

St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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Pentecost

Today's Focus:

CELEBRATION OF THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Background: Pentecost, fifty days after the celebration of our Lord's resurrection, was originally a Jewish feast, known also as the Feast of Weeks. It was a celebration of the grain harvest. Bread made from the new grain was offered in the temple. As the day Christ's promise concerning the coming of the Spirit was fulfilled, it has become in a sense the birthday celebration of the New Testament Church. It is also known as Whitsunday, referring to the white garments worn in ancient times by those seeking baptism this day. This was the more popular name in English speaking countries. Early Christians connected the old celebration of the fruits of the earth's harvest with the fruits of the Spirit's blessing.

Pre-Service Prayer: O LORD God, as I enter into Your presence on this Day of Pentecost, fill me with Your Spirit, even as You did the saints of old... to rejoice in Your forgiving love, to listen to Your abiding Word, and to share Your life-giving truths with everyone I meet as You give me opportunity. In Jesus' saving name I pray. Amen.

Pre-service mediation: "It is Finished" (Words on cover)

By Michelle Hamilton

OPENING HYMN 224 (Red Hymnal)

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

THE ORDER OF HIS DIVINE SERVICE – (Tan Worship Supplement), Page 12

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 15:26,27 (on back) In the Gospel, Jesus prepares His disciples for His departure and describes the work of the coming Spirit. He teaches how His followers are to testify of Him.

PSALMODY – **Psalm 51:10-12; 15-17** (A Psalm of David)

(Tan Worship Supplement), Page 31

Congregation: Antiphon

Pastor: Psalm

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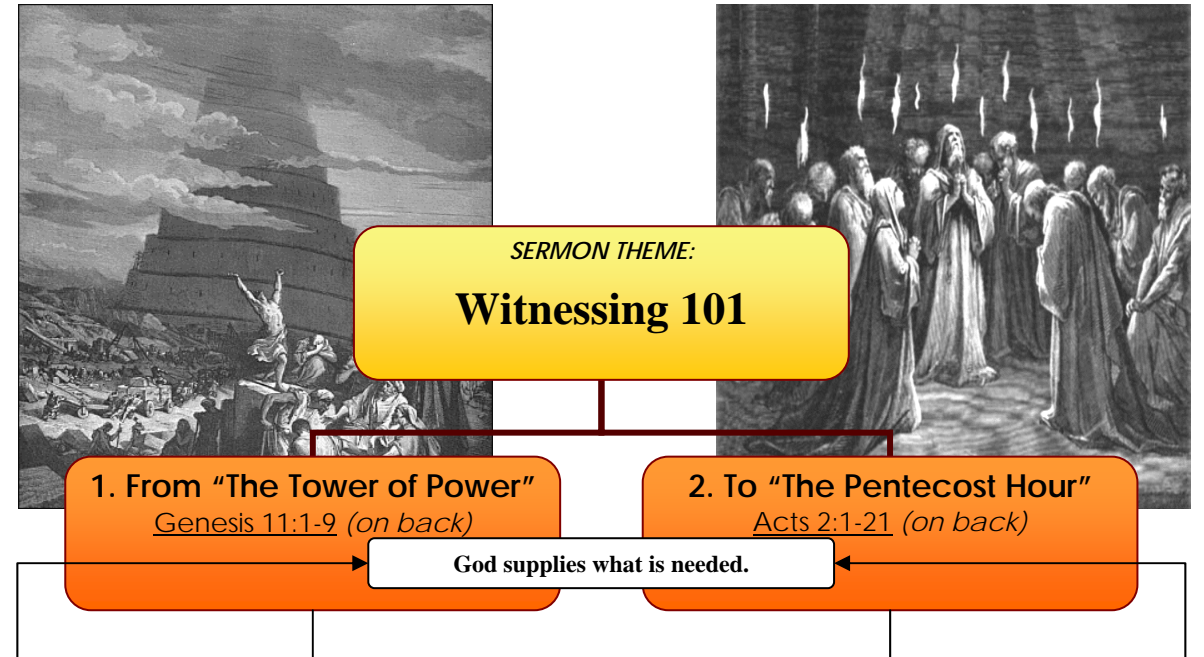
Pastor: Psalm

ALL: "Glory be to the Father . . ." and Antiphon

CONFESSION OF FAITH, Apostles Creed - (Tan Worship Supplement), Page 15

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as believed/taught by the Apostles.

CHOIR: HYMN 739 Cong. Sings: **Verse 3** (Worship Supplement) Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling



HYMN 772 (Worship Supplement)

On Galilee's High Mountain

AN OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD - Sing 50 v. 2 (Red Hymnal)

C: Thanks we give and adoration, For Thy Gospel's joyful sound.

**May the fruits of Thy salvation, In our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful, Ever faithful, To the Truth may we be found!**

SPECIAL PRAYERS - GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER - BENEDICTON

CLOSING HYMN 230 (Red Hymnal)

Holy Spirit, God of Love

NEWS and NOTES

Welcome visitors! We're very happy that you're here today and hope you come again!

Please sign our guest book in the entryway. If you have questions about our church/school just ask!

-Today: Refreshments in classroom/School presentation on Standardized Testing and CLC anniversary interview.

-Tuesday morning: 10am Bible Class continues with our study of the CLC's Concerning Church Fellowship.

-Wednesday evening Witnessing Workshop concludes this week from 6-7:30pm with our last session.

-Next Sunday, May 30th we will celebrate our Confirmation/Trinity service along with the Lord's Supper.

-Pacific Northwest Youth Conference – please take note of the materials in the entryway!

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Call News Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN, has called the Rev. Terrel Kesterson, Spokane WA. Rev.

Richard Kanzenbach, Watertown SD, has accepted the call to Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI. <> The Rev.

Mark Gurath, Sioux Falls SD, has returned the call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN.

Next week scriptures lessons: Psalm 8; Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

