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Day of Pentecost - June 4th

Pentecost was a major Jewish festival held fifty days after the second day of Passover. For Christians it is a festival celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter.

Acts 2:1-21 (NIV) The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Trinity Sunday - June 11th

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost Sunday and on this day we commemorate and celebrate God who is three in one: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

"And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance. For the Father is one person, the Son is another and the Holy Spirit is another. But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal."

Excerpt from The Creed of Athanasius



Experience the burning of your hearts as you meditate on the scripture readings for this month!

Worship Texts for June

| Date | 1st Reading | Psalm | 2nd Reading | Gospel | |
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| June 4 | Day of Pentecost | Numbers 11:24-30 | Psalm 25:1-15 | Acts 2:1-21 | John 7:37-39 |
| June 11 | Holy Trinity Sunday | Genesis 1:1-2:4a | Psalm 8 | Acts 2:14a, 22-36 | Matthew 28:16-20 |
| June 18 | Second Sunday after Pentecost | Exodus 19:2-8a | Psalm 100 | Romans 5:6-15 | Matt. 9:35-10:8(9-20) |
| June 25 | Third Sunday after Pentecost | Jeremiah 20:7-13 | Psalm 91:1-10 (11-16) | Romans 6:12-23 | Matthew 10:5a, 21-33 |

A Promise Fulfilled!

On the Day of Ascension, Jesus spoke these words – “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”, Acts 1:8. Jesus made a promise and with all of His promises we know they come true. This month we read in Acts 2 that the Holy Spirit was given on Pentecost – Hallelujah! My second reaction is - Oh my!

The promise of the Holy Spirit has been fulfilled. Looks like the ball is in our court now – with the power we have received there needs to be a response from us, “be my witnesses”.

Let's consider a couple questions: If Jesus is *real* in your life, how do you share the difference Jesus has made in your life? How do you explain why you do things differently and say things differently than other people? If Jesus is Lord of your life, how do you explain to others that God, through Jesus, wants Him to be the Lord of their lives too?

When we gather for worship, participate in a Bible study, pray together and alone, we can assist each other in finding the answers to these questions. There is a book, *Joining Jesus on His Mission*, by Greg Finke that is a wonderful resource for your personal reading or as a book study. The title alone tells us that we are not being asked to “go for” Jesus but to accompany Him on the work he is already doing in our neighborhoods. God is preparing those around us so now the question is how are we responding; are our eyes open to what is going on, are we having conversations and interacting with others, what about building relationships of trust? Jesus enjoyed being with people and never seemed to be in a hurry. We have the Gospels with many examples of how Jesus interacted with others – be an imitator!

“Joining Jesus on His Mission” by Greg Finke, www.dwelling114.org



For the fifth year we are preparing to sponsor the “Prayer Spot” at the Park Strip on the 4th of July. As in the past we will give children a “pencil” booklet containing a Bible story, and a pencil. There will be free New Testaments and most importantly the option to write a prayer request to place on the prayer board and/or a personal prayer with one of our helpers. Over the past 4 years the number of prayer requests received has gradually risen. When you read the prayer requests that have been written your heart cries – not only in sadness but also in joy!

The name of our church does not appear on any of the items given away as this is a “community” prayer spot with volunteers from various churches. If you would like to be part of this inspiring and much needed opportunity to get the name of Jesus into the community, contact us at wol.lutherans@gmail.com.

Oh yes, we also distribute yellow paper plate holders (which just happen to transform into Frisbees) inscribed with a flag and the words “Praying for America”.

Word of Life Core Values

- ***Jesus is Lord.***
- ***Jesus is our guide.***
- ***Forgiveness of sin leads to healing.***
- ***Prayer changes things.***
- ***Faith is God's gracious gift that saves.***



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SHARING A MEAL

Acts 2 speaks of the believers sharing meals and fellowship - join us for a **POTLUCK** meal on **June 4th at 5:00pm** followed by:

Worship with Communion
at 6:00 pm