



*Pentecost*  
S U N D A Y

11:00 a.m. ~ May 20, 2018

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

#### CALL to WORSHIP

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Your faithful people!

**C: Come, bring Your life to Your Church once more!**

P: Come, Holy Spirit, inspire us with Your Word, ever new!

**C: Come, bring Your renewal to Your Church once more!**

P: Come, Holy Spirit, unite Your faithful people with a tongue of praise!

**C: Come, bring Your unity to Your Church once more!**

P: No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,”

**C: except by the Holy Spirit.**

P: Come, Holy Spirit:

**C: Jesus is Lord!**

P: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in faith, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. Come, Holy Spirit.

**C: Jesus is Lord!**

P: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful;

**C: and kindle in us the fire of Your love.**

P: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world!

**C: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### OPENING SONG “O Praise Him”

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Almighty God, You poured Your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of Your Spirit among us. 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. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of Your Spirit and fill us with passionate desire to be Your faithful people, doing Your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed your sins and guilt. Now you can stand in His gracious presence without fear. You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**

## PRAYER of the DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: By the fire of Your Spirit, O God, forge us into one church, many and different people, together in Christ's embrace. Set our hearts aflame with a love for the truth and the desire to do Your will, that our witness to Christ may burn brightly in lives of joyful discipleship. Keep us faithful in Your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all Your saints in the joy of Your eternal realm. Through Christ, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.**

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:1-12 [NIV]

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. <sup>5</sup>Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

<sup>7</sup>Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup>(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” <sup>12</sup>Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **HOLY GOSPEL John 16:7-15 [NIV 84]**

<sup>7</sup>But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because people do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup>But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup>All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

P: Christ is Risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

### **SERMON SONG “This Is Amazing Grace”**

### **SERMON “BIG CHURCH: BIG OPPORTUNITY”**

## **PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

## **WORDS of INSTITUTION**

## **THE PEACE**

## **OFFERING**

*(Before Communing, please take time to read our statement of faith found in the pew rack in front of you; fill out and place your attendance card and offering in the basket as you come forward.)*

## **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

**“Not For a Moment”**

**“Came to My Rescue”**

## **PENTECOST BENEDICTION**

**P:** As you go forth from this place, may the wind of the Spirit startle your senses and blow through your life; may the fire of the Spirit scorch your complacency and light your way. And may the blessing of the Holy One—Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer—rest with you now and forever more.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG “Lead Me to the Cross”**

## CONNECT *Mark your calendars!*

- Congregational Voters' Meeting | Today | After 11 o'clock worship
  - Agenda: Budget & Board Nominees
  - 2018-2019 Board Nominees:
    - Debbie Gacnik
    - Beryl Kohtz
    - Michael Koppen (*serving 2<sup>nd</sup> term*)
    - Chris Schneider
    - Mike Sconce
    - Dean Snyder (*serving 2<sup>nd</sup> term*)
- Graduation Sunday | Sunday, June 10 | 8:30 & 11:00am Services
  - Submit Graduation Info online at [PeaceChurch.org](http://PeaceChurch.org)
    - High quality image, school, major or future plans

## YOUNG ADULT

- Young Adult Bible Study | Throughout the summer | 9:45-10:45am | FH 4

## YOUTH

- High School Coffee & Devotion | Sunday, May 20 | 6:15-8pm | Kindred Coffee
- Youth Laser Tag | Sunday, May 27 | 1:30-3:15pm | **Deadline to Register – May 23**

## VBS 2018

- VBS 2018 | June 25-29 | Registration Now Open – Register Today!
- VBS Family Work Day | **Wednesday, May 23** | 6-8pm | Help get ready for VBS
  - Childcare NOT provided
  - Children 6<sup>th</sup> grade and under MUST be accompanied by an adult
  - Bring your own dinner



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