# Zion Lutheran Church



# May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 Day of Pentecost



# Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- **zlcb.org** – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

# **Communion Statement**

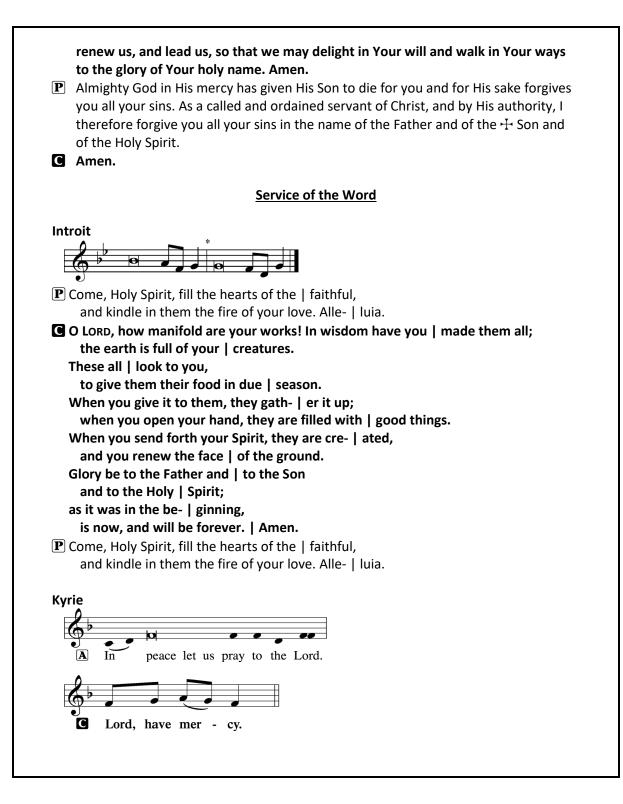
We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. Visitors desiring to commune are asked to please announce their intentions to an elder or pastor. Everyone is welcome to sing the hymns during communion as we contemplate Christ's mercy to us.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office.



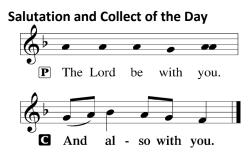
- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us,









### **P** 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.



#### Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 37:1–14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I

prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

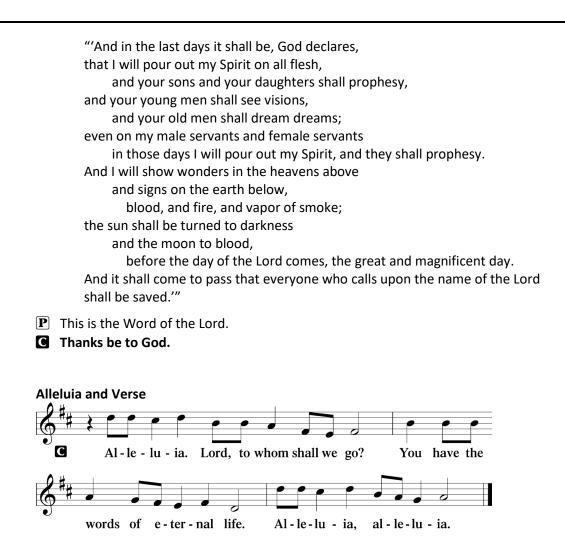
Choir – O Day of Rest and Gladness (8 am) Grace Bell Choir – *Beautiful Savior* (10:30 am)

#### Second Reading – Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:



#### **Holy Gospel**

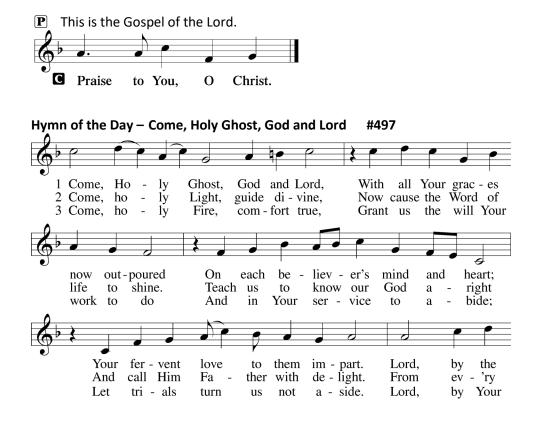
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

