

# Day of Pentecost

## The Holy Spirit Breaks Barriers

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### As We Gather:

Seven weeks after Jesus' resurrection, there was an important Jewish festival called Pentecost (also called the "Feast of Weeks"). Pentecost fell on the first part of the wheat harvest. On that day the Israelites gave grain offerings and other sacrifices to the Lord. They also celebrated the anniversary of when God gave the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Old Testament commanded that on the day of Pentecost, every Jew who was able to, should gather at the Tabernacle or Temple. (See Leviticus 23:15-21, Numbers 28:26-31, and Deuteronomy 16:9-12.)

On that first Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection, Jews from many different nations arrived in Jerusalem to celebrate. On that day, the Holy Spirit came like a mighty wind and tongues of fire. The Holy Spirit gave to courage and the gift of "tongues" to the followers of Jesus. They were able to miraculously speak in different languages, proclaiming salvation through faith in Jesus. As a result, the Holy Spirit awakened faith in 3,000 people (Acts 2:1-21).

The Holy Spirit continues to work today through us who follow Jesus. Through our words and actions, the Holy Spirit wants to touch the hearts of other people to bring them to faith in Jesus. It doesn't matter what language they speak or what culture they come from. On this Day of Pentecost, we pray that our words and our actions may lead others to Jesus!

### The Symbol of the Dove

Please note that the Holy Spirit is not actually a dove. When Jesus was baptized, the Spirit appeared in a **form** similar to a dove, and for this reason the dove is often used as a **symbol** of the Holy Spirit. However, the Holy Spirit is God himself, not just a bird.

### Prelude

### Words of Welcome

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### Sharing God's Peace with One Another

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you" as a sign of our unity and reconciliation in the Holy Spirit. As we are forgiven by God, so we forgive each other. (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3)

**Hymn: O Sing to the Lord**

(Lutheran Service Book 808)

1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the  
2 For God is the Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the  
3 So dance for our God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our  
4 O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spir-it. O shout to our  
5 For Je-sus is Lord! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! For Je-sus is

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God has done won-ders. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.  
blow all the trum-pets. And sing to our God, And sing to our God.  
gave us the Spir-it. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.  
men! Al-le-lu-ia! O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

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## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Prayer of Confession

- P** We begin our worship by confessing our sins and failures before the Lord, because he loves us and forgives us!
- A** **Heavenly Father, each day your Holy Spirit calls us to live a life dedicated to you, full of faith and love. However, we have often failed to do that. Very often we have grieved the Spirit by the things we have done or said or thought. Forgive us, Father, for Jesus' sake. Fill us with your Spirit so that we can live differently and follow you more closely. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

- P** The Word of God, which is the “Sword of the Spirit”, assures us that Jesus Christ died for all of our wrongdoing and that he rose from the dead in victory. The Holy Spirit calls us to trust in Jesus, and through him receive forgiveness and strength to change the way we live. Because of this, I can say with full assurance to all of you who have faith in Jesus, that your sins are completely forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Responsive Reading

- P** Seven weeks after Jesus rose from the dead,  
**C The disciples were gathered together.**  
**P** At that moment the Holy Spirit came down with power,  
**C With the sound of a rushing wind and little flames of fire.**  
**P** The Spirit gave the disciples the ability to speak in different languages.  
**C They spoke to everyone about salvation through faith in Jesus.**  
**P** Just as you came to the disciples,  
**C Come, Holy Spirit, to us as well.**  
**P** Lord, you know that we are weak.  
**C Come, Holy Spirit, and strengthen our faith.**  
**P** Lord, we want to tell of your salvation.  
**C Come, Holy Spirit, and give us the words we need.**  
**P** Lord, we want to understand more of your Word.  
**C Come, Holy Spirit, and enlighten our minds and hearts.**  
**P** Lord, we want to do your will.  
**C Come, Holy Spirit, and guide us.**  
**P** Lord, fill us with your love.  
**C Come, Holy Spirit, and make us one in Jesus’ name.**  
**P** God has not given us a spirit of fear,  
**C But a Spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1:7)**

## Hymn of Praise: Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

LSB 805

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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## Hymn: Holy Spirit, Light Divine

