DAY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025 10:15 AM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP SETTING TEN



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God's purpose for St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church: Live by His Word and spread His Word.

PRELUDE: Choir "Holy Spirit, Come and Fill Us" by Joseph M. Martin

INTRODUCTION

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- P Most merciful God,
- We confess that we are 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.
- C Amen.

P God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

Please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ELW 399 "O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"

GREETING

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen

Please be seated.

WORD

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

A The first reading is from the book of Acts, chapter 2. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven

living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ 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, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

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.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood.

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104

Please pray together Psalm 104 responsively.

²⁴ How manifold are your ^I works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full I of your creatures.

 25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man-^I v to number,

living things both | small and great.

²⁶ There go the ships ^I to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the I sport of it.

²⁷ All of them I look to you

to give them their food I in due season.

28 You give it to them; they I gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled I with good things.

When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they ^I are created; and so you renew the face | of the earth.

³¹ May the glory of the LORD en- I dure forever; O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.

³² You look at the earth I and it trembles; you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³ I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁴ May these words of ^I mine please God. I will rejoice I in the LORD.

^{35b} Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hal- | lelujah!

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

A The second reading is from the book of Romans chapter 8. Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Spoken on Wednesday, sung on Sunday.)

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





Let it burn like fire with -in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Gospel: John 14:8-17 [25-27]

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord!

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

⁸ Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ 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'? ¹⁰ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ 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.

[²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ 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."]

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW 752 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" Choir will sing the first 2 verses, congregation join in the singing for the last 2 verses.

NICENE CREED

A We confess our faith together with the words of the Nicene Creed.

C 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary

and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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 INTERCESSION

- A God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
- P ... Hear us O God,
- C your mercy is great.
- P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
- C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

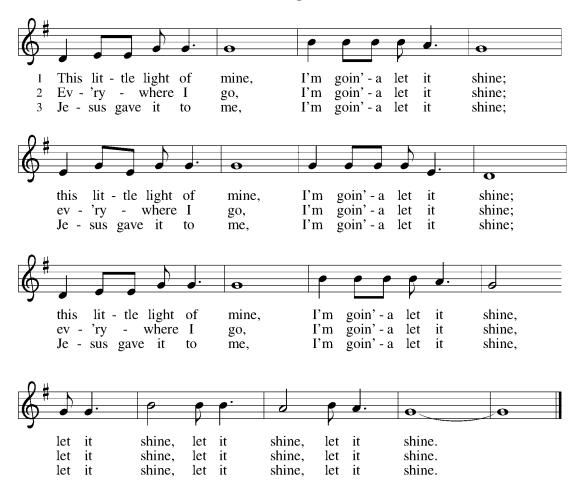
C And also with you.

People may greet one another with a sign of Christ's Peace.

OFFERING-Please be seated as the Usher's collect today's offering. Stand when the first verse of the Canticle begins.

OFFERTORY CANTICLE-

This Little Light of Mine



Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C Amen

MEAL

DIALOGUE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

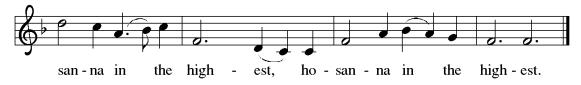
SANCTUS





heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(SPOKEN IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY)

A Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

C 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,

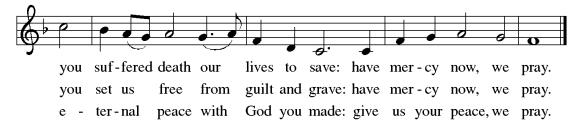
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

LAMB OF GOD





Please be seated

COMMUNION– Please move forward for *communion forming 2 lines down the center isle. Receive the host, then move left or right accordingly to receive the wine. (A grape juice option is on the table, not in the trays).

- P The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
- C Amen.

After all have communed, please stand.

- **P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
- C Amen.

ANNOINTING

Please remain seated. If you would like to be anointed with oil and prayer please come forward to Pastor Whitesel. After the last person is anointed, we will stand, continue with the blessing and sing our closing hymn.

SENDING

BLESSING

P The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign,

→ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: ELW 400 "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia

POSTLUDE:

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WE WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS who have come to worship with us! The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices Eucharistic hospitality; all baptized persons are invited to the Lord's table. As a sign of the unity the sacrament gives us, we all share the same elements. If you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, be assured that in a single element you receive the Real Presence of Christ and the gifts of the sacrament.

You may come forward with your hands crossing your chest for a blessing in lieu of the Eucharist. Children receive when parents make that decision.

NURSERY

Everyone is welcome in Worship at St. John's! We do not have a staffed nursery, but we understand you sometimes need a break. The nursery is clean and available as needed It also has a speaker to hear the service. The Nursery is located right inside the hallway before entering the Narthex (lobby).

<u>JUST FOR KIDS</u>—There are children's activity bags in the narthex on the pew at the glass windows. Inside the bags are a children's bulletin, crayons and other activities. Please feel free to pick one up for your child to use during the worship service!

