

Pentecost

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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. Kathy Lueck

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 15:26-27, John 16:4-15 "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. 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. "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 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. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

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. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

Hymn 739 *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

Sermon Joel 2:28-32 "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. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, 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 dreadful day of the LORD. And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

The Language of Pentecost...

And when life's frail thread is breaking. Then assure us more and more,
As the heirs of life unending, Of the glory there in store,
Glory never yet expressed, Glory of the saints at rest.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 773 *Rise, Shine, You People!*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Closing Hymn *O Day Full of Grace*

SUMMER SCHEDULE In previous years, the summer worship schedule began on the Sunday AFTER Memorial Day. This year, the change takes place on Memorial Day weekend. Next Sunday's service will be at 9:30 with a Family Bible Class to follow.

THE ARK AND THE DARKNESS This new documentary was released for a limited-time showing in selected theaters around the country earlier this year. It presents a realistic look at the world before, during, and after the Genesis Flood. The first two parts of the film were viewed in Bible Class. The presentation continues next Sunday. Discussion will follow. The DVD will also be able from the library at some time soon.

CLC NEWS Teacher Ross Kok, Phoenix, has returned the call to Fond du lac, WI. Pastor David Ude, Appleton, WI has the call to Sleepy Eye. Pastor Mike Eichstadt, Hales Corners, WI has announced his retirement that will go into effect on Labor Day.

The Board of Regents from ILC has announced the new dorm parents for the 2024-2025 academic year. The Boys Dorm will be supervised by Henry Lau. Henry is a 2018 ILHS graduate originally from Eau Claire. He also earned a B.A. in Pre-Theology from ILC in 2022. He is currently employed as a truck driver for Indianhead Foods.

The Girl's Dorm will be supervised by Jaqi Bredehoft (nee Gerbitz). Jaqi is a 2017 ILHS graduate originally from Hales Corners. She has since received a pre-architecture degree (2 yr.) from the Univ. of Minnesota. She also served in the MN National Guard. She will be joined here with her husband, Jake, and their baby, Charlotte.

PROSPECTUS The prospectus for this summer's Convention was distributed via email yesterday. There are several hard copies available on the entryway table and more can be printed for anyone who's interested. Digital copies are also available. The CLC Convention takes place in June. Craig Ahrens and Phil Strike will represent our congregation as delegates.

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