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*Boldly living
 Christ's extreme love;
 Building Faith
 and Community*

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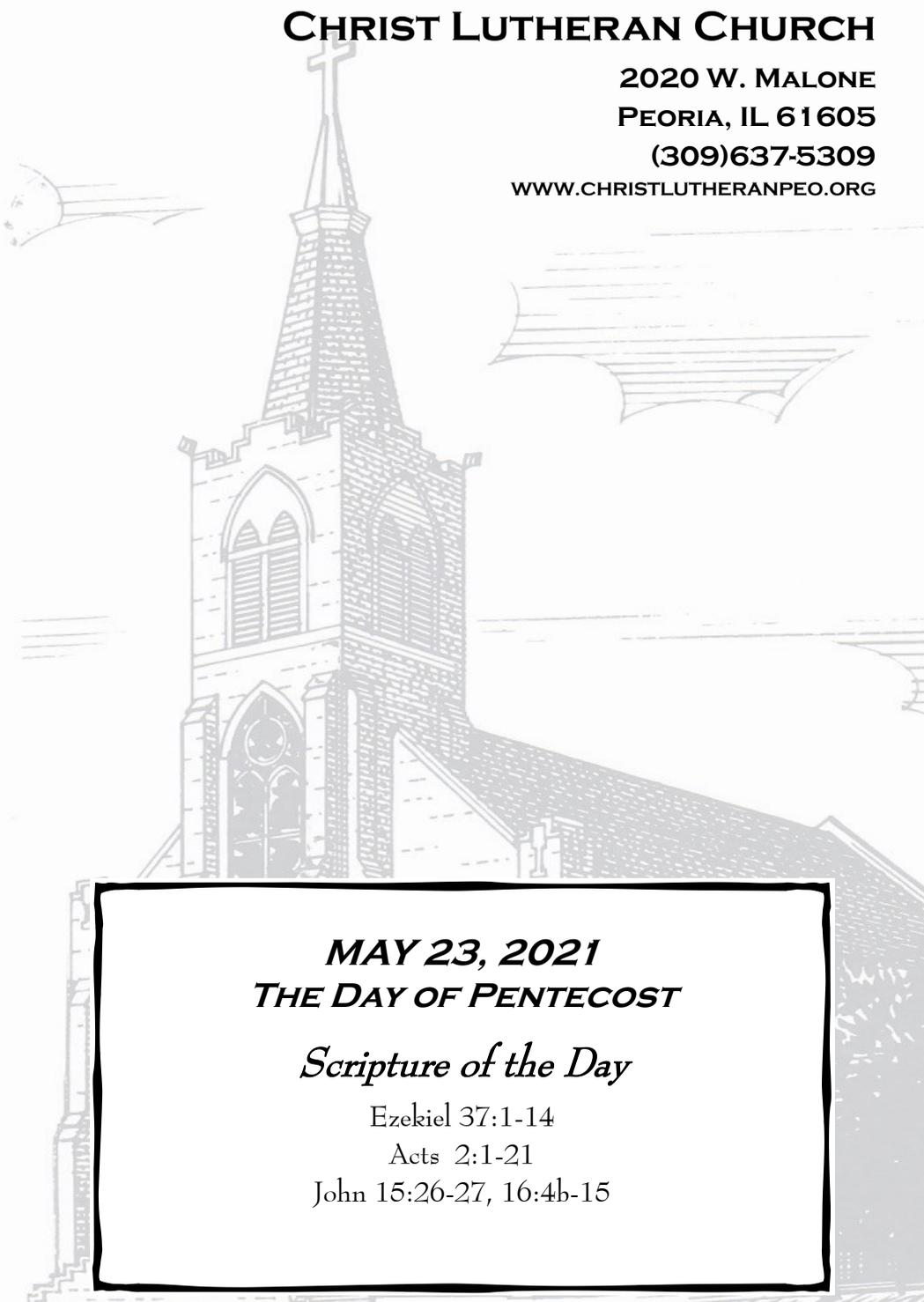
THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (MAY 24 – MAY 30)

MON 5/24:
TUE 5/25: Women's Bible Study.....6:00 PM
WED 5/26:
THU 5/27: Quilting..... NOON
FRI 5/28:
SAT 5/29:
SUN 5/30: Holy Communion.....8:00 AM
 Sunday School and Bible Classes.....9:30 AM
 Holy Communion.....10:45 AM

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MAY 23, 2021
THE DAY OF PENTECOST
Scripture of the Day
 Ezekiel 37:1-14
 Acts 2:1-21
 John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS! The outpouring of the Holy Spirit reaches to all who belong to Christ, granting a renewed and eternal life. In his Letter to Titus, Paul writes of the salvation of God our Savior and the renewal of the Holy Spirit that is for all God's people. Assuring us that we are God's children, the Spirit enables us to address God as our Father with all boldness and confidence and go to the world as He directs us.

NOTE TO OUR GUESTS: Since Holy Communion is a public demonstration of unity in faith, those who commune should express their acceptance of the faith and teaching for which we stand. Our welcome to visitors is heartfelt. Visitors from another Lutheran church or Congregation are asked to please approach our Pastor, if you have not already done so, before attending communion this morning. Also, if you're not a member of an LCMS church but would like a blessing, cross your arms across your chest to receive the blessing. Individual cups are available, in addition to the common cup, as you approach the Altar. **Non-alcoholic white wine** is available in the center of the tray.

