

Welcome to Worship

May 19, 2024 – The Day of Pentecost 9:00 and 11:10 in the Sanctuary

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

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA arr. Robert James Lamb

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

SILENT MEDITATION

Without the Holy Spirit, God is distant, Christ is merely a historical figure, the gospel is a dead letter, the church is merely an organization, authority is domination, mission is propaganda, worship is an evocation, and Christian action is slave labor. But with the Holy Spirit, the risen Christ is here, the gospel is a life-giving force, the church means communion with the Trinity, authority is a liberating service, mission is like Pentecost, the liturgy is both a commemoration and an anticipation, and human action becomes more godlike.

Ignatius IV, Patriarch of Antioch, 1968

CALL TO WORSHIP based on Acts 2:1-4

All together in one place;

they heard the rush of a violent wind; it filled the entire house.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them;

and they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill us, and empower us for your service!

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE #280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

(*Please stand, if you are able)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us be Christ's church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us usher in your kingdom to come. Amen.

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

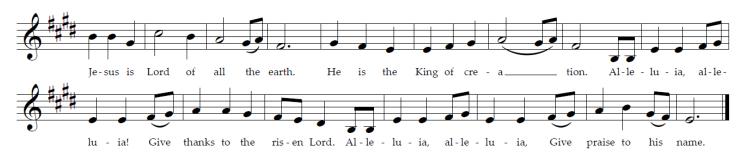


Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks!

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! Givepraise to his name.



WELCOME

During the welcome, children are invited to come forward for a time with Dr. Zieman

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

RECOGNITION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS

Heather Berry

*HYMN #286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

page 704 of the pew Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: 1-21

page 885 of the pew Bible

SERMON

"Braver Than You Feel"

Dr. Zieman

PRAYER

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

arr. Anna Laura Page

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

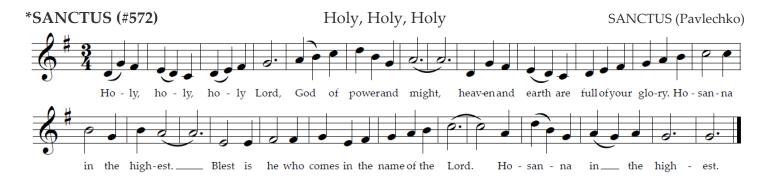
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

"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."



WORDS OF INSTITUTION SERVING OF THE ELEMENTS

Please come forward as directed by an usher. All baptized Christians are encouraged to partake – by taking a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup. Gluten-free bread is at the station closer to the pulpit.

If you are unable to come forward, an elder will serve you in the pew.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

You have given yourself to us, Lord, now we give ourselves for others. You have sent your Holy Spirit and made us a gifted people. As people of Pentecost, we will serve you and proclaim your good news with joy. Your glory has filled our hearts. Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

*HYMN #295 Go to the World! SINE NOMINE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Veni Creator Spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit) Maurice Duruflé

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Liturgist Mary Ott, elder on the Worship & Music Committee

Music Carillon Choir, Larry Frederickson, director; Mark Kanitz, organ

> Zach Metzger Roger Utman Stephen Niles Shanna Mathia Anne Laws Kristin Jacobi Cindy Garner Linda Matson Ann Pearson

Kathy Jerry Charlotte Hubbard Marietta Morhardt Sue Freyer Ginger Petersen-Britt Jane Hawkins Myrna Vasta Mary Lynn Bennett Jayne Frederickson

Mark Kanitz

Childcare Ministry Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher

Elders serving Communion

9:00 Laurie Kerr, Anne Wattles, Kathy Nickel, Adrian Hinz, Mary Ott Jeff Friesen, Cindy Rieke, Alta Empkey, Barb Scanlan, Mary Ott 11:10

Ushers 9:00 Tim Graumann, Captain; Brenda Graumann, Kathy Moore, Jeff Boyum

> 11:10 Josh Murray, Captain; Joe Weaver, Sue Kiel, Arlin Kiel

Greeters 9:00 North Door: Barb Haar-Rightmyer

Welcome Center Door: Dave & Mary Ann Pederson

11:10 North Door: Susan Price

Welcome Center Door: Nancy Anderson:

Information Center 9:00 **Judy Thomas** 11:10 Stephanie Weaver

Coffee Host Carl Greiner

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The Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 19 Pantry Sunday

9:00 Worship with Communion10:00 Coffee Fellowship/CE Reception11:10 Worship with Communion

Monday, May 20

9 & 11 Music and Movement

10:00 Tai Chi

6:30 Board of Deacons Meeting - Courtyard Rm.

6:30 Session Meeting in Room 15

Tuesday, May 21

7:00 Men's Bible Study9:30 Staff Meeting12:00 Safety Committee

1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

2:00 Active Minds

Wednesday, May 22

9:30 OAC Meeting5:30 Chamber Singers7:00 Women's Choir

Thursday, May 23

9 & 11 Music and Movement

10:00 Tai Chi

Sunday, May 26

10:00 Worship - one service only

11:00 Coffee Fellowship

11:00 SHF Mission Trip Parent's Meeting - Rm 15

11:00 JHF Mission Trip Parent's Meeting in

Courtyard Room

Joys & Concerns. The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by the Refugee Committee in honor of Mohammad Ali Family on their one year anniversary in Omaha, and also by Sue Meusey in memory of Joe Meusey, "We miss him every day."

