



Resurrection Life

JUNE 2019



**FROM THE
PASTOR**

So what is Pentecost?

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This year Easter came later than usual. As such, we are celebrating Pentecost in June this year – Sunday, June 09. In keeping with our celebration of Pentecost, here is a brief explanation of this important Feast Day in the life of the Christian Church.

What is Pentecost?

Pentecost is not a word that we use much outside of church. Unlike some other Christian holy days, it hasn't leaked into popular culture. You won't find new stories about the "War on Pentecost" – there's no tradition of gift giving (and accompanying sales) around Pentecost. You aren't even likely to find an increase in chocolate sales to go with the holiday. So, what is Pentecost ... and why should we care?

The Basics of Pentecost

Pentecost Sunday is the day when Christians around the world celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. On Christmas, Christians celebrate the Incarnation – the idea that God became human in the person of Jesus Christ.

On Easter, Christians celebrate the Resurrection – the belief that Jesus rose from the dead, a sign of the promise of resurrection given to all God's people. And on Pentecost, we celebrate the Holy Spirit – the gift of God's comfort, power, and strength given to God's people.

The History of Pentecost

In the Hebrew Scripture, the Jewish people celebrated a holiday known as the "Festival of Weeks" (see Exodus 32 and Deuteronomy 16). This was a harvest festival, a time when the Israelites celebrated the generosity of God, shown in a successful harvest of grain.

While the Temple stood in Jerusalem, each farmer would bring their *first fruits* – the first ripe samples from their fields – and give them as an offering of thanksgiving in the Temple. This meant that many Jews from all across the countryside would gather in Jerusalem in order to present their offering at the Temple.

The Festival of Weeks happened fifty days after the Passover. For this reason, the Greek speaking Jews of the first century called the festival "Pentecost" – from the Greek word meaning "fiftieth day."

It was during the Festival of Weeks, fifty days after Passover, that the disciples of Jesus were gathered in Jerusalem. They had spent the last fifty days making sense of their experiences of the resurrection of their teacher, Jesus, and the fact that he had just ascended into heaven (for this whole account, see the book of Acts, chapters 1 and 2).

While the disciples were gathered, the Holy Spirit filled them. They began to tell the pilgrims who were gathered in Jerusalem about Jesus. As they preached, they were amazed to discover that all the pilgrims – regardless of what language they spoke – were able to understand them.

So What

The Christian holiday of Pentecost is rooted in this historical event – an event sometimes called the "birthday of the church" because it marks the

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Ladies Guild JUNE

NEW IS ALWAYS BETTER

“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:19

Of the Word:

Some people hold the belief that new is always better. The newest phones are the best; the newest cars are the safest; and the newest version of computer software is the most secure. On the other hand, many people contend, “They just don’t make things like they used to.”

God promised the Israelites that something new was coming. Not just a new version of something, but something so miraculous, great, and marvelous that it would completely eclipse the old. Saint Paul says that Old Testament events and practices are a shadow of the things to come (Colossians 2:17b). They find their full meaning and completion in something greater — in Someone greater. And that “Someone” is Jesus!

The miracle of Jesus’ resurrection is so great, so marvelous, so miraculous, that nothing can compare to it. Nothing but Christ’s death and resurrection can save us from our sins. Nothing else can give us forgiveness of sins and the assurance of eternal life.

Walking with my Lord

True God of all Ages, in the covenant of Your Son’s blood the new is better than the old. Keep me in this new covenant as I live in this old world and look forward to heaven. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

Ladies ... bring your extra change, we will play B-I-N-G-O and all the change will go towards our mites.

HAVE A SAFE SUMMER !

Our next meeting will be on **Tues. June 25, 2019 @ 7:00pm**



Always Remember your Mite Boxes . . .

In Christ,
Debbie Sichler
President Ladies Guild



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Plant a garden – Grow: hope, love, faith.
Free seeds inside.

AND

Summer is here. Enjoy the Sonshine!



BIBLE TRIVIA

TRIVIA QUESTION FOR MAY 2019 WITH ANSWER

Food, Food, Food ...

Who traded his bread & lentil stew for his brother’s birthright?

ANSWER: Jacob Genesis 25:29-34

JUNE 2019 TRIVIA QUESTION

Food, Food, Food ...

Who had a baker who made pastries for him?

