



The Festival of Pentecost

The Coming of the Holy Spirit – the Day of Pentecost

May 30 and 31, 2020

The Day of Pentecost: God promised “I will pour out my Spirit.” God’s Old Testament people celebrated the gathering of the harvest at the Festival of Weeks, which took place fifty days after the Passover Festival. On the fiftieth day, God sent the promised Counselor, the Holy Spirit, on the day we call “Pentecost” (Greek for “fifty”). This day marked the birthday of the New Testament Church and celebrates the harvest of souls won by the Son and gathered by his servants empowered by his Spirit.

Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church, behind Easter and Christmas, and has been commemorated since at least 217 A.D. The Church dresses in red to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit’s gift and the blood of the martyrs which was the seed of the Church. This day culminates the Season of Easter when our risen Lord now empowers his people to be witnesses of the resurrection for the world.



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We Come into the Presence of God

Opening Hymn: #229, verses 1-3 "This Day at Your Creating Word"



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with three verses of text. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line. The lyrics are: 1 This day at your cre - a - ting word First o'er the; 2 This day the Lord for sin - ners slain In might vic -; 3 This day the Ho - ly Spir - it came With fi - ery; earth the light was poured: O Lord, this day up -; to - rious rose a - gain: O Je - sus, raise your; tongues of clo - ven flame: O Spir - it, fill our; on us shine, And fill our souls with light di - vine.; peo - ple, too, From death of sin to life in you.; hearts this day With grace to hear and grace to pray.

Text: William W. How, 1823–97, alt.

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalish Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

A Litany of Confession and Praise

Minister: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: Christ is ascended into heaven! Alleluia!

C: And he will come again! Alleluia!

M: Christ has sent the Holy Spirit into our hearts!

C: He has given us a new birth through his Spirit!

M: As we celebrate the great Day of Pentecost, when God poured out his Holy Spirit on his early believers, we come into his presence with humble and penitent hearts. We confess together:

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.

C: Amen.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has sent his Holy Spirit into our hearts through the gospel to work faith in his Son, Jesus Christ. To him we cry, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

C: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me."

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with you sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn: #229, verses 4-5 “This Day at Your Creating Word”

**This day of light and life and grace
We gather in our worship-place:
This holy hour, blest gift of love,
Give we again to God above.**

**All praise to God the Father be,
To Christ, who set his people free,
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore.**

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We Listen

First Reading: Joel 2:28,29

²⁸“And afterward,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.

²⁹Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Solo: Hymn #178, verses 1,2,6 “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”¹

*Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
and make our hearts your place of rest;
Come with your grace and heav’nly aid,
and fill the hearts which you have made.*

*To you, the Counselor, we cry,
to you, the gift of God most high;
The fount of life, the fire of love,
the soul’s anointing from above.*

*Praise we the Father and the Son
and Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
the gifts that from the Spirit flow! Amen.*

¹Written in the 800s AD, this Latin hymn—“Veni, Creator Spiritus” (“Come, Creator Spirit”)—has been praised as the greatest Latin hymn ever composed. It is most often ascribed to Rhabanus Maurus, Archbishop of Mainz. The earliest use of the hymn was at Vespers during the week of Pentecost and it came to be used at Terce (9 a.m. worship, the hour that the apostles received the Holy Spirit) in the late tenth century. The singing of this hymn in medieval services was apparently done with great dignity, accompanied by the use of incense, lights, bells, and rich vestments.

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.
²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴Then 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. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"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.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved."

The Third Article of the Nicene Creed with Luther's Explanation

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.

What does this mean?

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.

In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

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.

Gospel: John 16:5-11

⁵“But now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: #183 "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, Light di - vine, Shine up -
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, Love di - vine, Cleanse this
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, Joy di - vine, Cheer this
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Pow'r di - vine, Dwell with -
5 See, to you I give my heart; Cleanse my



on this heart of mine; Chase the gloom of night
guilt - y heart of mine; In your mer - cy pit -
sad - dened heart of mine; Fill me with your heav'n -
in this heart of mine; Cast down ev - 'ry i -
life in ev - 'ry part; Your own tem - ple I




a - way; Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
y me; From sin's bond - age set me free.
ly peace; Let it grow and still in - crease.
dol throne; Reign su - preme and reign a - lone.
would be Now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Andrew Reed, 1787–1862, abr., alt.
Tune: SONG 13 (77 77) Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625, alt.

Sermon

We Respond

Hymn: #272 "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12.

Tune: SCHAFFE IN MIR, GOTT (PM) Johann G. Winer, 1583-1651, adapt.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #184, verses 1-2 "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in And in our hearts
2 Give to your Word im - pres-sive pow'r That in our hearts

your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,

Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -

us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.

