# Festival of Pentecost June 8, 2025

## Order of Worship: Holy Communion, Setting Four

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PRELUDE & BELLS We observe a moment of silence for prayer and meditation.

WELCOME

Blessed be the Kingdom...now and forever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** 

We stand OPENING HYMN #399

"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"

vv1-3

#### **★**Brief Rite for Confession & Forgiveness of Sins★

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: 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 our Lord. **Amen.** 

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.

\*Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.\*

1John 1:8-9

Most merciful God... we confess that we are born captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you- who believe and repent- of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \$\mathbb{\mathbb{P}}\$ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

#### **★**HOLY COMMUNION**★**

#### APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray... God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

## Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 11:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup> The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup> So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE & MEDITATION: PSALM 104:25-35, 37

<sup>25</sup> O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>26</sup> Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.

<sup>27</sup> There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it.

<sup>28</sup> All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

<sup>29</sup> You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>30</sup> You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

<sup>31</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>32</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

<sup>33</sup> He looks at the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>34</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

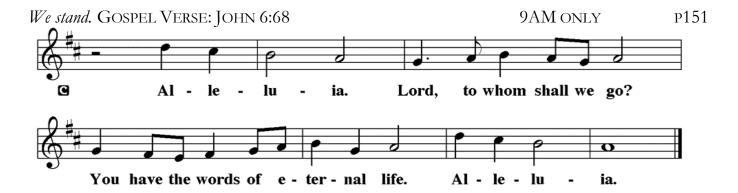
35 May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>37</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

#### SECOND READING: ACTS 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup> But 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. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> '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. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!



GOSPEL READING: JOHN 14:8-17, 25-27

## Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. 15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY #582

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

vv1-3

We sit. SERMON

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

Looking Up Say What?

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the + resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to God our Father in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, making intercession for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

A brief silence

Come Holy Spirit! Set our hearts on fire with love for God one another. Propel us into the war zones of hatred, despair, and unbelief. Kindle our tongues to speak words of grace, truth, and life.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Purify the Church with your holy fire. Burn away its sins and schisms. Warm it with love for Jesus and for the world he came to save. Teach it to remember, cherish, teach, and live all that Jesus commanded us, especially to love one another as he has loved us.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Enliven and sustain everyone who is persecuted for Jesus' sake. Give them wisdom, gentleness, courage, and faithfulness. Convict and convert the enemies of the Gospel to lives of repentance and faith.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Descend upon the hearts and minds of everyone in this congregation. We pray for our mission to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus; to support Solid Rock our mission in action; and that you send us adults for baptism. Cause us to shine the light of Christ on the lives of those who need him most. Conform us ever more perfectly to his blessed likeness. We received this year's insurance quote for the year and we thank you, Lord, the increase was lower than expected. We also thank you for the much-needed rains we have received.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who hate and scorn the Gospel of Jesus. Cause their hearts to burn with desire for Him, though they do not know him yet. Make them long for an imperishable Hope; for a living Truth; for a trustworthy Way; for a transfigured Life; and for a Love that will not let them go.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Direct, strengthen, and cheer all who risk their lives on behalf of others. Prosper all they do that conforms to your will. Grant healing to the wounded, honor to those who sacrificed their lives, patience and hope to their families. When they return home, grant them ways to help build a better world for all.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. Bless, renew, provide for, and transfigure this broken world, until it conforms to the will and fulfills the desire of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Teach, purify and perfect the minds, hearts and wills of all people – especially those entrusted with power and authority; and bestow the blessings of peace, health, knowledge and tranquility upon us all.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Breathe health, wholeness, and hope into the hearts of all who suffer, including: {List}. Grant refreshment to their spirits. Restore them to full fellowship with all who love them. Bless everyone who cares for them, especially those whose research and skill brings new hope to those afflicted by suffering.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Most blessed and Holy Spirit, we laud and magnify your gracious protection and lordly power that brings the resurrection life of Jesus to all who call upon his name. We thank you for breathing his eternal life into all the faithful departed. We pray especially for the families of {List}. Breathe the love of Jesus into us. Renew our minds and set fire to our hearts. Make our lives overflow with the beauty of holiness, drawing others to Christ. Give us grace to enter into the blessed company of the redeemed, and by your power, to worship the Father in union with his dear Son, our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, forever and ever.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we entrust our prayers and petitions into your hands, gracious Father, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

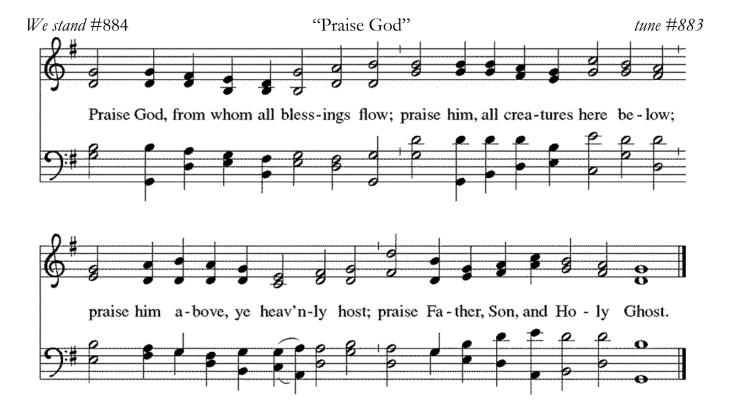
#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also, with you.** We briefly greet those in our row with the words "Peace be with you."

