

*W*elcome to *W*orship

St. John's **E**vangelical
Lutheran **C**hurch



Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

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Welcome: Thank you to those who join us for Worship. We hope you will be blessed as we pray and sing together, as we hear God's Word read and proclaimed. We gather as equals in the sight of God, who loves us, forgives us, and is WITH US. Peace be with you.

Serving at Worship Today:

READER: Carol Cary

ACCOMPANIST: Linda Ross

Your Servant Leaders:

SUPPLY PASTOR: S.A.M. Robert (Bob) Fett

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Attendance Sunday: 19

Offering Last Sunday: \$620.00

Direct Deposit: \$110.00

Mile of Pennies: \$5.00

Memorial for Gus: \$175.00

Worship Assistants

Food Pantry Items for May: We are requesting Bar Soap and Shampoo this month. Please leave them in the box at the back of the Sanctuary.

The McComb Cookie Festival: Will start off with its parade on Friday, June 19th, and will end on Saturday the 20th. They are still looking for people to get involved. Follow their page "Real McComb Cookie Festival".

Order of Worship

Day of Pentecost, May 19, 2024

God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.

**please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.*

Pandemic update: we will continue monitoring the CDC and following their guidelines.

GOD GATHERS US

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Holy Spirit." When you exhale, pray, "guide my life."

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In those days, says the Lord –

ALL: in those days after Jesus rose from the dead, in those days when no one really knew what was going on or what was going to happen –

Leader: in those days God exhaled the Holy Spirit.

ALL: And when the disciples pushed out their fear

Leader: and as dancing flames heralded the arrival of something new

ALL: and as the birth cry was the cries of many languages, all understood –

Leader: in those days, the church was born, out of fear and fire,

ALL: with joy and awe.

Leader: The church was born.

ALL: Our church.

Leader: God's church.

ALL: Let us worship God.

***GATHERING HYMN #800** SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART

***AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Can you bottle a breeze? Can you blow out a forest fire? Can you help but breathe? We pray that God's Spirit will come to us, bringing grace, hope, and forgiveness. So now, we confess our sin to God.

Please take a moment for personal reflection.

Leader: God of the Holy Spirit,

**ALL: For those times we stifle your Spirit, O God;
For those times we ignore your whispers and shouts;
For those times when we turn away from your wonders and
miracles: forgive us.**

***KYRIE HYMN #151**

1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

***CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE**

Leader: The breeze is loosed on the world. The fire is consumed. We breathe deeply, for indeed, we are forgiven.

ALL: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*GLORY TO GOD

SETTING 2, HYMNAL PAGE 121



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



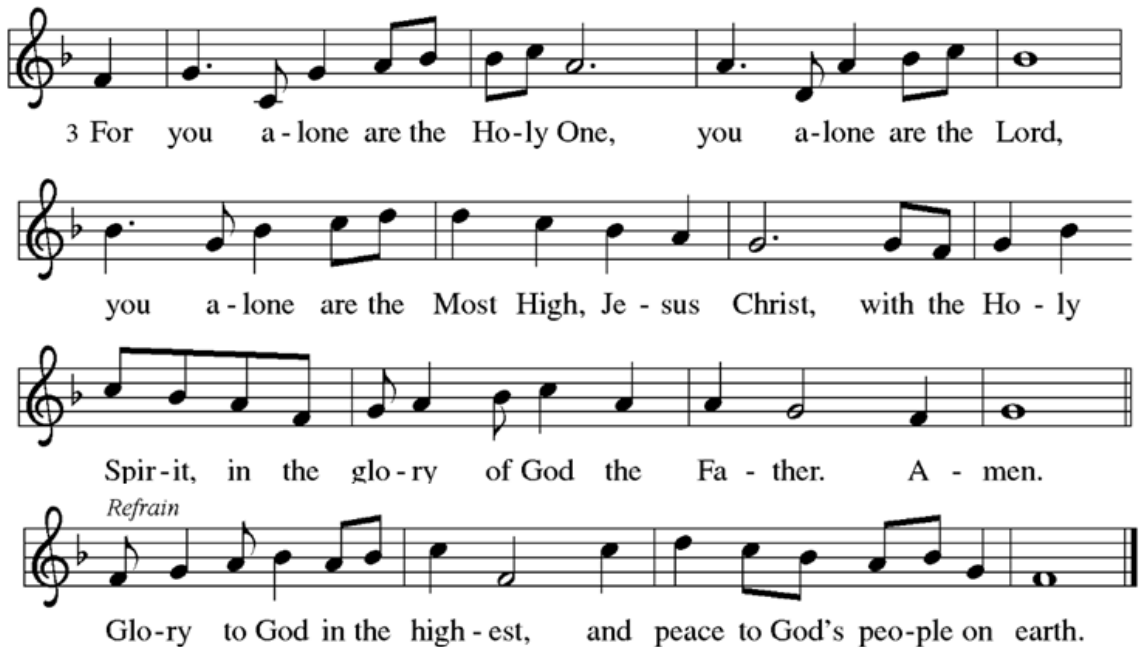
God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Refrain
 Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray together:

ALL: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

RECOGNITION AND BLESSING OF GRADUATES

St. John's Church – Heidi McDaniel

St. Luke's Church – Jordan Bucher, Noah Cotterman, Hank Matthes, Jace McCartney, and Avery Wymer.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

FIRST READING

ACTS 2:1-21

Reader: When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show

portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM READING *(responsively)* Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Reader: How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

ALL: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

Reader: There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

ALL: All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

Reader: You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

ALL: When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

Reader: You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

ALL: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

Reader: You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

ALL: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

Reader: May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

ALL: Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:22-27

Reader: We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SETTING 3 HYMNAL PAGE 142



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL READING

JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4B-15

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

Leader: The holy gospel according to John. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: Jesus said, ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Leader: The gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE MESSAGE

***HYMN OF THE DAY #396**

SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS

***PENTECOST AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Leader: As God’s people, we proclaim our faith!

ALL: We believe that, in the Holy Spirit, Jesus is always with us.

We believe the Spirit moves us to faith, renews our hearts, stands with us in our need, and makes our lives holy.

We believe in the rich variety of the Spirit's gifts, and we delight in the creative work of the Spirit.

We believe that the spirit gives each believer what we need for God's praise and our neighbors' welfare. Amen

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION**

Prayer Leader: Trusting God's promise of new life, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and the people of a world in need.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Prayer Leader: We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized. Lord, in your mercy, **ALL: hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **ALL: hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. Lord, in your mercy, **ALL: hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated, for refugees and hostages and all those struggling with the effects of war. We Pray for all who suffer in any way. Lord, in your mercy, **ALL: hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. Lord, in your mercy, **ALL: hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: God of hope, we turn to you for comfort and strength. We lift before you family members, friends, and ourselves. Touch those who are ill and struggling and be with those who care for the sick and those fighting disease. Trusting that you hear our prayers we pray for John, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Eric, Lisa, Chris, Arlene, Logan, Don, Beth, Ashley, Al, Pat, Pat, Dan, Thomas, Rick, Lorraine, Sue, Dave, Emily, Carl, Jim, Pat, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, John, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Bertha, Barb, Tony, Ron, Chase, Bob, Emelyn, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Deanna, Laura, Michael, and Cindy. Lord, in your mercy, **ALL: hear our prayer.**

Prayer Leader: We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord, who taught us to pray saying,

***THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US**

**All: 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**



*SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Let the Holy Spirit bring peace to your heart and let us share that peace with one other. The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: and also with you.

Please share God's peace."

INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

Leader: Holy Spirit, we invite your presence into our efforts to sow seeds in faith. Empower us with the knowledge that our giving is not a transaction but an act of trust in your unfailing promises.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #186

CREATED IN ME A CLEAN HEART

*OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray together.