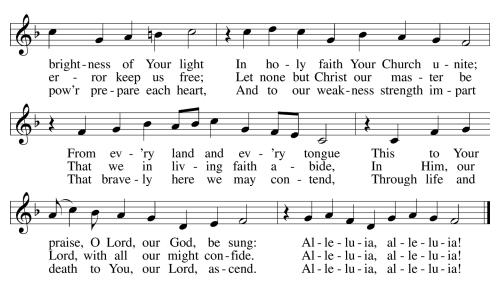


[Jesus said:] "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning....

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going 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 go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

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





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#### Sermon

#### **Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

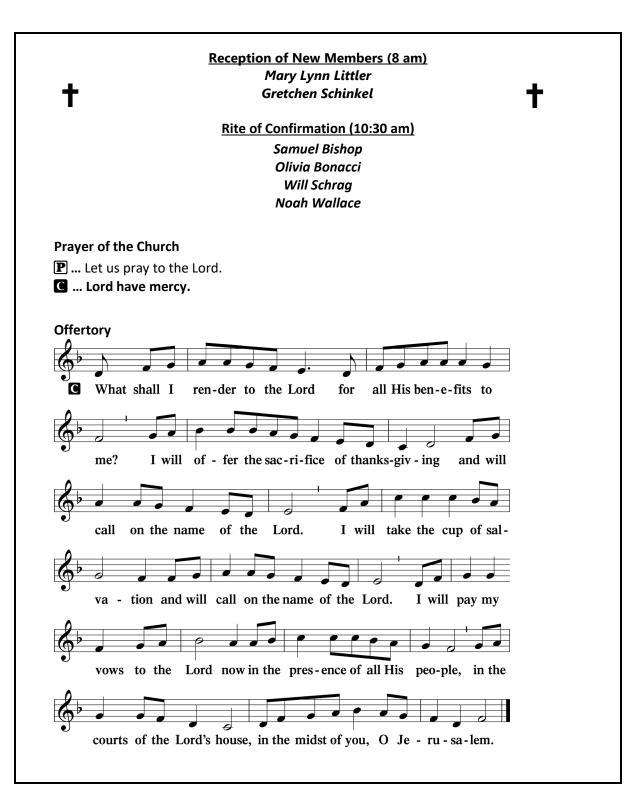
the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

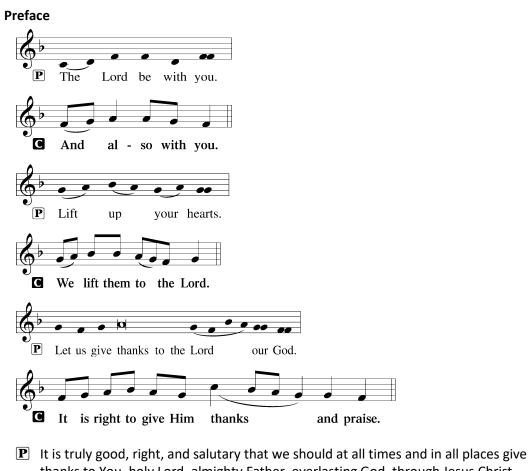
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life + everlasting. Amen.