Lutheran Service Book 496

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;  
2 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;  
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;  
Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.  
Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.  
In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.  
Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.  
Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

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## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Holy Spirit, fill our lives today. Guide our hearts and minds so that we follow your Word. Wherever we go, in whatever part of the world, help us to speak the truth of Jesus and to show his love by the way that we live. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 11:1-9

*(The different human languages are a consequence of human disobedience.)*

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. 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. 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, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.**C** **Thanks be to God.****New Testament Reading**

Acts 2:1-21

*(The Holy Spirit breaks the language barrier, giving the disciples the ability to proclaim Christ in every tongue.)*

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. *(In different languages, people say: "Christ is risen!")*

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:

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Special Music: Pentecost** (Bryan Perdue)

1. *To Jerusalem you sent us, and there we will remain.  
Your Father's gift blessed in His love filled our hearts again.  
Then a heavenly breath sent from above Came and set our tongues afire.  
We spoke the words God gave us.  
Our flames kept burning higher – on this pyre!*

*Bridge: Hear the words sent to us as we sing His songs of praise.  
His Spirit lights our fire and shows the way!  
Your sons and your daughters see new visions in the sky.  
Old men will dream their dreams and prophesy.*

2. *Wonders seen from on high and signs on earth below.  
The sun, now dark, will fill the day, and the moon's red blood will show.  
His Spirit in our hearts will stay Before my Lord comes down.  
On that great and glorious day,  
All who call upon His Word... will be found. (Bridge)*

3. *Baptized his heirs, His Spirit freed. In peace His Church began.  
Their hearts were glad and their tongues rejoiced. They live within the Lamb.  
And so they go into the world, His witness and His voice.  
Throughout this land to earth's own end,  
Calling all to hear His Word – and they heard! (Bridge)*

Stand

**Alleluia** (Melody: Unser Herrscher LSB 901)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior, open now your saving Word.  
Let it burn like fire within us. Speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing, for the good news that you bring.

### Reading from the Holy Gospel

John 14:23-31

*(The Holy Spirit will teach us about what Jesus said and did.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here."

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

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

## **Children's Song: Holy Spirit, I Need You to Fill Me**

Holy Spirit, I need you to fill me,  
So that I can let Jesus' light shine.  
Holy Spirit, come fill me with courage,  
Let them see my Lord in all that I do.  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of Kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

## **Children's Message**

### **Hymn: Shine, Jesus, Shine**

Make a Joyful Sound (white booklet) p. 48

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining.  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us.  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze. Set our hearts on fire!  
Glow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
From the darkness into your radiance.  
By the blood I may enter your brightness.  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)
3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)

## **Sermon**

Stand



## Apostles' Creed

- A 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.**

Sit

### Offering

The Bible says, "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income." (1 Corinthians 16:2a, NIV) Our offerings are part of our worship, part of our response to God's love.

### Offering Options

You can contribute offerings using any of the following methods:

**In-Person donations:** You can place your donation in the offering plate as it is passed during the service.

**On-line Banking donations:** You can utilize the on-line bill pay option at your financial institution to donate to Ascension Lutheran Church, 6520 Loma de Cristo, El Paso, TX 79912.

**Mail donations:** Mail your check to the church office: Ascension Lutheran Church, 6520 Loma de Cristo, El Paso, TX 79912. The mail is checked daily.

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**Choir Anthem during the Offering: Oh Breath of Life** (Pepper Choplin)

1. *Oh breath of life, come sweeping through,  
Revive your church with life and power.  
Oh breath of life, come cleanse, renew,  
Prepare our lives to meet this hour.*
2. *Oh breath of love, come breathe within,  
Renewing mind and will and heart.  
Come, love of Christ, teach us to love.  
Revive your church in every part.*
3. *Revive! Revive! Revive! Oh wind of God, move through your church,  
Come bend and break us to your will.  
Then by your tenderness remold,  
That as you break us, come remake us, remake us as your own.*
4. *Oh heart of Christ, broken for us,  
In you we find our strength and rest.  
Receive our hearts, broken and weak,  
And let your waiting church be blest.*