That we May be Tru - ly liv - ing, To you giv - ing
Hear us, Cheer us By your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing

Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise you, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–73, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1, 3, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 2, alt.

Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

It is the mission of



Good Shepherd

to

**Seek the Lost
Feed the Flock and
Serve our Savior**



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a worldwide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.

Serving in Worship

Pastor: Jon Bergemann
Pianist: Karen D'Aversa

Live Stream Team

Sun	8:00 am	Kristen Reynolds & Bob Reichert
	10:30 am	Greg Busse & Joe Garetto

CALENDAR

TODAY

	8:00 am	Worship Service – live streaming
	10:30 am	Worship Service – live streaming
MONDAY 06/01		
TUESDAY 06/02	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study – Zoom
WEDNESDAY 06/03		
THURSDAY 06/04	7:00 pm	MCC Meeting – Virtual
FRIDAY 06/05		
SATURDAY 06/06	12-4pm	Small Group Communion
	5:30 pm	Worship Service – live streaming
SUNDAY 06/07	8:00 am	Worship Service – live streaming

Church Materials Pick up

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If you will be joining us for Communion Saturday we will have copies of the June Forward in Christ, and the Meditations available for you to pick up if you would like a copy of any or all.

Communion Sign up link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e45afa92cabfa7-good1>

For those of you that will not be attending communion but want to pick up a copy of any or all of these materials please email the office at office@gsdg.org or call 630-852-1519. I will be happy to put the information together for you and leave it outside the church doors in a black box, each person's materials will be put in an individual envelope with your name on it.

God's blessings, Jen Reynolds

Announcements

Prayer Request-

- We pray for Casey Kippes and family, after Casey's father - Larry Unger - was called to his heavenly home on Friday after a battle with COVID-19. May God grant them joy in knowing that he is in heaven with his Savior.
- Good Shepherd member Terry Godbold was called to his heavenly home on Monday. We pray that God's peace would be with his wife Janet during this unexpected loss, and even in this time of sorrow grant her joy in the knowledge that he is in heaven and that she will see him again.
- We give thanks that Charles Harrison Linduska, the grandson of Karen Bassler, had successful surgery on his kidneys last week.
- We pray for Valerie Adegunleye and family, as Valerie's mother was called to her heavenly home on Tuesday. We pray that God grants them peace in the knowledge that she is safely in her heavenly home.
- Please pray for Sue Mecklenburg's brother Ted who has the Covid virus. Prayers for him and all the veterans at the Manteno Veterans Home, as well as the medical staff.

BLAST Sunday School-

In light of recent events and all of the recommendations from the CDC and government officials to increase our awareness of current illnesses, it is with a heavy heart that our Children's Ministry team has decided to not meet until it is deemed responsible for students to return to school.

BLAST is our Sunday Morning Children's Ministry program here at Good Shepherd.

All children, members and guests, ages 3 years old-8th grade are welcome to attend. We begin our lesson at 9:20 a.m. in the 3rd & 4th grade classroom at the far end of the school hallway. If you have any questions, you may email BLAST@gsdg.org or speak to a teacher.

Online Spiritual Resources

We will continue to provide online, streamed worship services each weekend on our website, www.gsdg.org. Other online resources you may enjoy at this time include the Time of Grace ministries website (<https://timeofgrace.org>). This WELS group provides a wealth of devotions and sermons on various topics.

The WELS website provides a directory of all WELS churches that stream worship, as well as devotions, Bible studies, and the latest update from our Synod President, Mark Schroeder (www.wels.net). One congregation providing traditional, midweek streamed worship is Christ Lutheran Church, Big Bend, Wisconsin (www.christbigbend.com)

God's blessings to you as you continue to feed on His Word!

Screenside Chat May 27, 2020

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This "Screenside Chat" is an email devotion from Pastor Bergemann designed to give you a spiritual boost from your Savior while keeping you connected to your Good Shepherd family. A video link to this devotion is included, and can also be watched on our website and Facebook page.

Today's devotion

Do you write your name on every Kleenex that you use? Every napkin in your house? The dead leaves on your lawn?

Do you write your name on a favorite book? On your car? (It's that thing called the "title".) On luggage you don't want to lose?

I'm guessing that you said "no" to the first set of questions and "yes" to the second set of questions. Why? Because things that are common and will be discarded (such as Kleenexes, napkins, and leaves) have no value. Hence, you don't need to make sure that they are identified as belonging to you. However, things of great value (such as a fantastic book, your car, your favorite luggage) are things that you don't want to lose or other people to take. You write your name on those things so that you can identify and keep them.