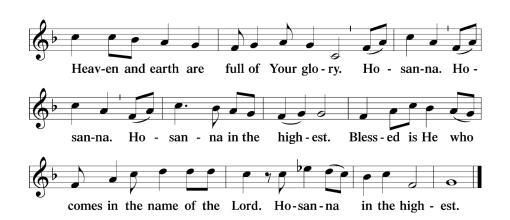


#### Service of the Sacrament



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

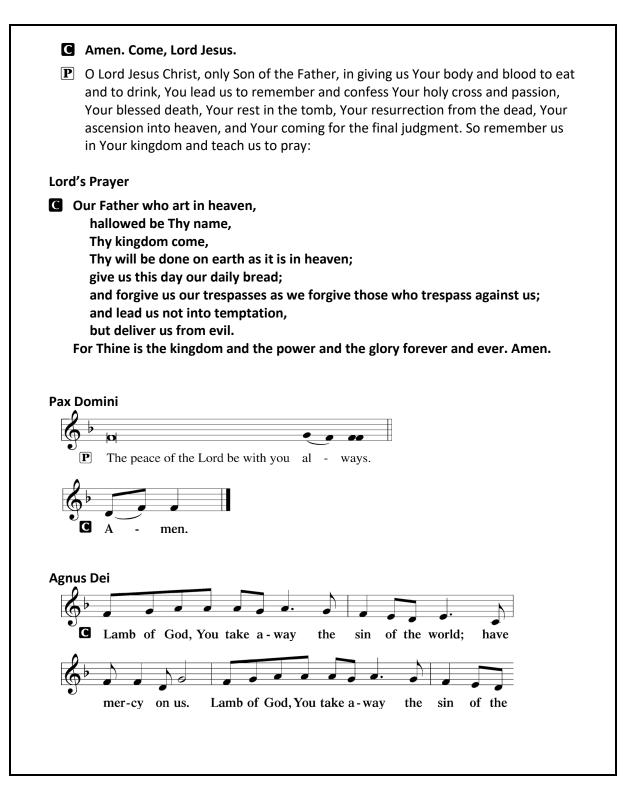
Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

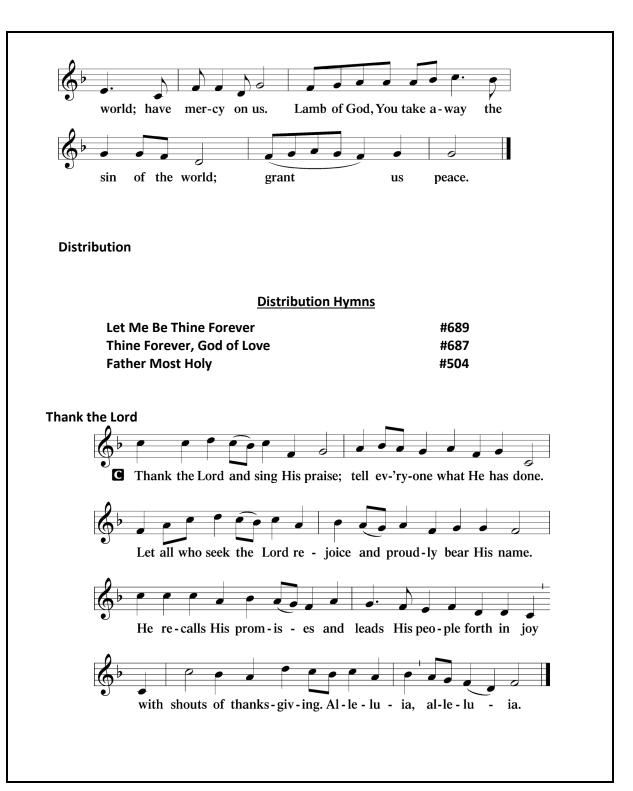
Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# C Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.





## **Post-Communion Collect**

# P Let us pray.

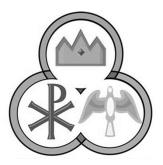
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

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.





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### Closing Hymn – Go, My Children, with My Blessing

 Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
 Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.
 In My love's baptismal river
 I have made you Mine forever.
 Go, My children, with My blessing— You are My own.
 Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.

Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory. Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

- Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;
   Grow in love and love by serving,
  - Joyful and free. Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.
  - Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.
- 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
  I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:
  I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
  Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

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# Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

# The Church:

-For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Joan Cisko, Dottie Heslop, Vince Kimberland, and Janet Hickey.

-Healing for: Kami Snow, Ruth Rostron, Patti Neill, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Elias Kazas, Marian Siek, Don and Deana Thielet, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Mary Reihing, and Jennifer Meyer.