5. *Revive us, Lord! Why are we still  
While harvest fields are vast and white?  
Revive us, Lord! The world awaits.  
Raise up your church to spread the light!  
Oh breath of life, oh breath of life,  
Oh breath of love, oh breath of love,  
Oh wind of God, breathe within our hearts.*

Stand

### Offering Prayer

- A** Heavenly Father, fill us anew with your Holy Spirit, and help us to live for you. Bless these offerings and use them to bring others to faith and to help those in need. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Offertory: We Are One in the Spirit

1. We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. (Refrain)

### Prayer of the Church

- P** The Bible declares that the Holy Spirit helps us to pray (Romans 8:26). Even when we don't have the right words, the Spirit knows what is in our hearts. God invites us to lay our concerns before him. For that reason, we pray without fear and without worrying about whether our words are eloquent.
- C** **Come, Holy Spirit, and help us to pray.**
- P** Lord God, thank you for loving and forgiving us in spite of all the mistakes we make in this life. Strengthen our faith and help us to live for you. Lord, in your mercy:
- C** **Come, Holy Spirit, and help us.**

**P** Almighty God, thank you for the freedom we enjoy in this country! Please extend peace and justice to every part of the world, particularly where there is conflict, as in Israel and Gaza. Protect and encourage our Christian brothers and sisters who suffer persecution for their faith. Lord, in your mercy:

**C Come, Holy Spirit, and bring peace.**

**P** Heavenly Father, thank you for our families. We ask for your blessing and guidance in our homes. Help us to show your love to those who are closest to us. Lord, in your mercy:

**C Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with your love.**

**P** Lord Jesus, we ask that you take special care of your church throughout the world. Help us to be faithful and share your salvation with those who do not yet believe in you. Lord, in your mercy:

**C Come, Holy Spirit, and build up the church.**

**P** Holy Spirit, have compassion on us as we struggle in this world full of problems. Heal those who are sick. Comfort those whose hearts are broken or who have had to say goodbye to a loved one. Grant peace and help to those of us who are facing problems at home, at work, at school, or any other place. Help especially our friends and family members on our prayer list. Lord, in your mercy:

**C Come, Holy Spirit, and grant us your comfort and help.**

**P** We thank you, Lord, because we know you hear all of our concerns, even those which are in our hearts which we have not spoken aloud. We thank you and praise you forever! In Jesus' name.

**C Amen.**

### **Sung Prayer: Spirit Divine, Accept Our Prayers**

1. Spirit divine, accept our prayers, and make this house your home.  
Descend with all your gracious powers. Oh come, great Spirit, come!
2. Come as the light; to us reveal our emptiness and woe.  
And lead us in those paths of life where all the righteous go.
3. Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame.  
Let our whole soul an offering be to our Redeemer's Name.
4. Come as the dove, and spread your wings, the wings of peaceful love.  
And let your Church on earth become blest as the Church above.
5. Spirit divine, accept our prayers. Make a lost world your home.  
Descend with all your gracious powers. Oh come, great Spirit, come!

## Lord's Prayer

- A** 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.

## Closing Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
- C** Holy Spirit, thank you for being with me. Strengthen my faith and help me to share Jesus' love in everything I do. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Benediction

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. (1 Corinthians 13:14)
- C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

(LSB 650)

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's

realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing  
ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing  
min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,

O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,  
Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,  
Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,

ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,  
ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we  
ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -

life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.  
praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.  
mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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## **Worship Leaders**

Pastor:	Rev. Richard Schlak
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Reader:	Bryan Perdue
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## **Prayer Ministry      Philippians 4:6-7**

Please call the church office @ 915-833-1009 to include a prayer request or update for the bulletin. If you have a prayer request or update for the prayer chain, please e-mail Jan Schlak at [oveja6925@aol.com](mailto:oveja6925@aol.com).

### **Grieving the Loss of Loved Ones:**

We pray for all those who may be grieving or mourning the loss of loved ones, especially remember these who loss is most recent:

**Richard Neal;** please pray for peace for his wife, **Martha,** & all of his family and friends.

**Pastor Howard Patten;** Please continue to pray for peace, comfort, & strength for **Marilyn Patten** and all of Pastor's family as they cope with his passing. A memorial service will be held for him at Zion Lutheran Church on the 13<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 3 pm.

