

*New Life Ev. Lutheran Church
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...rooted in the word, growing in faith, reaching out to our uprooted world.

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**The Day of Pentecost
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A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the basement of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the basement after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

Before Service Prayer: Almighty God, it was during Pentecost that You sent the Holy Spirit to open up the hearts and minds of the apostles so that they might be strengthened in faith and that they might grow in confidence to take Your saving message throughout the world. We pray that the Holy Spirit might continue to come into our hearts and minds today through word and sacraments, to strengthen our faith and to enable us to share Your saving message with those who do not yet know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Today's Theme: The fifty days have passed and the promised Holy Spirit is poured out upon the church. The once-hidden gospel is no longer the possession of a chosen few. For the Spirit enables the message of salvation to enflame hearts for bearing witness to the ends of the earth.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 179 "Hail Thee, Festival Day"

Stand

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Opening Verses (Psalm 139:12-14)

Pastor: O God, even the darkness is not dark to You;

People: the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with You.

Pastor: For You formed my inward parts;

People: You knitted me together in my mother's womb.

Pastor: I praise You,

People: for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Confession and Absolution (John 3:8)

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, God sends His Holy Spirit as He promised to work true contrition and sorrow over our sins and faith in His forgiveness. In this truth we make our confession together.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. By the power of Your Word, we confess our sin and need of Your grace. We confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions, both in what we have done and in what we have failed to do. For the sake of the mighty work of our Lord Jesus, His death and resurrection for us and the whole world, grant to us Your forgiveness and new life.

Pastor: "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Receive the Holy Spirit. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light,
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night,
Holy Spirit, ever raising Those on earth to thrones on high,
Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.**

**Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life,
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife,
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ,
You we praise with endless worship For Your gracious gifts unpriced.**

**Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry,
Teaching, strength'ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free,
Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol. (CW 182)**

The Collect of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray....

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit

The First Lesson: **GENESIS 11:1-9** *(The self-glorifying pride of sinful hearts can be seen in the account of the Tower of Babel. The one language of creation was misused as a tool to keep people unified in idolatrous work. Language and tongues are confused in order to bring people to carry out the will of the Lord and fill the earth. At the same time, language and tongue would set apart the nation of Israel, limiting the proclamation of the Messianic promise through God's chosen people. Centuries later, the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit not only brings a way of dealing with the language that sprang from Babel but also the proclamation of the promise fulfilled to the nations.)*

1 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. 2 As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

3 They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. 4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

5 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. 6 The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. 7 Come, let Us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

8 So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. 9 That is why it was called Babel—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

After the reading—

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sunday School & Preschool Song: "O Spirit of Life"

The Second Lesson: **ACTS 2:1-21** *(The Christ-promised coming of the Holy Spirit addresses the confusion of Babel as the disciples are given the gift of speaking in tongues. In a rush of wind and with tongues of flame the prophecy of Joel is fulfilled. The timidity of the Twelve dissolves in fiery witnessing to the Truth. What began in the streets of Jerusalem, is even now carried to the ends of the earth).*

Pastor: When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked:

People: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

Pastor: Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another,

People: “What does this mean?”

Pastor: Some, however, made fun of them and said,

People: “They have had too much wine.”

Pastor: Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:” ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on My servants, both men and women, I will pour out My Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, 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 glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

After the reading—

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day:

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Congregation: Refrain



Cantor/Choir: Holy Spirit, dwell within us now and evermore.

Congregation: Refrain

Stand

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel Lesson: **JOHN 15:26, 27** (*Pilate questioned it, the disciples were confused by it, but Jesus promised it: the Truth. Imagine the overwhelming task before the Twelve: truthful recollection of everything they had heard and seen! Yet the promise of coming Truth not only assured timid disciples then, but disciples today, of perfect recollection. The Spirit proceeded from the Father and the Son to testify not to subjective truth but to essential Truth: the Way, the Truth, and the Life.*)

26 “When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about Me. 27 And you also must testify, for you have been with Me from the beginning.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: CWS 723 “**Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven**”

The Sermon

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Children’s Sermon

The Offering

The Prayer of the Church (*From Luther’s explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed.*)

Pastor: Praise to You, Holy Spirit. We worship and glorify You as the Lord and the giver of life. As You were present at the beginning of the world to shed life on all created things, as You gave a new life of understanding to the disciples in Your Pentecost baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word, You have made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord.

In thanksgiving for Your gifts to us, we confess:

People: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, all-seeing Counselor and fountain of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful flesh. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of Your word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus, where there is forgiveness for all.

People: In this Christian Church He daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, highest comfort in every need, in these gray and last days of the world, strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, encourage our fearful hearts. Remind us of Your Word and promises: “Be strong; do not fear. Your Lord will come again. He will come to save you.” And in Your final, mighty, creative act, O Holy Spirit, raise up our bodies so that we, together with all the saints, may lift up our heads and with glorified eyes see our Savior drawing near.

People: On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

The Benediction

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: fill the hearts of the faithful,

Pastor: and kindle in us the fire of Your love.

People: Alleluia!

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. *(Numbers 6:24–26)*

People: Amen.

The Closing Hymn: "Breath of the Living God"

Em C G C G B7

1. Breath of the liv - ing God on the wa - ters in the be - gin - ning
 2. Breath of the liv - ing God, you con - ceived the Son, Je - sus, to be
 3. Breath of the liv - ing God, you bring us to life in bap - tis - mal

Em C Am G C

mov - ing, Breath of the liv - ing God, you fill all cre -
 like us; Breath of the liv - ing God, so you re - cre -
 wa - ter; Breath of the liv - ing God, we new crea - tures

G B7 Em G D

a - tion with fruit - ful life.
 ate all who live in him. Come now and live with - in us,
 live by your liv - ing breath.

Em B7 Em C

and with your gifts en - rich us, Breath of the liv - ing

G C Em B7 Em

God, O most ho - ly Spir - it of the Lord!

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Bauer / Spangle

Today— *The Day of Pentecost (The Third High Festival of the Christian Church Year)*

Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up at Noon

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM (*last class of the year*)

Monday—Tree of Life Lutheran Preschool Spring Program at 6:30 PM

Friday—Men's Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Next Sunday— *Trinity Sunday*

Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. A NEW SIGN-UP SHEET HAS BEEN POSTED FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS! Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level.

Today is the last day of Sunday School and Sunday morning Bible Class for the school year. The Bible Class will be finishing up their study of the Third Commandment. Thank you to the Sunday School teachers for teaching this past school year: Barbara and Christine Massa, Wendy Landenberger, Tracey Morse and Susan Sarvady.

TODAY, New Life will once again clean up our stretch of Long Grove Road through Lake County's Adopt-a-Highway program. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board downstairs if you are able to help. Lunch will be served before heading out.

A CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) class will be offered at New Life on June 2, from 8:00 AM until noon. Knowing CPR and being certified is valuable for every walk of life. If you'd like to attend, PLEASE SIGN-UP on the sign-up sheet downstairs. The cost for the class is \$35.00 per person. Fifteen people are already signed up.

Thank you to the Sunday School & Preschool children for singing in our service this morning.

Our Faithfulness to God's Word

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