Today is Pantry Sunday. If you forgot to bring your food and hygiene items to church today, you can drop them inside the circle drive doors anytime. Find the list of needed items on the church website.

Local Disaster Relief. If you wish to offer financial support toward disaster relief in our area you may do so by designating on the memo line of your check to PCOC, "PMRV PDA." This week, Rock sent another check for \$855 to our Presbytery office to support local efforts to provide ongoing help. This brings our 2-week total to \$1,545.

Volunteers Needed to Help as Hosts. The PCOC Hosting Team is gearing up for what could be a very busy spring and summer of hosting volunteer groups. We will need many extra hands for specific jobs. We are looking for folks to help with our Set Up Team, Greeters/Tour Guides, Tear Down Team, Laundry Team. If you would like to participate in one or more of these areas, on an "as needed" basis, please contact Sheri Sessions.

Summer Coffee Fellowship Hour. Due to the anticipated summer construction in Fellowship Hall, our Coffee Fellowship

Hour at 11:00 on Sundays will be held in the Welcome Center, beginning next Sunday, May 26. Let's enjoy the Welcome Center together!

Pancakes on June 2! 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 go to help recent tornado relief in our area.

Summer Construction in Fellowship Hall! The summer renovation of the Fellowship Hall is now set to begin in July. We will be getting new lights, new flat screens, and a new ceiling. This project should last through Aug.

Summer Ushers Needed. Looking for a way to serve the church and give our regular ushers a break? Sign up to usher on a summer Sunday that works for you! We are looking for ushers June 2 through September 1.

Active Minds is playing 10-point Pitch for the month of May. On Tuesdays, join us in the Lower-Level Great

Room from 2-4 p.m. This is an easy game to learn, and we have patient teachers available to help. Coordinator: Earlene Uhrig

Pentecost Offering concludes today. As one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. 40% of the amount



PCOC collects will remain with us to support ministries with children and youth in our church and local community. We will officially collect this special offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, but donations may begin now by making your check out to PCOC and indicating Pentecost Offering in the memo line.

Summer Hours. Beginning next Sunday, summer worship is held at 10:00 a.m. only, and there is no Sunday School. On Monday, May 27, the office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. Beginning Tuesday, May 28, our summer office hours are 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

No Bible Studies on Tuesday, May 28. We will resume on June 4 and continue during the summer in our study of the Old Testament book of Joshua. Bring your favorite Bible and join us on Tuesdays in the Welcome Center, either at 7:00 am (men) or at 1:00 pm (everyone).

Sing with the Women's and Men's Choirs—even if you aren't currently a member of choir. Women rehearse on May 15 and 22 at 7:00 p.m. and sing in worship on May 26. Men rehearse on May 29 at 7:00 and June 5 at 5:30 and sing in worship on June 9. Contact Kristi Treu at the church if you have questions.

49ERS on June 4. Our speaker will be Keith Allen, for 35 years a Professor of Psychology at the Munroe Meyer Institute at UNMC He will describe how we can use science to answer questions important to understanding and treating myriad problems of mental and behavioral health, ranging from adult chronic pain, to adolescent risk-taking, childhood autism and toddler potty training. We meet for lunch at 11:30 am at WHEATFIELDS, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place). We order from a special menu provided for our group. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you are 49, younger or older. Come join us. Reservations and/or questions, please contact Mary Ott, or Judy Sundberg. We will have a sign-up sheet at the information center desk in a white 3 ring binder.

Friday Night Gourmet will be held at Kris & Tim Goodman's home on June 7th at 6:30PM. The address is 17206 Fairway Drive, Omaha NE 68136. Brats & burgers and tea & water will be provided. If you have any questions contact Kris and Tim. Please BYOB & a side dish, appetizer, or dessert to share. You can sign up at the Information Desk as to what you will be bringing. See you there or be square.

Art and Music Camp June 11-14 Summer Camp Opportunity for kids finishing 1st through 5th grade. It's Back! 2024 Art Camp and new this summer, announcing 2024 Music Camp! Sign up online and different tracks are available.

Vacation Bible School July 9-11 Meet Lu (short for Lumen) the lightning bug! Lu will teach us ways we can put our trust in God when we are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work and to share the Good News of God's love through Jesus Christ. Find more information and register online.

New Member Discussion on Sunday, July 21. If you are interested in joining the church, please attend our next New Member Discussion following worship on Sunday, July 21 in the Welcome Center. The discussion will last about an hour and a light lunch will be served. Sign up online or call the church office.

Coming Summer Fun!

Sing with the Women's and Men's Choirs



You may still join even if you aren't currently a member of choir! Women rehearse on May 22 at 7:00 p.m. and sing in worship on May 26. Men rehearse on May 29 at 7:00 and June 5 at 5:30 and sing in worship on June 9. Contact Kristi Treu at the church if you have questions.