### **Illness and Recovery:**

**Elizabeth Hinson,** Mary Lou Provencio's daughter, recently discovered a thyroid nodule (please pray for good test results, that it's not malignant, & for effective treatment);

**Gilbert Provencio,** Mary Lou's husband, has not improved since the shunt placement, (pray for the neurologist treating him to be able to increase the cerebrospinal fluid to improve his walking gait & balance); **Dave Behl,** Steve Behl's brother, recently declined after heart surgery & is now in ICU in critical condition, (please pray for proper diagnosis & remedy for the other health issues), **Mary Iwen Hansen,** former Ascension member, (pray for good test results & effective treatment for heart issues related to a severely dilated aorta); **Gretchen Schmalz,** outpatient surgery to remove a tumor in her bladder, (pray for recovery & good pathology report); **Diana Holguin,** out of the hospital & now in rehabilitation, (pray for healing & comfort for her & her husband, **Tito**); **Dorothy Lenz,** will be undergoing a thyroid scan (pray for a correct diagnosis & effective treatment); **Ruth Ann Ostergren,** Ascension's music director (pray for a successful recovery from stent procedure; **Jennifer Solich,** past Ascension administrative assistant, diagnosed with a brain tumor, (please pray for successful treatment & strength to tolerate the medication); **Barbara Lewis** (pray for complete recovery from surgery); **Kirstin Hervin,** daughter of Mike & Christy Mielke, (experiencing a recurrence of lupus affecting her kidneys & will be having injections; please pray that the treatment is effective with no side effects); **Jessica Moran,** daughter of Jeanne and granddaughter of Jan Schlak, (Jess' pregnancy has improved & the baby is not experiencing growth restriction; please pray for continued growth for the baby & a full-term delivery in August); **Sophia,** the former caregiver to Concepcion Arellanes, mother of Lorena Rodriguez, our church custodian (Sophia has terminal cancer, prayers for peace & comfort); **Melissa Reddick,** friend of Barbara Lewis (for thanksgiving that brain cancer is gone & continue to pray for



complete recovery); **Maritza Leon**, Maritza Schlak's mother (for continued recovery from surgery & successful rehabilitation at home); **Mark Pfeifer**, nephew of Vicki Pfeifer, (for healing & that he be able to leave the hospital); **Deb Sullivan & her brother, Anthony** (for guidance & strength in handling parents' estate as they mourn); **Diana and sister Dayna**, students where Maritza Schlak teaches, orphaned & living with their aunt (for protection & comfort in their loss); **Maddy**, student where Mari teaches (for safety from gang violence); **Andy Barber** (for pain relief radiating from neck to hands); **Gloria Voge** (for successful leg therapy & healing from spine fracture); **Aubrey McDermett** (for 15-year-old with MS in hospital due to stroke); **Barb Spott** (for no further medical issues & for relief from vertigo); **Abigail Kailukatis**, friend of Jan Schlak's daughter Elizabeth (for effective treatment); **David Kwiatkowski**, friend of Connie Swinney (recovery & treatment for brain cancer); **Brian Stickney** (continuing health issues); **Rebekah Livesay** (for healing and correct diagnosis); **Dick Seiders**, Ron Seiders' father (continued cancer recovery); **Mary Spott**, Barb Spott's niece, Keighley Spott's mother, (heart related issues); **Ann Perdue** (relief from osteoarthritis); **Patty Jones**, Martha Neal's sister (stage 4 breast cancer); **Robert & Karin Gaudet**, (restoring relationships); **Sean Sweeney**, (brain tumor); **Laurie Sterling**, (colon cancer); **Bruce Walker**, (being treated for Parkinson's); **Coby Clark and family**, (continued cancer recovery); **Ryan Walker**, (cancer is in remission); **Mariella Kraus**, (cancer); **Bob Gallagher** (grateful no cancer was found, but he is still fragile with many health issues); **Kathy Kiphart, John Weiske, Linda Seiders**.

