



Pentecost Sunday

Ten days after the ascension of Christ and fifty days after his resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples on the day of Pentecost. Pentecost was an established Jewish festival also known as the Feast of Weeks, which drew people from many nations back to Jerusalem (Lev. 23:15-21; Deut. 16:16). Pentecost symbolizes a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the empowering of the church to reach the world with the gospel. In celebrating Pentecost, the church expresses its gratitude for the faithfulness of Christ in fulfilling his promise to send "another counselor" (John 14:16); celebrates the work of the Spirit in renewing all of creation; professes its confidence and security in knowing the Spirit's power is available for its mission; and grows in awareness of the immensity of its calling to reach the world with the gospel. The traditional color for Pentecost is red, after the flames described in Acts 2:3.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Sicilienne"

Gabriel Fauré

As the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.

SILENT MEDITATION

The Holy Spirit has led us to new places because that's what God does. From the beginning, God is about creation, about bringing forth new things. Our life with Scripture is a journey and it's still going on. All of us are still traveling. The whole church is still traveling.

- John Wurster

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

For God has done wondrous things for us.

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

Help us to boldly proclaim that the risen Christ is alive in our midst!

PRAISE AND ADORATION

***OPENING HYMN #280**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

***Please stand if you are able)**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit creating a new community faith and we are heirs of that wonderful day. Yet, we confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. God, have mercy on us and transform us by the power of your Spirit.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

KYRIE ELEISON (#551)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (#240)

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks!”

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name. Je-sus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of cre - a - tion. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, Give praise to his name.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Rob Bailey,
for the Mission Committee's support of OPS Schools

HYMN #286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Numbers 11: 24-30

page 114 of the pew Bible

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2: 37-47

page 886 of the pew Bible

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"All According to Plan"

Dr. Zieman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1991)

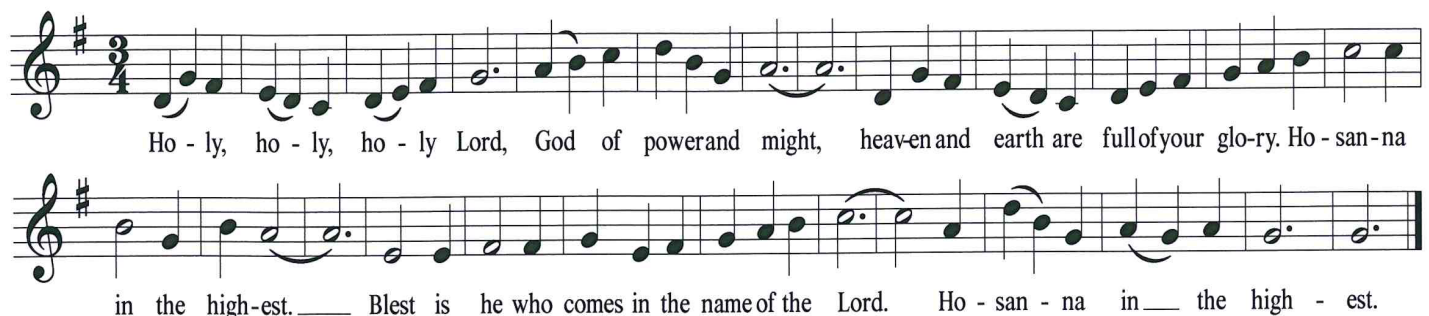
"We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church."

*SANCTUS (#572)

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Thomas Pavlechko



RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Pavane"

Gabriel Fauré

*DOXOLOGY (#609)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You have blessed each of us with gifts to serve and share, Most Generous God. May these offerings, and the offering of our lives, be used to further your Kingdom and build your beloved community. Amen.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #293**

Loving Spirit

OMNI DIE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE (Hymn #288)** Spirit of the Living God (v.1)

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

***POSTLUDE**

“Trumpet Voluntary”

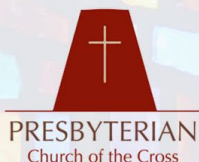
John Stanley

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Musicians	Nestor Herszbaum, flute; Annette White, piano & organ
Ushers	Amy Boesen, Dennis Boesen, Mike Shannon, Sherryl Shannon, Bidong Tot
Greeters	North Door: Dave and Mary Ann Pederson South Door: Doug Larson
Information Center	Judy Arms
Childcare Ministry	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, and Brandon Fisher
Coffee Host	Ginger Petersen-Britt

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Announcements

For the week of May 28, 2023

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 28

10:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
11:00 Coffee Fellowship

Monday, May 29

Church closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30

7:00 Men's Bible Study
9:30 Staff Meeting
1:00 Afternoon Bible Study
2:00 Active Minds

Thursday, June 1

9 & 11 Music & Movement
10:30 Roy Willis funeral/lunch at PCOC
4:30 Congregational Life

Saturday, June 3

8:00 Habitat 4 Humanity Faith House PCOC
Build Day until 3:00 p.m.
11:00 Ron Mau's funeral at Heafey's chapel

Sunday, June 4

9:00 VBS Crew Leader Meeting
10:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
11:00 The Pancake Man
11:30 JHF Mission Trip Meeting
SHF Mission Trip Meeting
11:45 Welcome Center Walk-Through

Summer Schedule Through September 3

Single Worship Service at 10 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship at 11 a.m.
Sunday school/adult education will return
after Labor Day in September.

