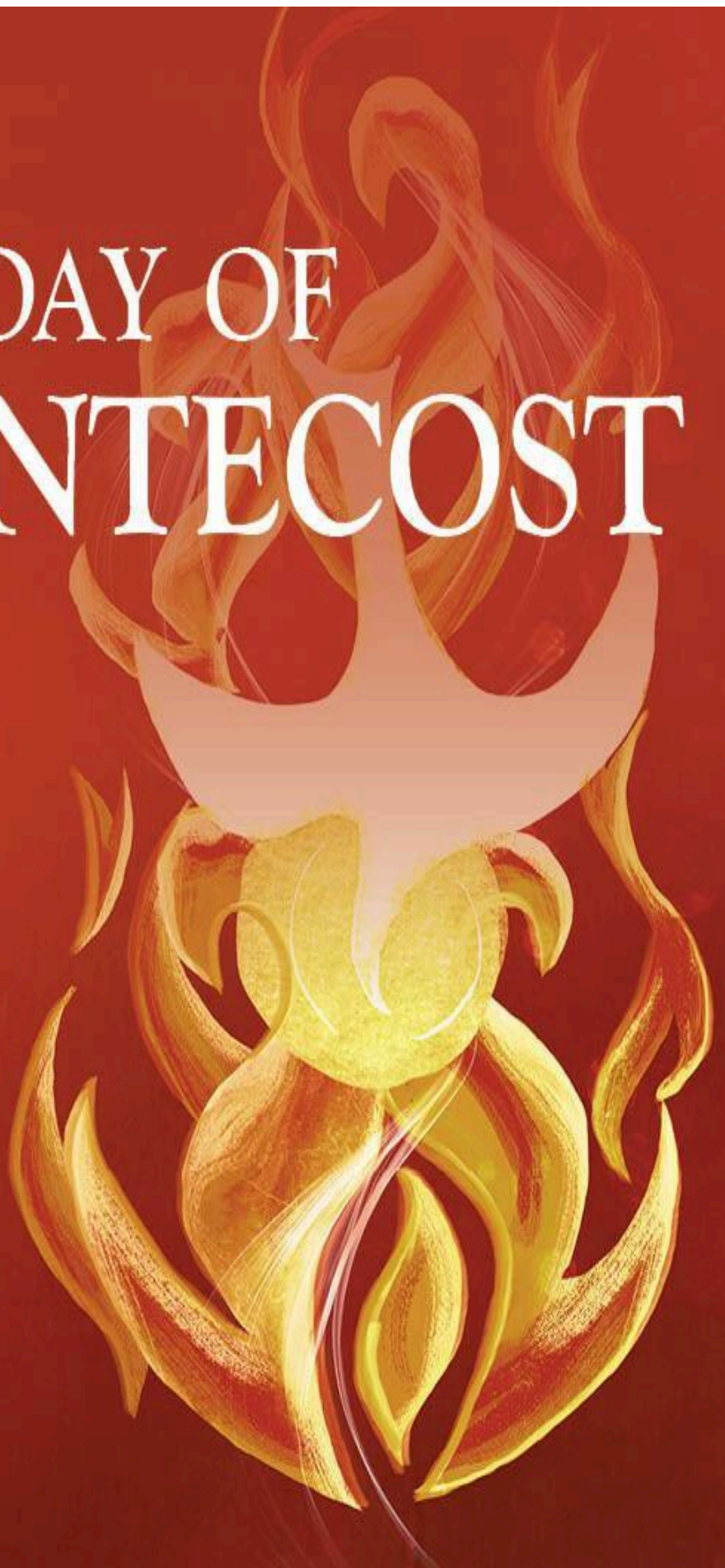


THE DAY OF PENTECOST



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The Day of Pentecost June 8, 2025

A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the lower level of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the fellowship hall after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon. The service is also simulcast on the church's Facebook page.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

Before Service Prayer: Almighty God, it was during Pentecost that You sent the Holy Spirit to open up the hearts and minds of the apostles so that they might be strengthened in faith and that they might grow in confidence to take Your saving message throughout the world. We pray that the Holy Spirit might continue to come into our hearts and minds today through word and sacrament, to strengthen our faith and to enable us to share Your saving message with those who do not yet know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Today's Theme: **BECAUSE HE LIVES CHRIST SENDS US HIS SPIRIT**

Jesus ascended into heaven. That does not mean the gospel has ceased to spread around the world. For Jesus promised to send another advocate to represent God to the world: the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the constant companion of believers in these Last Days. We conclude this worship series with this glorious thought: because He lives, Christ sends us His Spirit.