HINT: LOOK IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS



- for all of us at Resurrection that we may all have a heart for those who don't know Jesus, to help everyone come to know the love of God, and become part of God's church family, into an even closer relationship with God, and come to eternal life.

Our Members who are in NURSING HOMES: Dorothea Gruenwald and Harriet Rose; those that are **HOME BOUND:** Sonja Munzenmaier and Anita Reinert; and those with **OTHER CONCERNS:** Lynn, Connie, Nicole, Marie Capello, Grace Serro, Ronnie Sowa, Richard Sowa, Karen Carella, Diana Green, Jennifer Gajadhar, Heather Valente, Ralph Valente, Danielle Valente, Juliette Valente, Marilyn Lang, Valerie Lang, Tom McNeely, John Ulicny, Richard Stanton, Ricky Stanton, Pastor Sam, Nancy Michaelis, Derek Zacchino, Anthony Novitske, Anna Lee Rife, Yvonne Schadei, Jorge Martinez, Howie Voltmer, Joanne Voltmer and Fran Sikula.

Heavenly Father - Lift up your whole church in the Spirit of Christ and especially those You call and send, who give us Your gifts of forgiveness and Your word of truth. Be with us always with Your mercy, protection and love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Our Mid-Week BIBLE Study - Dear Heavenly Father, you have made the heavens and the earth. You have revealed your beauty in creation and inspired the book that we are now studying. Please help us now as we read together. Take us deeper into understanding more about you and your love for us. Amen

Our missionary groups right here in Flushing, the Chinese Lutheran Ministry, the Korean Ministry, the Indo Pak Ministry, and Glory Lutheran Ministry that God will continue to bless all of these ministries and help them to grow.

- **For all of our troops:** "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

"Pray without ceasing ... Do not put out the Spirit's fire"
1Thessalonians 5: 17, 19

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day that Jesus' disciples began to share the story of Jesus and invite others to share in their faith in Jesus as the Son of God. But Pentecost is more than just remembering a historical event.

On Pentecost, we invite the same Spirit that filled the disciples that day to transform our lives. Even more important than looking backward and remembering what God did two thousand years ago, we look forward and invite the Spirit to pull us into the future.

The Holy Spirit has a way of turning things upside down. The story of Acts is all about how the lives of the disciples got turned upside down – and by extension, how the world turned upside down by this new, Spirit-filled faith. On Pentecost we invite this disruptive presence of God into our own lives.

The fruit of the Spirit, says Paul, is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are what we seek to live by, how we seek to transform the world, and the evidence of the Spirit at work in our lives and in the world.

As the Spirit-filled people of God, may our lives manifest the fruit of the Spirit. As the Spirit transforms our lives, may we, by the Spirit, be instruments of transformation for others.

God bless you all,

Pastor James T. Gajadhar

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Which follower of Jesus preached to the crowds after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost?

A. John
B. Peter
C. Mary Magdalene
D. Paul

Answer: B (See Acts 2:14ff.)

God's Blessings to all celebrating this month.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- June 8 Ada Gavora
- June 16 Walter Hartman
- June 23 Penny Valente
- June 24 Wilma Wichern
- June 28 Pastor James Gajadhar
- June 30 Danielle Valente
- June 30 Juliette Valente



June Wedding Anniversaries

- Brian & Nancy Kavanagh - June 17th
- Ralph & Heather Valente - June 20th
- Kevin & Katie Siehler - June 21st



“WELL, KIDDO, IT'S YOU AND ME!”

T.J., a boy with developmental delays, is featured in *Children Soup for the Soul: Children With Special Needs*. T.J. and his father, who'd long yearned for a son, settled into a routine of daily outings.

Stacey, one of T.J.'s sisters was moved when she realized how much their father loved their together time. One day, as their dad made T.J. laugh, “T.J. stopped and reached up to softly touch our father's face.” Stacey writes, “My dad looked down at him and said ... ‘Well, kiddo, it looks like it's you and me for the rest of my life.’ There wasn't a sense of sadness or burden in my father's voice, only acceptance and unconditional love.”

Our Father God says the same to each of us: “Well, kiddo, it's you and me forever!” No matter our weaknesses, our differences or even our tendencies to avoid time with Him, God speaks with complete acceptance and love. He loves being with us – just as we are – and rejoices to be our Father forever.

WHAT'S MISSING?