The Pancake Man on Sunday, June 2

The Pancake Man will be here to serve us on June 2 following worship. The cost is \$5.00 per person or maximum of \$20.00 per family. This event features entertainment provided by Anne Nagosky's young violinists!



Campa Campa Political Summer Camp Political

Vacation Bible School, July 9 – 11 9 a.m. to Noon, 4 yrs. to 5th grade (completed)

Join us for a summer camp adventure with God! Lu (the lightning bug) will teach us ways we can put our trust in God when we are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work. Contact Heather for more information. Register Online Now!

Art and Music Camp June 11-14, Sue Thomas, instructor

Summer Camp Opportunity for kids finishing 1st through 5th grade

CHOOSE YOUR TRACK

TRACK 1 **Art Camp** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space \$25 for materials. Back by popular demand: Tie Dye, Clay, Canvases, and Watercolors New this year: Mosaic, Airplanes, and Shrink Art



TRACK 2 **Music Camp** from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. NO COST. Singing, Bucket Drums, Folk Dancing Jayne Frederickson, Mary Lynn Bennett, and Kristi Treu, Instructors

TRACK 3: **Art Camp AND Music Camp** (with lunch from 12:00 – 12:30)

Sign up to participate or volunteer to help. Questions: contact Sue Thomas at satnebraska@gmail.com or Kristi Treu at kristi@pcoc.us.



Young Adult Mission Trip June 19 – 23

Our young adults will gather at Camp Calvin Crest in Fremont again this summer. The format will be like previous years, where their home base is at Calvin Crest, and they will provide service to mission partners in Fremont and Omaha during the day. They are scheduled to serve dinner at Siena Francis, work at No More Empty Pots, Care Corps Life House, and Habitat for Humanity. There will be lots of time for fun and fellowship as well. Contact Heather for more information. Register Online Now!

Thank you to our Christian Education volunteers!
We had over 100 individuals volunteer for this year's CE programs...

Adult Education

Keith Allen Brentleigh Bowen Carl Greiner Charlene Meyer Kathy Moore Patty Ritchie Kirk Ryckman Cindy Sloan Earlene Uhrig

Marshall Zieman

Lenten Study Leaders

Dennis & Amy Boesen Ardys Hansum John & Karen Morey Stephen Niles Patty Ritchie Sandi Stuckey Anna & Rock Sumner Earlene Uhrig

Children & Youth Education

Holly Baddley

Brentleigh Bowen Beth Broderick Jeff Boyum Sheri Cunningham Anna Flairty Carla Fritz Sarah Grady Jane Hawkins Sally Hansen Angela Holdren **Emily Justice** Dan Kerr Laurie Kerr Margaret Knight Jenny & Ryan Koch Lisa Luke

Beth Maxwell
Quinn McGuire
Emily Murray
Kathy Nickel
Jill Rath
Cindy Rieke
Ashley Sherlock
Kimberly Spencer
Amanda Stalnaker
Barb Stuedemann
Sue Thomas
Victoria Tot
Kara Versaw
Kathryn Vint

CE Committee

Jeff Boyum

Jeremy Cunningham Brad & Dawn Gibson Tammy Holdren Laurie Kerr Margaret Knight Cindy Rieke Jeanette Searson Kathryn Vint

Confirmation Mentors

Jon Boomgaarden Kathy Nickel

Youth Leaders

Ethan Bennett David Berry Jeremy Cunningham Julie Evers Jon Fritz Brad & Dawn Gibson Susan Price Ashley Sherlock

Advent Workshop

John Stalnaker

Ethan Bennett

David Berry
Jerry & Renee Cornett
Carla Fritz
Brad & Dawn Gibson
Gayle Hoybook
Susan Price
Cindy Rieke
Ashley Sherlock
Sandi Stuckey
Staci Voss
Junior & Senior High Youth

Easter Egg Hunt

Junior & Senior High Youth & Leaders

VBS

Lauren Ballou
Carol Barnes
Andrew Berry
Kylie Berry
Amy Boesen
Brentleigh Bowen
Sierra Cunningham
Brooklynn Evers
Cadence Fritz
Daley Gibson
Sue Gollehon
Brenda Graumann
Barbara Haar-Rightmyer
Jane Hawkins
Angela Holdren

Kevin Kerr Veronica Kerr Gayle Kerr-McFadden Don Metzger Karen Metzger Kathy Nickel Margaret Knight Lisa Luke Ann Pearson Mary Ann Pederson Cindy Rieke Karen Saunders Ashley Sherlock **Sheri Sessions Sharon Sievers** Brynn Stalnaker Anna Sumner Rock Sumner **Sue Thomas** Kara Versaw Kathryn Vint Garrett Voss Eileen Wright Becky Zieman Marshall Zieman

Children's Worship Kits

Charlotte Hubbard Sandi Stuckey

Library Committee

Judy Arms Jeremy Cunningham Ardys Hansum Stephen Niles Ann Pearson Kathryn Vint

Trunk or Treat

Junior & Senior High Youth & Leaders

Children's Christmas Pageant

Mary Lynn Bennett Anna Flairty Jayne Frederickson Rock Sumner Sue Thomas Kristi Treu Junior & Senior High Youth Children of PCOC

