

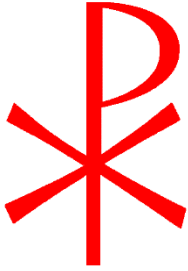
*W*elcome to *W*orship

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



Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023



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*Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.*

Assisting in Worship

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
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To the Glory of God

May Altar Candles: *Carol Williams*
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The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Carol Williams.

North Baltimore Food Pantry June requested donations include: peanut butter, jams, jellies, and preserves.

Order of Worship

Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023

*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, "Gracious God." When you exhale, pray, "open my heart."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: and also with you

Please share God's peace using the "peace sign."

AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

Leader: God is pouring out the Holy Spirit upon us.

ALL: Holy Spirit, breathe life into your people!

Leader: Holy Spirit, move through our worship that we might hear and respond to the Holy Word spoken and proclaimed today.

ALL: Holy Spirit, breathe life into your people!

Leader: Cheers to the Holy Spirit, God in our hearts, the divine presence among God's people!

**ALL: We rejoice in the gift of God's Spirit! We rejoice in our Baptism!
We rejoice in the forgiveness of sins! We rejoice in God – Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit! Amen.**

Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✠ One God, who was in the beginning,
who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and
worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ of Lord,

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Join me in the invitation to confession,

**ALL: If I claim that I have no fears, no guilt, no greed, or no regrets,
I am lying to myself and stumbling in my relationship with God. I
cannot by my own understanding and strength believe in your
promises and be strengthened by your gifts. But, if I confess my
weakness and ignorance, the Holy Spirit will abundantly forgive my
sins.**

*In your heart and your spirit, confess to God your fears, your anger, your greed, and your
disappointments. Lift up the names of people whom you've hurt recently.*

Leader: Gracious God,

**ALL: God of vision, I am the apple of your eye. Your steadfast love
is stronger than life. In the midst of my fears and anger, you lift my
head high and honor me with your grace. Thank you for this new day
in my life, in the name of ✠ Jesus, my light, and my salvation. Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN #800**

SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART

*KYRIE HYMN #151



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
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Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

*GLORY TO GOD

SETTING #2 HYMNAL PAGE 121

GOD SPEAKS TO US

PROPHETIC READING

ACTS 2:1-18

Reader: On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ²Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

⁵At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem.

⁶When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

7 They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, ⁸ and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! ⁹ Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!” ¹² They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other.

¹³ But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, “They’re just drunk, that’s all!”

¹⁴ Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that. ¹⁶ No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants — men and women alike — and they will prophesy.’

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

PSALM

DISCIPLESHIP READING

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1, 4-11

Reader: What I want to talk about now is the various ways God’s Spirit gets worked into our lives. This is complex and often misunderstood, but I want you to be informed and knowledgeable.

⁴⁻¹¹ God’s various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit. God’s various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they

all originate in God's Spirit. God's various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful:

wise counsel - clear understanding - simple trust - healing the sick - miraculous acts - proclamation - distinguishing between spirits - tongues - interpretation of tongues.

All these gifts have a common origin, but are handed out one by one by the one Spirit of God. God decides who gets what and when.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Hymn #172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

*GOSPEL READING

JOHN 20:19-23

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

Leader: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of John chapter 20. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

ALL: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

THE MESSAGE

***HYMN OF THE DAY #400** GOD OF TEMPEST, GOD OF WHIRLWIND

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION**

Leader: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*PRAYER HYMN #752

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Leader: Hear us, O God. **ALL: Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the family of Gerald Leitch who passed away on Thursday, Janet, Jim, Harry, Julie, Cheryl, John, Fred, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Bertha, Jim, Barb, Jack, Rex, Susan, Daryl, Beth, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Chelsea, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Deanna, Laura, Michael, Cindy, Catherine, Ed, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Teresa, Betty, Don, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Braxton, Eric, Lisa, Cindy, Chris, Arlene, Logan, Don, Ashley, Beth, Jayne, Ed, Barb, Riker, Kelly, Al, Pat, and Dan.

.....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**



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INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #186

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART



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 to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

ALL: Ever-living God, fill us with the hope and joy of the resurrection. With each and all our gifts, bless us anew to bring your new life to others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

GOD NOURISHES US

THE EXHORTATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Leader: Blessed are you, God, for your plans and visions for us. Your desire is prosperity, not disaster. You give us new life, and you give it abundantly:

ALL: Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise the Lord in the heights above. Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you shining stars. Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, and stormy winds. Praise the Lord, you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for they were created.

Psalm 148

Leader: And so, along with the angels and all creation, we join in their praise and sing ...



*SANCTUS

SETTING #2 HYMNAL PAGE 130



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: In the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, gave a piece to each disciple and said,

ALL: This is my body, given for you. Do this and remember me.

Leader: Again, after supper, Jesus took a cup of wine, gave thanks; and gave it to each disciple to drink, saying

ALL: This is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this and remember me.

Leader: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Leader: O God of resurrection and new life, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Grace our table with your presence.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth burning with justice, peace, and love.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

*COMMUNION HYMN

ELW pg. 135 (setting 2)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Please join in prayer if you are unable to receive the elements.