### **Praise and Thanksgiving:**

**Jennifer De La Cruz**, Pastor & Maritza Schlak's daughter, (praise to God for the successful delivery of a healthy baby girl, **Liliana Rae**; thanksgiving for all the prayers, & overjoyed that mother, father, & baby are all doing well); **Kalysta Greene**, granddaughter of Tito & Diana Holguin, (grateful for her return home & that she is doing well); **Carlos Munoz**, neighbor of David DeMartelaere, (thanksgiving for successful diagnosis of no brain tumor & effective treatment of his brain bleed); **Dick Seiders**, father of Ron Seiders (thanksgiving for continued recovery after hip surgery); **Sherri Pfeifer Wilson**, niece of Vicki Pfeifer (completed chemotherapy radiation treatment for cancer & is doing well, thanks be to God); **Jaques Reulet**, the father of Yves Reulet, Pastor Rick & Maritza's son-in-law's father (thanks that he is home & doing well).

### **Special Prayer Requests:**

**Jacob Meraz** is asking that we would pray for the San Pablo youth group's fundraisers' success. Also, pray for the financial help that will provide for the needs of both Ascension & San Pablo youth groups planning to go to the LCMS Endure Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Please pray for the spiritual well-being and safety of all participants involved.

## **Ascension News and Notes**

**Flowers for today's service are provided by  
Mike & Charlene Radach  
in celebration of their anniversary.**



**BOTH SETS OF FLOWERS ARE \$60.00.**

**NOTE: CONSIDER SHARING THE COST WITH  
SOMEONE ELSE. THEN YOU EACH PAY \$30.00**

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR CHECK IN THE OFFER-  
ING PLATE OR DROP IT OFF IN THE CHURCH  
OFFICE.**



**09 June — Heidi Faugstad**

**11 June — Fallon Willadsen**

**12 June — June Chacon**

**12 June — Gage Fredericksen**



**10 June — Mike & Charlene Radach**

**12 June — Daren & Kelley Walker**

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH



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2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 16-19  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

FOR CHILDREN  
3 - 12 YEARS OLD

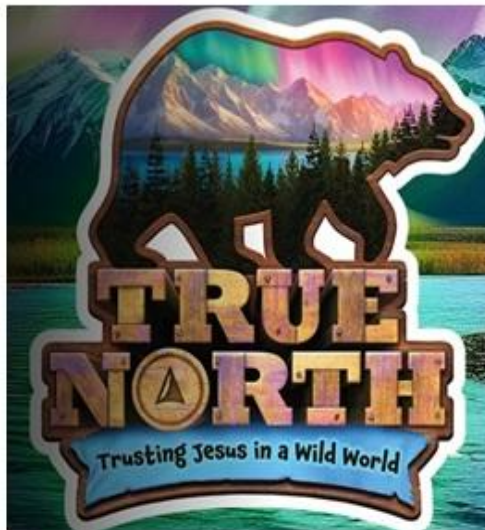
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS  
FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH

REGISTER ONLINE:  
<https://alconnect.faith/events/vbs/>

Ascension Lutheran Church, 6520 Loma de Cristo, El Paso, TX 79912 (915)833-1009

QR Code will lead to  
registration form:





## **ATTENTION all VBS volunteers!**

**June 14th** — 9 AM, all VBS volunteers are needed for VBS setup for the fellowship hall (includes all the individual stations).

**June 15th** — Immediately after the service, all VBS volunteers are needed for VBS setup in the sanctuary.

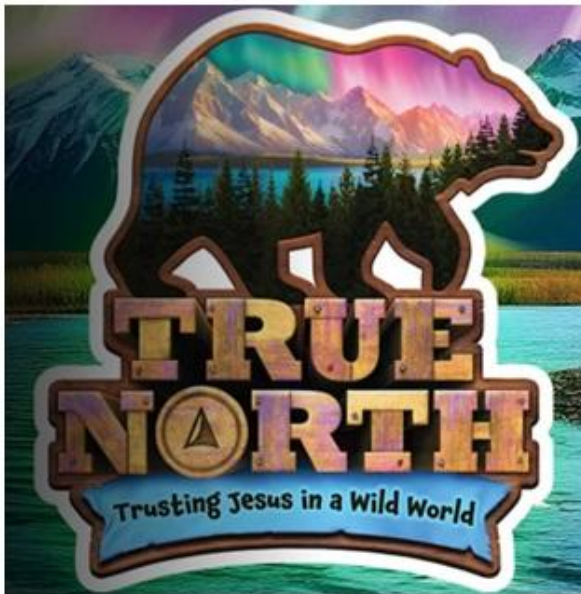


# VBS 2025

June 16th-19<sup>th</sup>

9 am to 12 pm

## Help Needed



VBS Volunteers  
Needed

VBS Volunteer  
Sign-Up Sheet  
is on the  
A-Frame Board at the  
front entrance

