

Pastor Bonnie Novak, First Lutheran Church, Wolf Point and Bethel Lutheran Church, Grain

Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 23, 2021

The Day of Pentecost

"When the day of Pentecost had come...all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." (Acts 2)

What if the people in the room that day had said no? What if they had resisted the Spirit's power, pushing back with a "no, thank you. I'm too busy. I disagree with your mission. I have free will. I'm worried, anxious and scared."

They didn't resist, of course. ALL of them were filled with the Spirit and followed the Spirit's lead, proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ in other languages. Thank God they ALL followed, for ALL were needed to participate in the birth of Christ's Church.

In Pentecost, we see, hear and feel the fullness of the Holy Spirit's power equipping us ALL for the ministry into which Jesus Christ has called us. We may try to say no or resist the Spirit's call to ministry, but as many know firsthand, resistance is futile. And too often it leads to weeping and gnashing of teeth.

It is so much easier when we open our full selves to what the Spirit is doing in us. For it is the Spirit who calls, gathers, enlightens, equips and sanctifies us to be the followers of Christ. In Jesus' Resurrection, we ALL are raised to new life (despite still being trapped in the old). And in the Spirit's Pentecost, experienced in our baptisms, we ALL are empowered and equipped to proclaim and live the good news of God's love for us in Christ!

Pastor Laurie Jungling, Bishop, Montana Synod

***Your council, at their April meeting, discussed at length our continued
“Love of One Another” at St. James.***

***Below are the suggested recommendations for our process of
slowly returning to our “New-Normal” Worship each Sunday.....***

- We will continue to wear our masks for indoor worship.
- The tape has been removed from the pews, BUT we strongly recommend to sit by family units in each pew and to skip every other pew to maintain some physical distance.
- Hymnals are available to use or you may continue to use the music printed in your bulletin.
- Ushers will dismiss you by pews for Communion. Please wait for them to let you know when it is your turn to go forward. We ask you to wear your mask while in the aisles and of course, you will pull it down when you receive the bread and the wine.
- Passing the peace will continue to give us an opportunity to look our brothers and sisters in the eye as we bid them peace with a wave or a bow.

***We realize things change. We trust God,
we put our faith in Him to give us peace for the situation and
we continue to love one another.***

***Please, if you still do not feel comfortable to attend in person,
you have the opportunity to watch
FB Live on our FB page or YouTube Live on our webpage.
Also, recorded versions later in the day are available.***

*****See below for specific details***

We ask you to, if you wish.....

***PRINT THE ATTACHED BULLETIN...to follow along with Sunday’s Service.
As you are worshipping from home,
you are invited to set aside a sacred space for worship.
Light a candle and set out your bread and wine.***

Worship Service - Streaming live @ 9:30am or watch later!



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www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org***

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Sunday May 23rd, 2021 – Day of Pentecost

Our Mission: "We worship together, grow in faith, share our faith and serve with the love of God"

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Ps 122:1

Welcome, Announcements & Opportunities for Serving
Blessings to all of you, whether you are joining us in the house of God,
joining us by watching the live/recorded service or in spirit and prayer.

Let us stand, as you are able, and prepare our hearts for worship

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISMAmen.

Gathering Hymn: "O Living Breath of God"



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

Refrain



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

Prayer of the Day:

Creator Spirit and Giver of life, make the dry, bleached bones of our lives live and breathe and grow again as you did of old. Pour out your Spirit upon the whole creation. Come in rushing wind and flashing fire to turn the sin and sorrow within us into faith, power, and delight. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Word of Wisdom, Word of God. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Read Psalm 104:24-34,35b responsively by whole verse:

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 many 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 endure 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. Hallelujah!**

Hear the 2nd Reading: Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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Please stand, as you are able, to welcome the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel according to John: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Hear the Reading of the Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Jesus said, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ^{16:4b}"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon by Pastor Tom Schlotterback, St. John's United

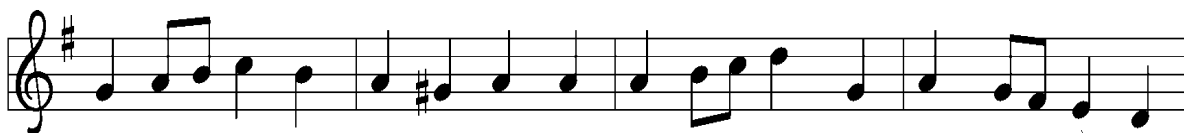
Hymn for Reflection: "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"



1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er dwell-ing in the ho - liest realms of light;
2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er liv - ing as the church's ver - y life;
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er work-ing through the church's min - is - try;



Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through us in a cease - less strife;
quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
you we praise with end - less wor - ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.
in com - mu - nion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Passing of the Peace

.....and also with you.

MEAL

....we thank you for your faithful generosity to St. James in sharing your tithes and offerings which allows us to do God's work with our hands.


Offering Prayer

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Table is Set Hymn: "For the Fruit of All Creation" vs 3




3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

...we join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Mystery of our Faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Invitation to Communion

In this meal of bread and wine, we believe Christ is truly present forgiving sin, reconciling us to God and one another, and giving new life. Christ is host. Christ is the one who invites us to the table even while it is properly understood as the meal of the baptized. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

As communion is distributed, you are invited to sing the following hymn:

“Father I Adore You”

Musical score for the hymn "Father I Adore You" (measures 1-3). The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are:

Fa - ther I a - dore you; lay my - self be -
Je - sus I a - dore you; lay my - self be -
Spir - it I a - dore you; lay my - self be -

Musical score for the hymn "Father I Adore You" (measures 4-6). The score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are:

fore you; how I love you.
fore you; how I love you.
fore you; how I love you.