We sit. Offering, Offertory Song & Prayer- Giving back to God



First- and second-time guests are not expected to give a monetary offering; your Connection Card and your presence this morning are your gifts. Safe, secure & easy electronic giving is available on our website stpeterhallettsville.org/giving or by scanning this code.

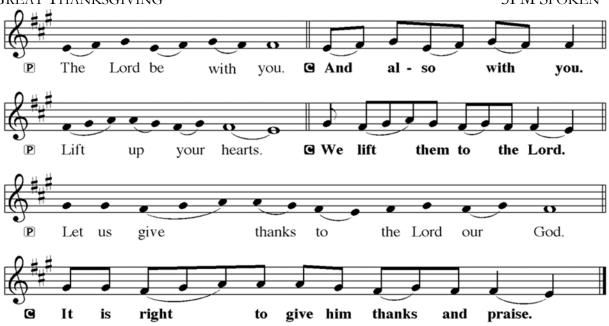


Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

#### OFFERING PRAYER

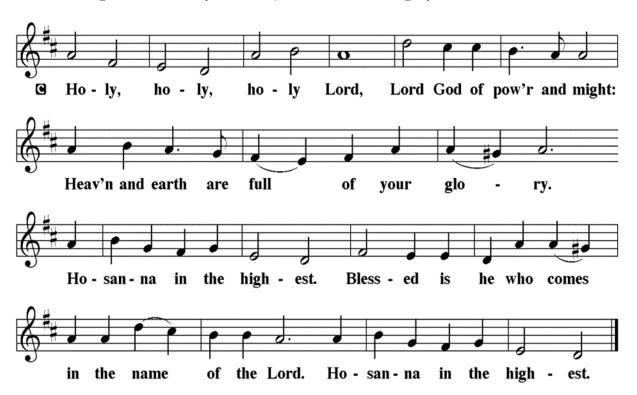
Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, king of the universe. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.





It is indeed right and salutary . . . and join their unending hymn:

5PM SPOKEN



**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION** 

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth... as he comes to us in his holy supper.

## Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

#### We sit. Invitation To Communion

As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Thanks be to God.** 

Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ present and received in, with, and under the bread and wine. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and who believe the Lord's words "This is my body given for you" and "This is my blood poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins" may receive Communion. Young children, not yet receiving Communion, may receive a blessing.

(Matt 26:26ff, Mark 14:22ff, Luke 22:19ff, 1 Cor. 11:24ff)

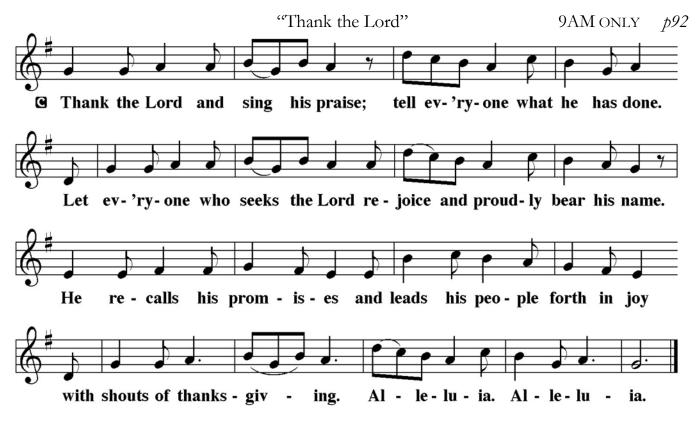
Communion administration occurs in a continuous fashion at the Communion rail. The ushers will guide you to the rail. To receive the elements, extend your hand, palm up, to the ministers. White grape juice is available in the center of the trays. For those unable to consume either bread or wine, the Church affirms the Lord's full presence in each element alone. Once you have received the elements, return to your seat by the side aisles. If you do not desire to receive Holy Communion, you may remain seated.





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We stand POST-COMMUNION BLESSING, SONG, & PRAYER May the true body and blood...keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 



Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *Silence is kept for reflection.* 

#### 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 \$\mathbb{A}\$ give you peace. **Amen.** 

CLOSING HYMN #400

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

vv1-4

## ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our mission is Christ's mission – "I will build my church" by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

MANNA FOOD PANTRY DRIVE: Social Ministry will be holding a Food Drive for the Manna Food Pantry until July. The Pantry is in desperate need of cereal and juice. If you would like to contribute, a box in the Narthex and one by the elevator will be available for your donations. Thank you in advance!

Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> Lifeline Screening will be in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please see Kari in the office.