Joys and Concerns. The flowers in the chancel this week are given by Jim and Betsy Conway in loving memory of Jessica and George Vicknair.

Ron Mau's funeral will be held on Saturday, June 3 at 11 a.m. at the Heafey Hoffmann Dworak Cutler West Center Chapel (7805 W. Center Road), followed by a luncheon.

Roy Willis passed away at home on May 24. A funeral service is planned for Thursday, June 1, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by lunch.

Services for Joel Gatewood, Jr. (Emily Murray's father) will be held on Friday, June 16, 10:30 a.m. in the Church of the Cross Sanctuary with lunch following in Fellowship Hall.

Summer Hours. Beginning today, summer worship is held at 10:00 a.m. only, and there is no Sunday School. On Monday, May 29, the office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. Beginning Tuesday, May 30, our summer office hours are 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

M&M/Tai Chi Updates. Music & Movement and Tai Chi will not meet on Monday, May 29. Tai Chi also will not meet on Thursday, June 1.

Tuesday Bible Studies Resume on May 30. Our men's only study meets at 7 a.m. in Room 15. Our 1 p.m. study is open to all adults and meets in Room 15 and on Zoom. New members are always welcome! No need to sign up. Just bring your favorite Bible and join our discussion.

Pancakes & a Peek on June 4! Join us for the Pancake Man after the worship service. The cost is \$5.00 per person and \$20.00 maximum per family. Proceeds will help our new refugee family. We will also host another walk-through of our new Welcome Center which is nearly 80% complete.

49ers on June 6. Our June speaker is Morgan Mattson, Lead Volunteer Coordinator Refugee Services at Lutheran Family Services (LFS), who will cover a broad overview of Refugee Resettlement and how LFS supports newly arrived refugees in Nebraska and Iowa. We will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at WHEATFIELDS, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place) in the Garden Room, and we will order from a special menu provided. Everyone is welcome - whether you are 49, younger, or older - come join

us! For reservations or questions, please contact Mary Ott or Judy Sundberg. Or, sign up at the Information Center in the Narthex.

Friday Night Gourmets on June 16. Tim and Kris Goodman will host the June gathering at their home on June 16 at 6:30 p.m. It will be a potluck summer cookout. Burgers, brats, and condiments will be provided along with iced tea and water, BYOB. Their address is in the church directory. Call Kris with any questions. Please sign up at the information desk in the Narthex and include what you would like to bring. Have a happy summer!!

Gardening Volunteers Needed. With our increasing new landscaped areas, B&G will need more volunteers to adopt an area. Together, we provide TLC during the growing season. If you or your family are looking for an outdoor activity that includes some light exercise and fresh air, please consider adopting a garden area and then commit to visiting and working that area once per month. Please call Peg Conley or Lowell Wilhite.

PCOC Event, Volunteer, and Mission Sign Up Opportunities

Just scan the QR code to access our sign-up page, locate your event, and sign up!



Two Spots Open on the Habitat for Humanity Crew. If you are interested in helping with our 2023 Habitat for Humanity Faith House Build Day this year, sign up to volunteer on Saturday, June 3 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone 16 or over can volunteer, and we have room for a total of 10 on our PCOC crew. We will meet at the site at 8 a.m., and Rob Bailey will provide the address the week before the event to those signed up. Lunch and water will be provided. Work gloves, work boots, long sleeve shirt, and pants are suggested. Goggles and hardhat will be provided. Sign up online.

New Member Discussion on Sunday, June 11. If you are interested in joining the church, please attend our next New Member Discussion following worship on Sunday, June 11 in Room 15. The discussion will last about an hour and a light lunch will be served. Sign up online or call the church office.

PCOC GALS Event on Tuesday, June 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. Women in the church are invited to join us for “Tempo of Twilight at Lauritzen Gardens” on Tuesday, June 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. The band, New Humans, will perform in the beautiful back garden at Lauritzen Gardens. Bring your own chair, beverage, and a light snack to share. Admission is free to Lauritzen Garden Members or \$15 + tax for nonmembers at the door. Learn more and sign up online!