That raises some questions. Where? How? If God now reveals Himself by his Spirit, where is the Holy Spirit found? How does He come to us? God has not left the answer to those questions in doubt. When Jesus promised to send the Spirit, He indicated that the Spirit's work would be connected to words, specifically to God's Word. As a result, we need never wonder where we can find the Spirit or how He comes to us. Where the Word is proclaimed, there you will find the Holy Spirit's presence and blessing.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 585 “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord” (CW93 176)

Invocation

Pastor: On the Day of Pentecost, we begin in the name of our triune God, which was placed on us at our Baptism.

Pastor: In the name of the Father,

People: who created us.

Pastor: In the name of the Son,

People: who redeemed us.

Pastor: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

People: who sanctifies us.

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: fill the hearts of the faithful,

Pastor: and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

People: Alleluia!

Confession

Pastor: The psalmist prays and confesses, saying:

People: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me. For Your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Pastor: These words of confession are our prayer too. In repentant faith, we acknowledge our sin. We ask that the Lord look upon us—who are by nature sinful and unclean—and remember His steadfast love. We repent of our great guilt and ask that the Lord would pardon it for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.

The Kyrie— *The congregation and Pastor sing...*



Absolution

Pastor: According to His steadfast love, the Lord remembers you and has mercy upon you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light,
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night,
Holy Spirit, ever raising Those on earth to thrones on high,
Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.**

**Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life,
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife,
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ,
You we praise with endless worship For Your gracious gifts unpriced.**

**Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry,
Teaching, strength'ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free,
Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol. (CW93 182)**

The Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray. O God,

People: on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation;

People: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Lesson: **Genesis 11:1-9** – At Babel, sin led to God confusing people’s language. Grace would lead the Holy Spirit to share the gospel in many languages on Pentecost.

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. ²As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

³They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. ⁴Then 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; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

⁵But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. ⁶The 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. ⁷Come, let Us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”

⁸So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹That 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. (NIV 2011)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalmody: “Breath of the Living God”

Em C G C G B7

1. Breath of the liv - ing God on the wa - ters in the be - gin - ning
 2. Breath of the liv - ing God, you con - ceived the Son, Je - sus, to be
 3. Breath of the liv - ing God, you bring us to life in bap - tis - mal

Em C Am G C

mov - ing, Breath of the liv - ing God, you fill all cre -
 like — us; Breath of the liv - ing God, so you re - cre -
 wa - ter; Breath of the liv - ing God, we new crea - tures

G B7 Em G D

a - tion with fruit - ful life.
 ate all who live in him. Come now and live with - in — us,
 live by your liv - ing breath.

Em B7 Em C

and with your gifts en - rich — us, Breath of the liv - ing

G C Em B7 Em

God, O most ho - ly Spir - it — of the Lord!

The Second Lesson: **Acts 2:1-8; 11b-21** On Pentecost the disciples proclaimed the gospel. Through their words the Holy Spirit unleashed His saving power.

Pastor: 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:

People: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

Pastor: Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another,

People: “What does this mean?”

Pastor: Some, however, made fun of them and said,

People: “They have had too much wine.”

Pastor: 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.’ (NIV 2011)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

The Gospel Lesson: **John 14:23-27** – Through his Word Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit and gives us peace.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



²³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves Me will obey My teaching. My Father will love them, and We will come to them and make Our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love Me will not obey My teaching. These words you hear are not My own; they belong to the Father who sent Me.

²⁵ "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (NIV 2011)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



The Apostle's Creed

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.

Hymn of the Day: **CW 588** "Come, O Come, Life-Giving Spirit" (CW93 181)

The Sermon

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

C Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me.

Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or

take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -

hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The Offering

The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord's Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life's website.



The Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Praise to You, Holy Spirit. We worship and glorify You as the Lord and the giver of life. As You were present at the beginning of the world to shed life on all created things, as You gave a new life of understanding to the disciples in Your Pentecost baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word, You have made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord. In thanksgiving for Your gifts to us, we confess:

People: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, all-seeing Counselor and fountain of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful flesh. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of Your word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus, where there is forgiveness for all.

People: In this Christian Church He daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, highest comfort in every need, in these gray and last days of the world, strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, encourage our fearful hearts. Remind us of Your Word and promises: "Be strong; do not fear. Your Lord will come again. He will come to save you." And in Your final, mighty, creative act, O Holy Spirit, raise up our bodies so that we, together with all the saints, may lift up our heads and with glorified eyes see our Savior drawing near.

People: On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen. *(From Luther's explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed.)*

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Sacrament

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day kept His promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower His Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
 God of might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
 ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
 ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution (spoken by the pastor)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your
peace. A - men. A - men.

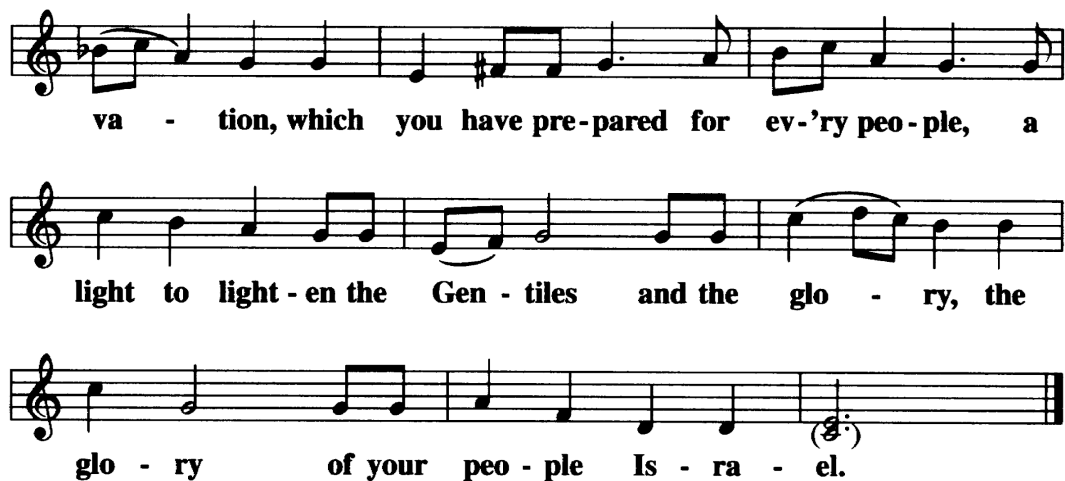
Our Communion Practice

New Life Lutheran Church practices “close communion.” We ask that only members of New Life or other WELS churches partake of the sacrament. We ask our visitors to please respect our communion practice.

The Distribution Hymn: CW 477 “O Day Full of Grace” (CW93 254)

The Song of Simeon

C In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de -
part ac - cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal -



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

People: And His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: We give thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it You will strengthen our faith in You and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Benediction

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: fill the hearts of the faithful,

Pastor: and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

People: Alleluia!

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. (*Numbers 6:24–26*)

People: Amen.

The Closing Hymn: CW 591 “O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace” (CW93 185)

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Berg / Bolzman

Today—The Day of Pentecost Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM

Monday—Church Council at 7:00 PM

Friday—Men's Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Saturday—Flag Day

Sunday—Father's Day Breakfast at 8:30 AM

Trinity Sunday / Father's Day Service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP SHEET

A new sign-up sheet has been posted to provide something to eat and drink after the Sunday service. The sheet covers June 2025 through September 2025.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of Sunday, June 1st we have received \$215,340 in offerings for the current fiscal year. This places us \$4,516 behind the budget, which is \$1,650 worse than the previous week. Total gifts to date are \$14,021 for the sign fund.

ARE YOU SOCIAL?

New Life's Outreach Committee is looking for help with social media outreach. If you can fit an hour or so per week into your schedule to help manage the New Life & Tree of Life Facebook, Insta and YouTube accounts, please see John Lester or email onezero@aol.com. (Just don't message @jtlester because he won't see it – he's not social).

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The Branch Connection will serve a breakfast in honor of Father's Day, starting at 8:30 AM on Sunday, June 15.