ALL: Forgiving and faithful God, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed and Holy Sacrament. Your Spirit fills my spirit, allowing it to bloom like a flower in spring. Since I cannot now receive You through bread and wine, come spiritually into my heart.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a forgiving spirit within me. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

***HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #313**

VERSE 1

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill.



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

***PRAYER OF ABSOLUTION**

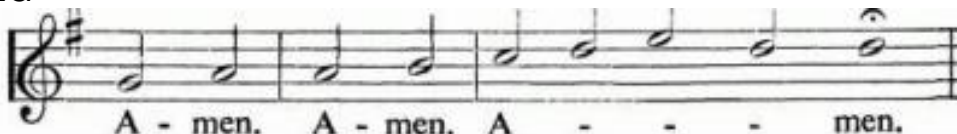
Leader: Please join me in the absolution,

ALL: Merciful and forgiving God, you have made this promise to me: I am a gift. Jesus' story is my story. When I was baptized in Christ Jesus, I was buried with him into his death. As Christ was raised from the dead, I, too, might live a new life. By removing my sins, you give me strength to forgive myself and to forgive those who have offended and sinned against me. Amen.

GOD SENDS US

*BLESSING

ALL:



*SENDING HYMN #399

O HOLY SPIRIT, ROOT OF LIFE

*DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

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Jesus is the Light
of the World!



**St. Luke's Church
Vacation Bible School
July 23-27, 2023**

(note new
"blast-off"
time) **5:30-8:00 p.m.**

Dinner will be served each night.

Registration for 5-year-olds through those
just completing 6th Grade has begun online
@ www.myvbs.org/stlukeslutherannb,
or call the church and leave a message.

Early bird deadline for registration is
July 12 for a chance to win a prize.

Parents, grandparents, and guests are invited
on Thursday @ 7:45 for our "Stellar" VBS
closing program.



ONE STUDENT PER FORM, PLEASE

Vacation Bible School July 23-27, 2023 Registration Form

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 215 N Second St., North Baltimore, Ohio 45872

419-257-3253

Student Name: _____ Male Female
Date of Birth: _____ Grade COMPLETED: _____ Age: _____
5-year-old and above
Parent Name(s): _____
Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____
e-mail: _____
Name of your Church: _____
Special Needs/Allergies: _____
Person Responsible for Pickup after VBS: _____
Their Phone Number: _____ Relationship to child: _____

The **GOOD NEWS** Letter

June 2023

Make sure to check out your June issue of the newsletter for information about: the Pastoral Call Survey - A New Kind of Church; Women of the ELCA news; Great Scot Community Markets; Church Council minutes; Rally Day 2023; and more.

The information is on the bulletin board. SIGN-UP NOW to share the word of the God and the love of God through Vacation Bible School. Remember, you have been sent by Jesus to teach the word of God.



2023: The Year of Story Memory Verse



“BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU, AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.” (ACTS 1:8)

Sermon Notes

Write 3 teachings or ideas you heard in today's sermon:

1.

2.

3.

Something I might do to put this sermon into practice.

Write a brief prayer relating to the sermon.



Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

WE GIVE THANKS: for the gift and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God!

MEMBERS: Janet Holloway, Jim Wymer, Harry & Julie Friess, Cheryl & John Kruse, Fred Husing, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Bertha & Jim Carter, Barb Williams, Rex McCarty.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Susan Miller, Daryl Miller, Beth Johnson, Gerald Leitch, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Deanna Griffith, Laura, Michael Sullivan, Cindy, Catherine Pritts.

MILITARY: for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

COMPANION CHURCH: Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS: all ministries of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), our presiding **Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**, all our bishops, pastors, leaders, of the congregations of the NWOS (Northwestern Ohio Synod), **Bishop Daniel Beaudoin**, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

THE WORLD: for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.

**A.S.A.P.**
always say a prayer

God Gives More than Enough

It is the “first day of the week” (John 20:19), the day of the new creation, but to those locked away in the upper room in fear, the world is as it always has been. So entrenched are they in the ways of grief and guilt that the Risen One in their midst needs to offer his life-giving invitation twice: “Peace be with you.” The logic of the new age is peace, not retribution; forgiveness, not vengeance. With the invitation to new life

GOD’S comes also the means: the gift of the Holy Spirit, breathed upon them and within them. Just as the Father sent Jesus **W** into the world, so now are these disciples sent as witnesses to God’s **O** saving work.

R Pentecost is therefore the crowning achievement of the Jesus story. Now, more than ever, these huddled disciples would have just cause

K to sing the “Dayenu” (“It would have been enough”) verses from the Passover seder meal, but revised: It would have been enough for the Word and wisdom of God to have been born in the flesh . . . Dayenu!

It would have been enough for the Word to grow to adulthood and share his stunning parables about God’s gracious activity in the world . . . Dayenu! It would have been enough for this Word to say to his enemies, “Father, forgive them” . . . Dayenu! It would have been enough for this Word to have died on a cross for us . . .

Dayenu! It would have been enough that he rose again in blessing, not vengeance . . . Dayenu! But now, beyond what we would even expect—the Word becomes our word and it is written on our hearts at Pentecost . . . Dayenu! It is enough, and more than enough to enflame our ministry of reconciliation in a world in need of a healing word.

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