Listen to this picture of heaven from Revelation chapter 22 verse 4: **"They (God's people in heaven) will see his (God's) face, and his name will be on their foreheads."**

In this picture, what did God do? He wrote his name on his peoples' foreheads! What does that mean about how God feels about them? He values them. He loves them. He cherishes them. He doesn't want to lose them. He wants them to know that they belong to Him and are greatly valued by Him.

This is how he feels about you. In fact, he has already written his name on you. When you were baptized, you were baptized *"into the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit"* (Matthew 28:19). You belong to Jesus. He washes away your sin and guilt and makes you priceless in his sight.

Don't believe the lie that you aren't important, don't mean that much to God, or that he doesn't love you. He is proud to write his name on you. You belong to him.

Happy to belong to the Savior who died and rose for me, just like you,
Pastor Jon Bergemann

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http://www.gsdg.org/site/file.asp?sec_id=140006627&file_id=140369476&cpage=140040707&table=file_downloads

Watering Crew - Opportunity to Serve

The flower pots have been planted, and they look great! You can help keep them beautiful by serving on the Watering Crew. Teens and Adults, please consider this opportunity! Email or call Debbie OMalley if you have questions or are interested derby330@yahoo.com 630-309-2526.

We thank Karen Bassler for planting the pots!

Women's Bible Study – Elizabeth

Women's Bible Study Continues with Zoom!

Our Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study is continuing to meet at 9:30 am via the virtual meeting application "ZOOM" We are studying Christian Decision Making. This 8 part study covers the following topics:

- What Shall I Do?
- Absolute Right or Wrong
- Decisions and Adiaphora
- I Would Like to Know the Future
- God's Word Builds Maturity, which Enables Us to Make God-pleasing Decisions
- Be Willing to Follow Where God Leads
- Don't Fear When Unclear
- Freedom, Not a Blueprint

If you are interested in joining our virtual Bible Study please send your email address to lonnie_weaver@yahoo.com and the link to the meeting and the materials will be emailed to you. These meetings can be accessed via desk top, laptop, tablet or phone.

Once we can meet again our study will continue in person but, until then, we can enjoy the blessing of sharing God's Words of encouragement with one another using the tools He has provided. We look forward to 'seeing' you there!

Lonnie Weaver, Women's Group Spiritual Growth Coordinator
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Taste and See that the Lord is Good

LWMS is not going to be able to meet in Athens this summer for the 57th Annual Convention. While we are sorry that we will not see each other face to face, we want to do what we can to see that everyone remains safe and healthy. So, no travelling this year, however, we do have the unique opportunity to partner with our friends in the WELS Missions Office to hold an exciting online event that combines the best of our convention with the exciting mission's event Taste of Missions.

Plans are underway to hold a two-week online event called Taste and See. During this event we will have live-streamed worship services, the LWMS flag presentation, workshops, mission speakers, and devotions, as well as cooking tutorials with mission families, recipes, family fun activities, and mission updates. So, mark your calendars to save the date! Taste and See will begin, Saturday, June 27 and wrap up with the commissioning of new missionaries on Saturday, July 11.

Please continue to check the LWMS and WELS websites, social media pages, and email newsletters for more information regarding Taste and See as it becomes available.

Forward in Christ Subscription

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

After consulting with the MCC it has been decided that Good Shepherd will no longer be providing the subscription to Forward in Christ for our membership at this time. This decision was not made lightly. Over the past year, the number of magazines picked up has been declining. With our current situation without in person worship we are recycling the vast majority of the magazines. Even with the offer to pick them up at communion distribution or other times, we still have a very small response. We are open to reevaluating this decision when we are able to worship together again.

If you wish to contact Northwestern Publishing for a personal subscription, we are listing out that information for you below:

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800-662-6093 <https://online.nph.net/forwardinchrist.html> email - nphperiodicals@nph.wels.net

We have June 2020 if you would like a copy please contact Jennifer in the office at office@gsdg.org.

Thank you and God's blessings, Ministry Coordinating Council

Vacation Bible School – Canceled this summer

Vacation Bible School cancelled: For the safety of the staff and children due to Covid 19, VBS has been cancelled for the summer. Thank you to the many volunteers who have made VBS a successful children's ministry program at Good Shepherd.. Lord willing, we will host Vacation Bible School next summer and we will need many volunteers. VBS is usually held in late June.

GSLA Graduating Class of 2020

The School Committee and faculty of Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy are proud to present the graduating class of 2020:

*Bella Grace Blumer
Lily Ann DeStefano
Lilliana Marie Jaeger
Trenton James Cooper Kinsch
Donnie Sackitey Okleme
Maddox David Roe
Ashley Nicole Schmidt
Mason Curtis Woznicki*