-For our missions/missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

# The World:

-For an end to the pandemic, and for the safety of all who are fighting it.-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.-For the youth in our community.

# Our Nation:

-For our leaders and government officials.
-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.
-For the disabled, unborn and aged.
-For those whose work it is to protect us.

-For godly care of the earth.



	Service Participants +
Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandy Quinlan
The Elders:	Bob Schmidt & Jim Neill
The Acolyte:	Elder (8:00) John Lemonovich (10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Michael Grimenstein Janet & Larry Zreliak (8:00) Ross Chilcott, Bob Bonacci Bill Koester, Chuck LaJeunesse (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Megan Pasquini, Diana Schmidt, Barb Oechslein

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Paul & Theresa Hayes in memory of loved ones and by the Schrag family in celebration of Will's confirmation.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by the Kozak family in memory of loved ones.

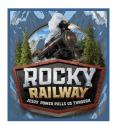
**THANK YOU** to everyone at Zion Lutheran for praying for my husband after his bad fall. The suffering is now over and he is at home with the Lord, which is what he prayed for. The pain from his broken back was beyond what he could endure. I am grateful for the years we had together, and I feel privileged for having known and loved this most wonderful man. He told me that he would be watching for me to join him. ~ *Gratefully, Bobbie Hoelle* 



# Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (5/16) – 36 (8 am); 85 (10:30 am) Wednesday Worship Attendance (5/19) – 14 Sunday Offering (516) – \$2492 Online Offering – \$5280

This Week at Zion		
SUN 5/23 PENTECOST	8:00 AM – Worship & Reception of New Members 9:15/9:20 AM – Confirmand Public Questioning & Reception/Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship & Confirmation	
MON 5/24		
TUE 5/25	7:00 PM – Sunday School/VBS Mtg.	
WED 5/26	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching	
THU 5/27		
FRI 5/28		
SAT 5/29		
SUN 5/30	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15/9:20 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's Sunday Sch. 10:30 AM – Worship	



# Vacation Bible School

June 21-25 9 am – Noon Register ONLINE today!

Registration is quick and easy right from Zion's website under the "VBS" tab – <u>ZLCB.org/VBS</u>.

The VBS team is developing a safe environment for both students and volunteers. Volunteers are still needed in areas such as the nursery and guiding children to VBS stations. If you would like to help or have any questions, you can contact Katie Gielarowski at <u>sundayschool@zlcb.org</u>, or in person. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can share Christ's love with His children!



Saturday. May 22. 2021 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saxony Farm Lake

Addy Boy Lane, Saxonburg

No entry fee

Open to all kids 14 and under

Free refreshments

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Bait provided by Concordia

Prizes all day

Participants must have an adult chaperone



Call Concordia Public Relations for more information at 724-352-1571, ext. 8268. Social distancing will be encouraged, enhanced cleaning procedures will be in place and disposable masks will be available for those who would like one. Registration is strongly encouraged by visiting the Events & News section of the Concordia website: www.concordialm.org/events-news/fishingderby2021.



# What is "Pentecost"?

The word "Pentecost" (pronounced PEN-tuh-kost) comes from the Greek word *pentekostos* which means "fiftieth." Exactly 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in the form of flames of fire.

# Why is Pentecost so important?

When Jesus died, the disciples were sad because they thought that their friend and Lord was gone forever. But Jesus rose again! Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus did finally ascend into heaven leaving the disciples below. However, before Jesus actually died, rose again and ascended into heaven, He made a promise to His disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit to them. He said that the Holy Spirit would come and guide them "into all the truth" (John 16:13). Jesus doesn't leave us alone to fend for ourselves. Jesus is here with us, and the Holy Spirit guides and leads the Church into the truth of the wonderful Gospel! We celebrate and remember this at Pentecost.

#### Parents:

At home, read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2 to your children. Remind them that the Holy Spirit comes to us through the Word and Sacraments just as our Lord has promised. Encourage them to thank God for the gift of His Holy Spirit in their lives.

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