

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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(A member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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Pentecost

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According to the Old Testament ceremonial laws, the feast of Pentecost came exactly seven weeks after the Passover celebration—on the fiftieth day after the Passover, hence the name Pentecost meaning fiftieth. For the Jews, Pentecost recalled the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai marking the institution of God's Old Testament Church. Pentecost also served as a Jewish thanksgiving festival for the harvest; the day the people offered to the LORD two loaves of bread made from the first fruits of wheat.

For us, Pentecost—also known as Whitsunday (derived from the white garments worn by those baptized on this day)—marks the beginning of God's New Testament Church. This festival serves as one of thanksgiving for firstfruits as well, not merely the firstfruits of an earthly harvest, but of a harvest of souls as the Holy Spirit works through God's word and baptism to bring souls into the kingdom of God.

Order of Worship: ELH Page 60, THE DIVINE SERVICE "Rite Two" with communion.

Hymns: 10 (1-6), 438 (1-5), 327 (1), 10 (7)

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament: Genesis 11:1-9. When God created Adam and Eve, there was only one language. The sinful pride of the subsequent people became evident in their plan to build a tower that would make a name for them. But the LORD confused the people and scattered them throughout the world by giving them different languages.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 51b. We continue to pray that the Holy Spirit comes to us to strengthen our faith and guide us in holy living. (*Supplement*).

Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21. On Pentecost, the Lord reverses the confusion at Babel as the disciples receive the Holy Spirit, who blesses them with the ability to speak in other languages. God gave them this gift that they might share the gospel with people from every nation. That first Pentecost Day marks the birthday of God's New Testament church and the beginning of the end times as prophesied by Joel.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia. (From the antiphon: Come, Holy Spirit)

Gospel: John 14:23-27. The Holy Spirit, who comes to us, proceeds from the Father and the Son. He testifies to the work of Jesus and brings people to faith through the Means of Grace, that is, the gospel in word and sacrament.

Sermon: Genesis 11:1-9

Theme - "The LORD Spreads Out His Church"

Points to ponder from the day's Scripture readings:

- Old Testament: What was the attitude and goal of the people building the "Tower of Babel?"
- Old Testament: How did the LORD put a stop to this humanistic plan?
- Old Testament: What had the LORD commanded the people to do?
- Second lesson: Describe how the Holy Spirit manifested Himself upon the apostles.
- Second lesson: How did the Holy Spirit undo the result of mankind's sin in the Tower of Babel situation?
- Second lesson: What point did Peter make when he referenced the prophet Joel in verses 17-21?
- Second lesson: By God's grace through the working of the Holy Spirit, how many people came to faith in Jesus on this day?
- Second lesson: How does the Holy Spirit continue to pour out His Pentecost blessings in our day?
- Gospel: Where is there testimony in these verses to the Three Persons of the Triune God?
- Gospel: The Holy Spirit "testifies" about Jesus to this day. How does He do that?

Announcements:

+ Please join us for Bible class on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

+ Confirmation class: 3:15-5:00 p.m. at the church on ?

Holy Communion - We celebrate the Lord's Supper because Jesus instructed us to do so, and God offers us forgiveness of sins, life and salvation through it (Matthew 26:28). We believe the Bible's teaching that receiving the Sacrament together is a way of expressing unity in our beliefs as one body (1 Corinthians 10:17). We therefore respectfully ask that guests who are not members of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod, or our sister synod, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, refrain from communing here until becoming familiar with our beliefs and express agreement. We in no way imply that you are not a Christian or are not "good enough" for us. God's Word teaches us to regard communion as an outward expression of unity in all areas of faith. In communion we publicly confess that we agree in all that we teach and confess on the basis of the Bible (Matthew 28:20, 1 Corinthians 1:10, Romans 16:17, 1 Corinthians 10:17). We pray that you understand and will respect this practice of Close Communion. We encourage you to seek more information about the confession that unites us and would love to meet with you if you have questions regarding Close Communion.

Genesis 11:1-9 – The whole earth had one language and a single vocabulary. As people traveled in the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they settled there. They said to one another, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used mud brick instead of stone for building material, and they used tar for mortar. They said, "Come, let's build a city for ourselves and a tower whose top reaches to the sky, and let's make a name for ourselves, so that we will not be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." The LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the people were building. The LORD said, "If this is

the first thing they are doing as one people, who all have one language, then nothing that they intend to do will be too difficult for them. Come, let's go down there and confuse their language, so that they cannot understand one another's speech."

So the LORD scattered them from there over the face of the whole earth, and they stopped building the city. It was named Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth. (EHV™)

Acts 2:1-21 – When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently. Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were completely baffled and said to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God." They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocked them and said, "They are full of new wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: "Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: This is what God says will happen in the last days: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your 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 sky above, and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a rising cloud 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 this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (EHV™)

John 14:23-27 – Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will hold on to my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. The one who does not love me does not hold on to my words. The word that you are hearing is not mine, but it is from the Father who sent me. "I have told you these things while staying with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you. "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid. (EHV™)