Volunteer with Completely Kids on Wednesday, June 21. From 4-6 p.m., we will fill summer food bags at Completely Kids and distribute them to families in their programs as they drive up. Join our PCOC volunteer group! We need 10-20 volunteers. Completely Kids is located at 2566 St. Mary’s Avenue. We will meet there shortly before 4 p.m. Learn more and sign up online! Questions? Ask Gayle Kerr-McFadden at gayle@pcoc.us.

Summer Ushers & Greeters Needed. Looking for a way to serve the church? Sign up to usher or greet on a Sunday that works for you! We are looking for ushers June 4 through September 3, and you can sign up online. We have open greeter spots in July and August, and you can sign up online or at the Information Desk.

Young Adult Mission Weekend June 21-25, 2023. Our young adults will be staying at Calvin Crest and venturing out for mission outreach throughout the metro area. Find the full itinerary online.

AllPlay Miracle Baseball League's Volunteers Needed May 6-June 24. You can help make game days great for these special needs kids as they have fun playing baseball. Over 125 volunteers are needed each game day. Volunteer positions include being a player buddy, greeting, serving concessions, announcing the game, serving as umpire, being a mascot, or setting up before/cleaning up after the games. Each shift is 2 hours. Sign up online to help this mission partner!

And Much More. . . Check out these summer children's/youth activities, too!



Hero Hotline VBS

June 13-15 — 9 a.m. to Noon

For ages 4-year-olds through
just completed 5th grade.

Cost is \$10 per child/
max \$20 per family.

Sign up by June 1.



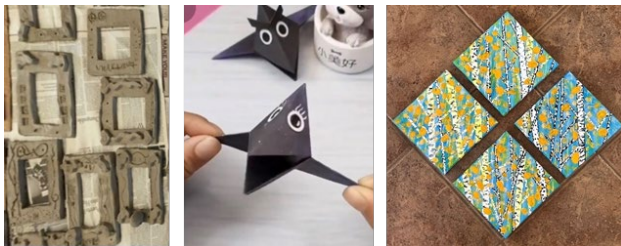
2023 Youth Choir Festival

June 19-25

Rehearsals Mon-Thurs. 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Outreach Tour on Saturday.

Sing in worship on Sunday.



Art Camp with Sue Thomas

July 11-14 — 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Held in the Gathering Space

For children 1st - 5th grade (completed)

Cost is \$25 for materials/child.

**Just scan the QR code to access the
PCOC online sign-up page,
locate your activity, and sign up!**



Gifts and Memorials

Presbyterian Church of the Cross is fortunate to have a long-standing and functional Gift & Memorial program that allows for memorial funds or individual gifts to be designated for specific items, portions of items, or 'Ongoing Giving Opportunities' from the Session approved "Gift and Memorial Items List." The items or missions selected are then recognized in worship, the bulletin, and the Memorial Book, where records have been kept since 1957. The following memorial designations and gifts occurred during the past year. These selections are all appreciated, and each will enhance the life of our congregation in a special way.

Memorial Gifts

In memory of Linda S. Niles, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center addition.
In memory of Eleanor Gould, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center addition.
In memory of Marian Leach, family and friends donated funds for the Angel Christmas Tree for the new Welcome Center.
In memory of Sarah Masters, family and friends donated funds for the Christmas Chrismon Tree for the lobby.
In memory of Robert M. Knightly, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center.
In memory of Michael Long, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center.
In memory of Mary Jane Hansen, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center.
In memory of Gerald Mancuso, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center.
In memory of Neelo Boomgaarden, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center.
In memory of Margaret Lim, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center.
In memory of Lu Ryckman, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center.
In memory of Richard Cotton, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center.
In memory of Jane Bowers, family and friends donated funds for the Hearth Room furnishings and fireplace wall decor.
In memory of R. Lou Harrison, family and friends donated funds for the Quiet room furnishings.
In memory of Joanne Gilmore, family and friends donated funds for an electric roaster.
In memory of Donna Sumner, family and friends donated funds for the recycling project.
In memory of Jacqueline McCartney, family and friends donated funds for the water fountain in the lower corridor.
In memory of Mac McCartney, family and friends donated funds for the north parking lot basketball hoop and balls.
In memory of Dorothy Thompson, family and friends donated funds for 6 table coverings for the Welcome Center.
In memory of Joyce Furney, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center furnishings.

Designated Gifts

An Anonymous Donor has designated funds for the Hearth Room Fireplace.
An Anonymous Donor has designated funds for the aisle ceiling renovations in the Sanctuary.
Organ Vesper Series has designated funds for the six tall tables to be used in the Welcome Center.

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