

## Pentecost

# ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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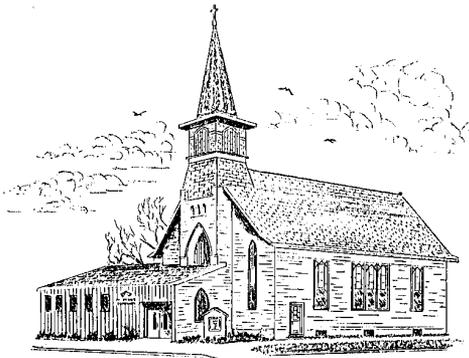
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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world. If you are looking for a church home, and would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, the pastor will be happy to meet with you at your convenience.

**Organist** Mrs. Lana Strike

**Hymn** 234 *Holy Ghost, with Light Divine*

**Liturgy** Page 12ff. in The Worship Supplement

**Old Testament Lesson** Joel 2:28-29

“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.

<sup>29</sup>Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

**Gospel Lesson** John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. <sup>27</sup> And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>“But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: <sup>9</sup> of sin, because they do not believe in Me; <sup>10</sup> of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; <sup>11</sup> of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. <sup>12</sup> “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. <sup>13</sup> However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. <sup>15</sup> All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

**Hymn** 226:1-7 *Come, Oh, Come, Thou Quickening Spirit*

**Sermon** Acts 2:1-21 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his

own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine." But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.'"

## **The True Power of Pentecost...**

### **The Offering of Joyous Hearts**

**Hymn** 740 *Holy Spirit, End Our Sadness*

### **Prayer + The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Benediction**

**Hymn** 226:8-9 *Come, Oh, Come, Thou Quickening Spirit*

**CALL MEETING** Mrs. June Schmid has returned the call to teach in our school. The Call Meeting will be resumed today.

**SURGERY** Alice DeWall and LaDonna Rosen both had successful surgery this past week. May the Lord bless them with a speedy recovery.

**SPOKESMAN** Subscriptions to The Lutheran Spokesman are due. The cost is \$14 per year. Please use the signup sheet on the entryway table.

**DELEGATE CONFERENCE** We'd like to thank all who contributed of their time and resources to serve the needs of 50 individuals at yesterday's meeting. The ladies did a wonderful job. Many comments were made about the meal, snacks, and accommodations.

**LADIES AID** The annual, potluck, salad luncheon will be held on Tuesday evening at 6:30. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

**CEMETERY** The Cemetery Board has asked that flowers placed in the cemetery for Memorial Day be removed (this week) per the guidelines.

**THANK YOU** Several months ago, Pastor Kevin McKenney of Cambridge, WI died and left behind his widow and family. A synod-wide offering was gathered and given to his widow. There is a thank you letter posted on the bulletin board.

**VBS** This summer's VBS will be held from July 15-19. If you are willing to help in any way, see Jolene Albrecht or Marj Fogelman.

**CLEANING LIST** Copies of the new list are available on the entryway table.

**POSTER DISTRIBUTORS** In order to better facilitate the posting of information of upcoming events, we are looking for a volunteer from each of the following areas: Okabena, Heron Lake, Lakefield, Brewster, Windom, Worthington, and Round Lake. Please speak with Jolene

**Black Hills Family Bible Camp** Camping in the beauty of the Black Hills, studies in the beauty of God's Word. There will also be many outdoor activities available such as hiking, swimming, fishing, kayaking, bonfires, s'mores etc... The dates are Friday evening July 19th through Tuesday morning July 23rd. To sign up or for more information, you can call Pastor Aaron Ude at (605) 393-1311 or email him at [aaronude@gmail.com](mailto:aaronude@gmail.com).

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