THE COLUMBIA FOOD BANK

In addition to other non perishables here is a list of items currently needed: **Baked beans, canned fruit, canned pasta and canned stews.** Please place you items in the food bank box located in the back of the church.

Sunday Worship is streamed live on Facebook

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You can donate electronically by clicking on "GIVE". See what's new AND view a live schedule of events by clicking on the "Calendar" tab!!

This QR code takes you to the website >>>>>>



TRUE NORTH-VBS 2025

Something really great is coming!! At True North, kids will discover what it means to trust Jesus in a wild world! Kids participate in memorable Bible learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, and test out sciency-fun experiments they'll never forget. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of

God all around them through something called God Sightings. This will be a fun high energy environment for kids ages 4-12.

Together we will discover what it means to trust Jesus in a wild world!

Monday, June 23, to Thursday, June 26, from 6pm to 8pm!

A program by "Critter Connections" will be the Grand Finale on the last day for the whole family!

For more information, to register your children **OR** to volunteer check out the VBS Website! Be sure to click on the "**DETAILS**" button lower left of the page!

https://vbspro.events/p/saintjohnscol

Volunteers are needed! I hope you will consider joining the volunteer team for TRUE NORTH! It takes a team of at least 25-30 volunteers to make this a successful event.

VBS WORK NIGHT JUNE 9, FROM 6-8 PM.
The <u>food donation list</u> is on the bulletin board inside the Locust Street Ramp doors.

Thank you! Theresa Divet—717-449-1772



The Beach Tea Party was a success! This was the 11th annual tea here at St. John's and tons of gratitude goes to Brenda Jensen, the Activity Committee members plus many other volunteers who helped make this happen!

A lot of hours were spent preparing for this wonderful event!

All proceeds from the Tea Party are being sent to the Align Pregnancy Center in Columbia



Our Church's Graduates

Lord, we ask that You would pour out Your Spirit in a fresh way upon the graduates in the congregation of St. John's. As they prepare to embark on new journeys, fill them with holy boldness, wisdom, and vision for their future.

Plant their feet firmly on the path You have set before them. Amen!

From Tom & Bonnie Swingler



Paige Haldeman will graduate with a BS degree in nursing from St. Joseph University/ PA Health and Technology College. Paige worked as a nurse's aid in the covid and respiratory unit at LGH while attending college and will now work at LGH as a registered nurse. We have abundant love and pride for Paige!

Sydney Haldeman will graduate from Penn Manor High School with honors and pursue a business degree from Central Florida University. Syd is a member of St. PHILIP the Apostle Church as well as being active in the youth groups at two other local churches. We have much love and pride for Syd!



Meredith Swenson will graduate with honors from Williamsville East High School, Williamsville, NY. Meredith earned a soccer scholarship and will continue her education at Mercy Hearst University, Erie, PA. We have enormous love and pride in Meredith!



From Doug Halter

Son of Jason and Meghan Halter and grandson of Doug Halter. 2025 Graduate from Clearbrook High School in Friendswood Texas. Matthew was a participant in the military ROTC program, graduating with the rank of Captain. He also participated in Future Farmers of America raising pigs for 2 yrs coming in as runner up in

pig's weight class his Senior year. He was pitcher for Clearbrook Baseball team and has been recruited to pitch for Eastfield College in Mesquite, Texas. Matthew will study Construction Management at Eastfield

From Wayne Kauffman

Ethan Kauffman graduated from Millersville University with honors in Business



From Theresa Divet

Our Grandson Austin Boardman graduated from Spring Grove High School on Friday, May 30, 2025. We are very proud of Austin!!

I would like to congratulate ALL of my friends who graduated in the Class of 2025 from Columbia High School! I'm very proud of you all!

Columbia Lions Club

FREE Concerts in Locust St. Park at the Gazebo 6:30 to 8:15pm



June 20 ma Tried Ba

A Columbia Music in the Park favorite, Mama Tried Band brings it all to the Park. Funk, dance, rock, they will give Columbia a great night of music under the stars!



NOTICE: THE PARKING LOT IS BEING REPAIRED!

The church parking lot will not be accessible from Thursday morning, June 12 to Sunday morning June 15th. It will be open for Sunday morning worship service on Father's Day.

Please plan accordingly. Thank you!!

<u>Thunder on the River Car Show</u> is June 21st and Mt. Bethel Cemetery also is hosting an event.

Scout Troop 35 will be selling bottles of water for this event. Below is a notice of the street closures.

Saturday June 21, 2025 **Tons.** **Tons.**

Street closures and parking restrictions will be in effect at 4:00 AM. Streets are expected to reopen and parking to resume by 4:00 PM.

Serving in worship:

June 8

June 15

Greeter Bonnie Swingler

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Theresa Whitesel

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Theresa

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Karen Colin

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Assisting Minister Wayne Erdman

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Paula Kleckner Robin Buss



Father's Day is June 15!



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Wednesday - 10:15 AM; PM; Sunday - 10:15 AM

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