Your help is appreciated with the  
donation of your time, making  
snacks, and/or supplies.

# LADIES NIGHT OUT

## Attention!! All Ladies of Ascension

There will be **No "Ladies Night Out" in June** due to it falling during VBS week.

## It will resume again in July.

All ladies of Ascension are welcome.

Once a month on the 3rd Wednesday @ 6:00 PM we meet at a restaurant and enjoy food and fellowship. (Dutch treat)

For information call Robin Wiegert at (915) 581-5566  
I hope you can join us.



*Ladies Night Out*

# LCMS Youth Gathering

ENDURE

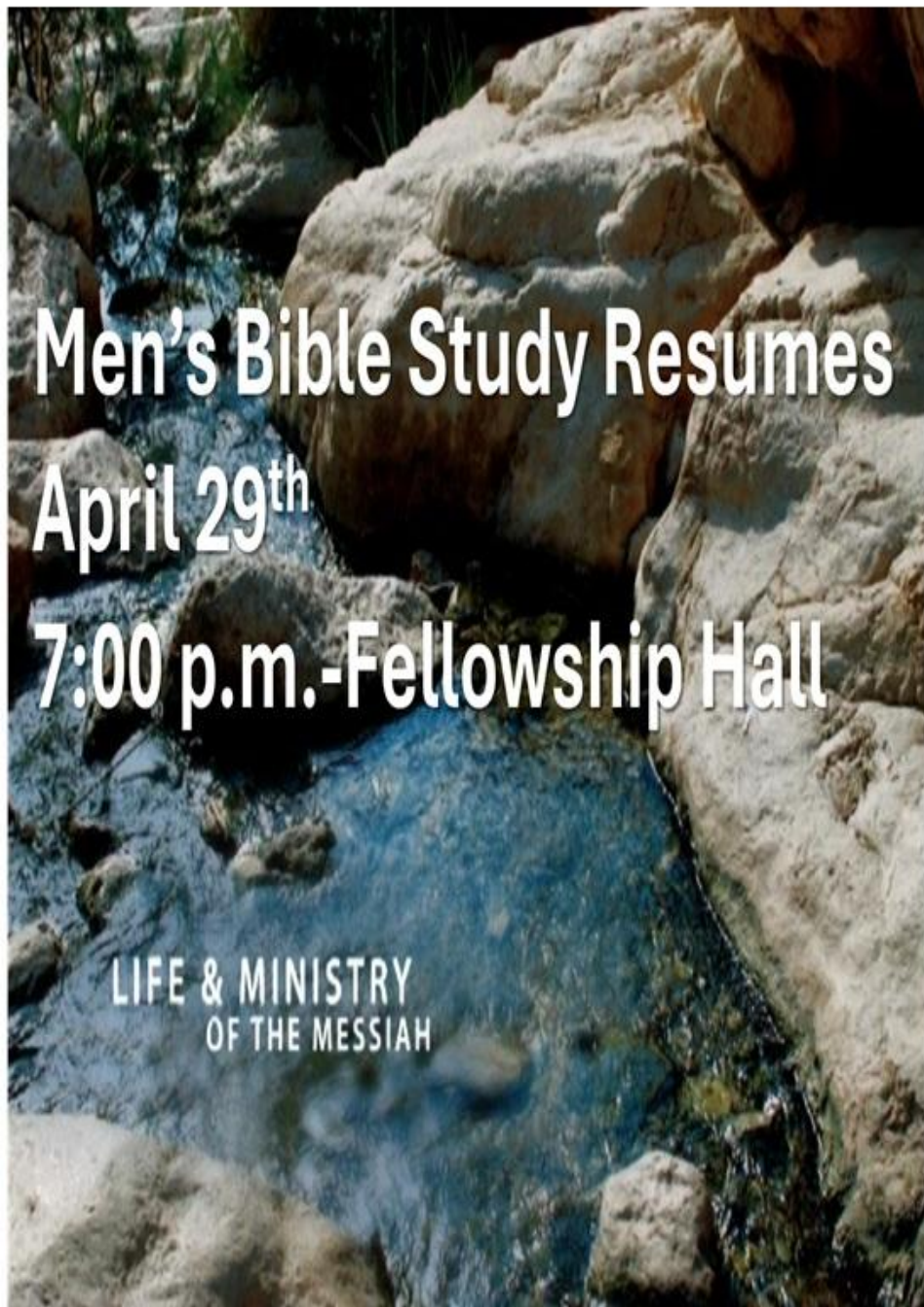
July 19-23, 2025; New Orleans, LA



- Youth Gatherings celebrate the meaning of Christian joy in all of life's situations, including transitions and crisis.
- Youth Gatherings recognize and affirm the diversity of God's people.
- Participants **ENDURE** faithfully no matter what they encounter
- Participants cling to and share the good news of God's faithfulness in Christ that **ENDURES forever**

**There is a coordinative meeting  
immediately after church,  
TODAY, June 8<sup>th</sup>.**