“Spirit of the Living God”

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me. Spir - it of the

liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me,

use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

“Love, Love, Love”

Love, love, love! That's what it's all a - bout! 'Cause

God loves us, we love each oth - er, moth-er, fa-ther, sis-ter, broth-er.

Ev-'ry-bod-y sing and shout, 'cause that's what it's all a - bout! It's a-bout

love, love, love! It's a-bout love, love, love!

Additional Stanzas ad lib:

Peace, peace, peace!

Joy, joy, joy!

Me, me, me!

You, you, you!

Prayer after Communion..... and we say: Amen

SENDING

Blessing..... and we say: Amen.

Sending Hymn: "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!

Dismissal:

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Mission Offering for May 2021 benefits...

Project Hope Food Bank



...for your continued support of our monthly missions.

Your generosity is welcomed and so appreciated!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

May 2021 Altar Guild: Sheri Luepke

May 2021 Cleaner(s): Sheri & Brian Luepke and Bob & Maureen Hemphill

We are asking for volunteers to help with "Opportunities to Serve"

If you'd like to assist, let Pastor Tonia know

or sign your name on the sheet posted on our bulletin board!

May 2021 Reader(s):

May 2021 Usher(s): Joy Goehner

May Gate Keepers: Donna Zeigler, Carrie Williams, Steve & Denise Cowan,

Larry & Joy Goehner, Brian & Sheri Luepke and Chris Fluery

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames

*For new prayer requests, please contact **Judy Bjorkman** at 321-2988, text or call or by email at jdbjorkman@hotmail.com*

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

For those hospitalized, in nursing homes and homebound, and those battling cancer or other illnesses.

We offer new prayers for:

Jean Voldseth. Daughter Mina reports "mom's knee replacement surgery went well! She is now at the St. John's transitional care unit. Due to Covid precautions, visitations are limited but you can call her on her cell or at (406) 655-5408, Room 12!" *Thanks Mina, for letting me update everyone using information from your FB Page!* Our prayers for a speedy recovery are with you Jean!

We offer continued prayers for:

Your continued healing Lord for Jerry Brown; Victoria Seymour; Zayden Sundberg; Bob Steinberg; Denise Cowan; Vanessa Gneiting Cameron; Denise Cowan; Evelyn Williams; Clara Wagner; Roger Mullin and Gary Lofing.

We lift up those living with cancer: Jenny Hansen Cheff; Barb Potzman; Delbert Goehner; Dennis Gauthier; Arvid Barnam, Les Lane and Jim Wilson

All countries affected by the Coronavirus/Cofid-19 as they struggle to contain it and treat those who have contracted it. Please guide them; heal those who are afflicted with the virus; watch over their doctors, nurses and first responders; and halt its spread.

**Please pray for all of those who serve in our military domestically and overseas,
As well as their spouses and children at home.**

Coming this week....

- **Notice: New Day/Time**

Church Council Meeting Monday May 24th @ 6:00pm.

Welcome Judy Bjorkman to your 1st council meeting.

- Bible Study -Tuesday May 25th @ 2:00pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB May 26th or recorded on our FB Page or catch up on past letters you may have missed attached to the weekly preparing for worship email.
- Pastor Tonia's Wednesday Evening Zoom Social's will be taking a break for the summer. Watch for the invite to arrive in your email when she resumes in the fall.

"Your faith in God's mission for St. James is unshakeable."

Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

May the Lord bless you and give you peace.

Continued reminder of how to give your monthly tithe or offering to your church.....

1. Mail your offering to the church at St. James Lutheran Church, PO Box 356, Columbus, MT, 59019
2. Take your envelope offering to Pastor Tonia's parsonage and put in the designated box on her front porch.
3. Stop in at your bank and arrange a monthly auto pay transaction.
4. Give online through **Tithe.ly**, a giving app endorsed by the ELCA. Each transaction carries a small fee. Your gift is safe / secure and goes directly to our church or ministry. Plus, you'll be able to track all your gifts, setup recurring, and more!

Tithe.ly (click on this blue "Tithe.ly" link – takes you directly to St. James' account to sign-up)

Remember that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

We hope you will take a few minutes to check out St. James' Website. Visitors searching for a Lutheran church will have the opportunity to learn all about us and we hope they will want to join us each Sunday!



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*****Bookmark this page for your own future use***



Happy May Birthday

*Jean Voldseth 5/5; Harold Riensche 5/8; Lance Sundberg 5/10;
AJ Makoff 5/20; Lian Radford 5/21; Bev Kem 5/23;
Ingrid Short 5/24; Mike Koski 5/29; Chip Kem 5/30*



Happy May Anniversary

*Lance & Patty Sundberg 5/17; Nick & Marian Lofing 5/22;
Ken & Pam Carlson 5/27*

Reminders.....



St. James has INTERNET!

TO CONNECT YOUR DEVICE, PHONE or IPad/TABLET,

CLICK ON - **St. James**

Then, USE THIS PASSWORD: **95theses1517**

SPRING has arrived, which leads to budding trees & plants, and green grass that starts to GROW, and GROW and GROW! All of this beautiful foliage leads to mowing in the **SUMMER!!**

If anyone would be willing to help during the summer months, please let a Council Member or Pastor Tonia know. We can come up with a schedule. **Thank you!**



STILL AVAILABLE.....

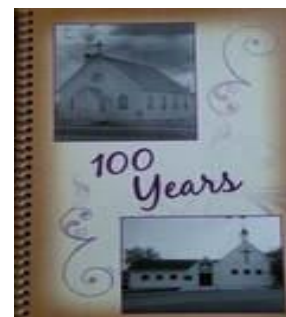
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*Simple
Reminders.....*