While teaching a Bible college class, Donald Miller conducted an interesting experiment. He told students he was going to leave out one important truth and that they should try to detect it. Miller then talked about people's sinfulness and our need to repent; he read Scripture and stories; he discussed the reward awaiting us in heaven.

Not one of the 45 students realized their professor had left out Jesus. “I had said nothing about his love, his life and incarnation, his death or his resurrection.” Miller says, “I had said nothing about our need to ... have his righteousness cover us.”
















Miller, author of *Blue Like Jazz*, says he could probably conduct the same experiment from Christian church pulpits, and few people would notice or be upset. Faith should be a relationship, not a formula, he argues, and it's hard to have a relationship when you leave out Jesus.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. – Ephesians 6:4 [ESV]

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Serving Schedule:



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<u>June 2, 2019</u>	<u>June 9, 2019</u>	<u>June 16, 2019</u>	<u>June 23, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>
Elder: Tom McNeely	Elder: Tom McNeely	Elder: Tom McNeely	Elder: Tom McNeely	Elder: Tom McNeely
Reader: Gary Carella	Reader: Walter Hartman	Reader: Jenny Gajadhar	Reader: Debbie Sichler	Reader: Eleanor Johnson
Usher: Stephen Gavora	Usher: Stephen Gavora	Usher: Stephen Gavora	Usher: Stephen Gavora	Usher: Stephen Gavora
Greeter: Eleanor Johnson	Greeter: Ada Gavora	Greeter: Dottie McNeely	Greeter: Sharon Rouzier	Greeter: Eleanor Johnson
Altar Care: Cynthia Myers Ida Myhers	Altar Care: Debbie Sichler Ada Gavora	Altar Care: Ada Gavora Debbie Sichler	Altar Care: Eleanor Johnson Dottie McNeely	Altar Care: Dottie McNeely Eleanor Johnson




THE HAMBURGERS AND FRANKFURTERS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CHURCH. PLEASE BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE; A SALAD, DESSERT, DRINKS, EXTRA PAPER PLATES, NAPKINS, CUPS AND A SMILE.



DEADLINE:
Newsletter Articles
JUNE 21, 2019

SUNDAY'S -	Immanuel Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 9:30am Pastor Sam uses Church 2:00pm - 3:30pm Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm
WEDNESDAY'S -	Resurrection Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 10:00am Choir Practice - @ 7:30pm Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:30pm -8:30pm
THURSDAY'S -	Alcoholics Anonymous - 6:00pm - 8:00pm Glory Lutheran Bible Study 6:00pm - 7:30pm
FRIDAY'S -	Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:45pm - 9:00pm
SATURDAY'S -	Alcoholics Anonymous - 11:15am - 2:00pm



An ORGAN FUND has been set-up to help with the cost. If you would like to contribute to this ORGAN FUND please make a check payable to Resurrection Lutheran Church and put **ORGAN FUND** in memo line.

Bible Wordsearch

The Wedding

Wordsearch 282

Matt.22:1-22

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 PLANS INTEGRITY
 READY KINGDOM
 RIGHT NOTICED
 SEIZED OPINION
 SPOKE PAYING
 TAXES PORTRAIT
 TEETH PREPARED
 TRAP TEACHER
 TRUTH WEDDING

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right



Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're *priceless*.

Every project, event, facet of Resurrection has come from volunteers involved with it. Our church couldn't run but for our volunteers for which we all benefit from our combined efforts.

We take this opportunity to thank each one. You know who you are and humbly THANK YOU. We are all working together serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Just to mention a few of our groups of volunteers are: Council Members, Altar Guild, Ladies Guild, Lecture Reader, Greeters, Newsletter Committee, Ushers, Offering Counters, Fellowship, help with putting out the garbage, shoveling snow, Stewardship Committee, Choir, etc. As you can see there are many different ways to volunteer your time and talents.

We are always looking for more hands to help. Won't you please join us. If you are interested in participating in any of these groups, let Gary Carella know and he will make it happen.





Our Mission Statement

As disciples of Jesus and in obedience to God's word, the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church is:

Growing in the knowledge and love of Christ, ministering to one another and to those in the community, sharing the Gospel with unbelievers so that the Holy Spirit draws them into a faith relationship with Jesus.

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Sunday Worship 9:15am

* (Pre-Worship Singing begins at 9:05am)

Immanuel Lutheran Service 11:15am

Indo Pak Service 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm



May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon

YOU



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