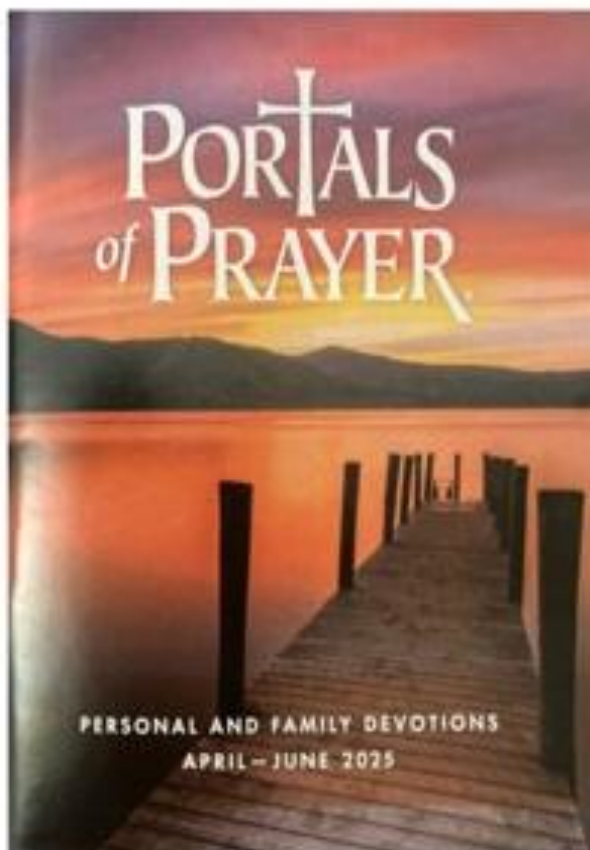
**Men's Bible Study Resumes**

**April 29<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 p.m.-Fellowship Hall**

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## **This Week @ Ascension**



### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

#### **Sunday (June 8)**

9:00 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Study  
10:00 AM Fellowship  
10:30 AM Worship

#### **Pentecost Sunday**

Immediately after church: Administrative Coordinated Meeting for  
LCMS National Gathering in New Orleans "Endure"  
(19-23 July 2025)

#### **Monday (June 9)**

Church Office Closed

#### **Preschool Summer Camp (Week 2)**

#### **Tuesday (June 10)**

3:30 PM Worship Action Team Meeting (S)  
6:30 PM Boy Scouts (L)  
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study (FH)

#### **Wednesday (June 11)**

11:00 AM Sit and Sew (FH)

#### **Thursday (June 12)**

6:30 PM Choir Practice (S)

#### **Friday (June 13)**

12:00 PM Howard Patten's Memorial Service at Zion Lutheran Church  
to 3 PM

#### **Saturday (June 14)**

9:00 AM VBS Set-up in the Fellowship Hall