Wednesday, June 11th Forgiveness & Healing Service at 6:00 pm

Sunday, June 15th "Happy Father's Day" bring a man for a "Get Smart Sunday"

<u>OFFERING YTD (Jan-Apr '24)</u> \$98,554.54; <u>EXPENSES</u> \$83,738.97 <u>DIFFERENCE +/-+</u>\$14,823.57

### This Weekend June 8

**Sunday AM:** Assisting: Marilyn McAda

Communion Set Up: Tammy Garner

Communion Clean Up: Barbara Grindeland

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Dr. Wesley McAda, Shannon DeForest, Aaron Henke

Acolytes: Sylas Stacy & Cole Kocian

Power Point Sunday: Judy Drozd

Altar Flowers given by: Miles, Ashley, & Luke Lane in celebration of JoBeth Tieken's Retirement Radio Ministry given by: Matthew & Martha Bludau in celebration of Emilie Hotz's 18th Birthday

Sunday PM: Assisting: Daniel Drozd Communion Clean Up: Daniel Drozd

## Festival of the Holy Trinity June 15, 2025

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; Gospel John 16:12-15

### This Week @ St. Peter

**Sun** June 8, 9:00 am Worship Service, 10:00 am Coffee Time, 10:30 Adult Christian Learning, 5:00 pm Worship Service

Mon June 9, 1:00 pm Quilting, 5:00 pm Stewardship, 6:00 pm Church Council

Tue June 10, 7:00 pm Prayer Group

**Wed** June 11, Lifeline Screening FH

Thu June 12, 6:00 pm Solid Rock Board, 7:30 pm AA/Al-Anon

Sat June 14, FH Rental

**Sun** June 15, 9:00 am Worship Service, 10:00 am Coffee Time, 10:30 am Adult Christian Learning, 5:00 pm Worship Service

## Our Prayer List:— Requests listed 4 weeks under Concerns For unless otherwise requested.

Billy Jean Mayes, Joelle Mihalovich, Jane Yamerick, Aubrey Martell, Billie Jean Mayes, Leon Koehne, Janice Delmar, Ky Lange, Cooper Kirkland, James Kubecka, Wayne Briscoe, Charles Hotz, Cherri Fryer, Charlotte Murphy

Extended concerns: Requests listed 9 months unless otherwise requested.

Oleen Covey, Gracie Isbell, Jim Brandt, Edmund Koerth, Barbara Tackett,
Charlotte Hartmann, Melissa Grice, Michael Drozd, Jeffrey Morgenroth, Charlie Garmon,
Carrie Besetsny, DeWayne Dixon, James Evans, Pr. John Schmidt & family (Missionary in Ghana)

Other Concerns: first responders (military, law enforcement, firefighter, medical), Safe House Church (Hallettsville);
San Miguel (Ft. Worth) and Houston Oromo Lutheran Churches, President Trump, our country

Grieving Families of: Joseph Benbenik, Gary Muehr, Elliette Mae Kocian, Darleen Kastner,

Jordan Ramirez, Bernadette Bludau, Percy Spradlin, Kim Fowlkes, Jean Niemietz, Steve Kutach, Emmanuel Velasquez, Michelle Greenwell, Michelle Goranson, Andy Seay, Howard & Dean Loewe

## Serving Next Weekend: June 15

**Sunday AM:** Assisting: Darlene Stacy

Communion Set Up: Tammy Garner

Communion Clean Up: Barb Grindeland

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Dr. Wesley McAda, Shannon DeForest, Luther Lorfing, Aaron Henke

Acolytes: Finley Poeling & McKenna Patterson

Power Point Sunday: Judy Garmon Altar Flowers given by: **OPEN** 

Radio Ministry given by: Linda Smith in memory of my mother, Adela Claus

**Sunday PM:** Assisting: Aileen Peck Communion Clean Up: Aileen Peck

## **SAVE THE DATES IN JULY:**

July 14-16 St. Peter VBS "Epic Australian Adventure" (register online now at myvbs.org/stpeterlch

Thursday, July 17 5:00 pm Worship Meeting

### ENTRANCE HYMN (ELW) O Holy Spirit, Root of Life (ELW 399)

Text Jean Janzen; Music by Michael Praetorius

1 O Holy Spirit, root of life, creator, cleanser of all things: anoint our wounds, awaken us with lustrous movement of your wings.

2 Eternal vigor, Saving One, you free us by your living Word, becoming flesh to wear our pain, and all creation is restored.

3 O holy Wisdom, soaring pow'r, encompass us with wings unfurled, and carry us, encircling all above, below, and through the world.

## HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW) Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling (ELW 582)

Text by Timothy Rees; Music by Julius Rontgen

1 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 of earth to thrones on high; living, life-imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify.

2 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 gifts and fruits unpriced.

3 Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry; quick'ning, 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.

## CLOSING HYMN (ELW) God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind (ELW 400)

Text by Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr; Music by John Hughes

1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!

2 God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose, purge!
Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge!
Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth, kindle us to speak your truth!

3 God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!

4 God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness!
Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress.
Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work, claim us for your kingdom's work!