ALL: Everlasting God, you have raised us to new life in Christ. Give us voices to proclaim the Good News, and live with resurrection joy and holy peace, wherever your Spirit leads us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

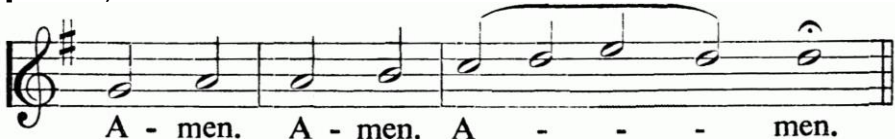
GOD SENDS US

*BLESSING

Leader: The Holy Spirit will guide our lives. The Holy Spirit will give grace to our lives. The Holy Spirit calls us to be disciples of Jesus.

ALL: By the Spirit's power, we will speak God's language of love. By the Spirits power, we will tell the Good News.

*THE AMEN



***SENDING HYMN #400**

GOD OF TEMPEST, GOD OF WHIRLWIND

***DISMISSAL**

Leader: Alleluia! Go in peace in communion of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



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You are invited to a special event.

Stay Planted in God's Word

Women's night of fellowship and growth.

Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

North Baltimore

Decorating



Dinner and Devotions

Calendar of Events:

Wed. May 22 – 5:30 P.M. Church Council Meeting

Thur. May 23 - Reports to Sharon for our Newsletter

Sun. May 26 - 8:00 A.M. Worship – The Holy Trinity Sunday

Sun. May 26 - 9:30 A.M. Sunday School

Readers for May-June

May 26 - Linda Ross

June 2 - David Sharninghouse

June 9 - Lori McDaniel

June 16 - Carol Cary

June 23 – Linda Ross

June 30 – Landon Yeager

In Our Prayers: John Sharninghouse, Gary Kern, Paul & Sue Maki, Betty Hornbeck, David Cary, LuAnn Beverly, Colene Shoop, Eva George, Eric & Lisa Kreh, Chris & Arlene Heiny, Bob, Don Edler, Ashley Edler, Pat Newell. Pray also for the victims of natural disasters, our shut-ins, others absent from our worship this morning, all who grieve, and all others with special needs.

HCREA: They would like to provide easier access to their organization, so they have decided to develop a Facebook page for updates, and donations. They hope to have it up and running in the next couple of weeks or sooner. Look for their new page and check it out! Please reach out with any questions or if you would like to become part of Hancock County Religious Education Association. You can contact them: Loretta Fink at 419-425-1116 or Susan Treece at 567-525-2318.

Community Picnic in the Park: Will be held next Saturday, May 25th from 12 – 3pm. Free inflatables and games. This is sponsored by the McComb Student Committee of the Village Council. There will be Food Trucks, so come eat and enjoy a day at the park.

Birthday Cards: There are two Birthday Cards in the back of the church to sign for this month.

FYI: We will be honoring our Graduate Heidi McDaniel today! Congratulations!

The Holy Spirit's Groaning

Few sounds capture a groan like birth pangs. It is the raw sound of life and birth as well as of pain. It is the guttural desire for the end of the waiting for what has been



anticipated and desired. For any who have been present through such an event, it is difficult to ever forget. It is in equal parts beautiful, stunning, and holy, as well as raw, painful, and horrific. “Creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves . . . groan inwardly while we wait for adoption,” writes Paul to the church in Rome. He describes aptly that painful wail of our souls for the redemption we know so well, the restoration of all things promised in Christ. As Lutherans we know this all too well as the “now but not yet” proposition of our faith. We have been told of the return of the Messiah. We prepare

for this coming and see how the whole of creation groans for her own restoration. We join this creation waiting for our own hearts, souls, and bodies to be restored. We know this is coming and as in pains of labor groan for this reality. While we wait, we are given a midwife, a Spirit of God to join us in our waiting for the birth of a new world and a new reality. This gift is given this day, the day of Pentecost. May the Spirit join us in our cry to God, eagerly awaiting the begotten, the Son of God, Jesus.

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