

The Festival of Pentecost

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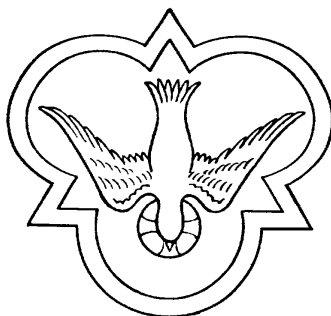
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Prelude Mrs. Lana Strike

Hymn 227 *Come, Holy Ghost, In Love*

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Epistle Lesson Acts 2:1-13 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."

Gospel Lesson John 14:23-29 John 14:23-30 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

"These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming *back* to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

Hymn *O Day Full of Grace*

Sermon 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.

The Abandoned Tower of Shinar

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Distribution Hymns 755, 226:1-7, *The Lamb*, 231

The Benediction

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

COMMUNION The Bible tells us to be *"perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."* One way we express this is by communing together at the Lord’s Altar. For this reason we ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation first schedule a meeting with the pastor before communing. We hold this position in loving obedience to the Word of God, not in judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

VOTERS The special meeting will be held immediately after the service to determine staffing for the 2023-2024 school year, and to transfer the membership of Jonah Albrecht. All voters are encouraged to attend.

INVITATION All are invited to a coffee and muffins gathering in the kitchen after the service. This is an expression of thanks for your support and encouragement to graduates: Jonah Albrecht and Luke Strike.

WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT If anyone is interested in planning future Ladies Days Out/Nights Out, please see Mary Albrecht. She will no longer be able to help plan these events due to the upcoming arrival of their second baby. Thank you!

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CLC NEWS Pastor Matthew Hanel (Dallas) is considering the Eau Claire call. Pastor Sam Naumann (Corpus Christi) has the call to Marquette MI. Be sure to read the report and update from the CLC Board of Trustees in today's insert.

Man Up! Weekend The 2023 ManUp! Men's Weekend will be held September 21-24, 2023, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today!

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USHERS 05/28 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.
06/04 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.
06/11 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.

CLEANING (Wk. 4) The Eigenbergs, R. Gustaf
C. Ahrens, The Fogelmans