VISION STATEMENT: Christ Lutheran Church will continue its Christ-centered, life directed focus, responding to the needs of its members, emphasizing local and worldwide witness, and acting as a catalyst for the improvement of the neighborhood.

PIANIST: Mr. David Best

ELDER PRAYING WITH PASTOR: 8AM: 10:45AM: ELDERS ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION: 8AM: Luke Grebe 10:45AM:

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICES TODAY: 8AM: Wilma Ogden
10:45 AM: Barb O'Dell

THE PARISH MINISTRY BOARD has Craft packets available, including Holy Week and Easter materials. Today's lesson is "Sarah-Mother of a Great Nation"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! Jana Grebe will be leading a Women's Bible Study on the book of Ruth, beginning May 25th at 6:00 PM at the church. If you have any questions, you can contact Jana or call the church office.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$6,097.00. MTD: \$25,266.00. Improvement Fund: \$50.00.; MTD: \$305.00. Attendance: 131. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd 7, 3rd-7th 2, 8th-HS 0, Adults 38, Visitors 0; Total 47.

THIS IS THE 26th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are placed by JoAnn Reith, her sisters, and Sheila Sturdivant to the glory of God and in honor of their mothers' (Mildred Reith and Lorraine McMullen) birthdays. May our Lord be always praised for His faithfulness.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER—Acts 2:1 – “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.” Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival – a time of thanksgiving, bounty, and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that the New Testament takes on the meaning of a new harvest – the ripe fields of the nations. This includes bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing the Lord's praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase and that the harvest calls for thanksgiving.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in making a donation to the school kitchen renovation, now is the time to make it count TWICE! A gift of \$15,000 has been made to the fund for matching dollars. So for every dollar given, up to that \$15,000, it will be matched! Just write 'Matching Funds' on your envelope or in the memo line of your check. If you have made a pledge, thank you! Pledge funds will not be matched, but anything above that amount can be. We are very close to having this project funded, this is a way to fill in the gap. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

YOUR SHEPHERD STAFF PROFILE is available for you to pick up today at the back entrance of the church. The Elders are going through the members' database to make sure all member information is current. Please check the information, making sure to provide birthdates, confirmation dates and correct addresses and phone numbers, then return to the church office ASAP!

HAVE YOU BEEN TO THE CHURCH MOUSE lately? 600 W. Main St, Peoria near the campus of Bradley University. A sanitizing business was recently hired to perform a thorough cleaning. It's ready for you to come in and browse. Stop by on Thurs or Fri between 10-4 or on Sat between 10-3pm. A variety of merchandise at low prices!

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Song

“Come Down, O Love Divine” [LSB 501]

Invocation

Song of Confession

“Change My Heart, O God”

Confession and Absolution

Prayer of the Day

The First Lesson

Acts 2:1-21 p.909

The Holy Gospel

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15 p. 902

Nicene Creed

Sermon Hymn

“O Day Full of Grace” [LSB 503]

Sermon – Rev. Karl Eckhoff

“Changes”

Acts 2:1-21

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Hymns

“Christ the Eternal Lord” [LSB 829]

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” [LSB 685]

Post Communion Thanksgiving

Benediction

Closing Song

“Shout to the North”

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 23, 2021

AS WE GATHER

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit reaches to all who belong to Christ, granting a renewed and eternal life. In his Letter to Titus, Paul writes of the salvation of God our Savior and the renewal of the Holy Spirit that is for all God's people. Assuring us that we are God's children, the Spirit enables us to address God as our Father with all boldness and confidence and go to the world as He directs us.

HYMN "Come Down, O Love Divine" [LSB 501]

1 Come down, O Love divine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near;
Within my heart appear, And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn, Till worldly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming; And let Thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight, And clothe me round, the while my path
illuming.

3 Let holy charity Mine outward vesture be
And lowliness become mine inner clothing—True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part, And o'er its own shortcomings weeps
with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong, With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling; No soul can guess His grace
Till it become the place Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SONG OF CONFESSION “Change My Heart, O God”

Change my heart oh God Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God May I be like You

You are the potter I am the clay
Mold me and make me This is what I pray

Change my heart oh God Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God May I be like You

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Psalm 38:18, 22; 140:6; 145:8

Pastor: With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: **for the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor: I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

People: **Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!**

Pastor: I say to the Lord, You are my God;

People: **give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O Lord!**

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires are known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: In repentance, let us now confess our sins unto our gracious God.

People: **Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, grant us Your divine absolution so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places**

for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and for eternity. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. To them that believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Holy Spirit, You call people to faith and faithfulness and gather them in the Church. Breathe Your life into us that we may ever rejoice in the power of Your presence among us and share Your outpoured blessings as You direct us from generation to generation. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, ever one God, world without end.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 2:1–21 (The Holy Spirit comes on the Day of Pentecost.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15 (Jesus promises to send the Spirit.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapters fifteen and sixteen.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED Nicene Creed

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Day Full of Grace" [LSB 503]

1 Oh day full of grace that now we see Appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be Replete in his joy this
season. God, shine for us now in this dark place; Your name on our
hearts emblazon.

2 O day full of grace, O blessed time, our Lord on the earth arriving;
Then came to the world that light sublime, great joy for us all
retrieving; For Jesus all mortals did embrace, all shame and despair
removing.

3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, When he on the cross
was hanging; And then he arose and moved the stone, That we, unto
him belonging, Might join with angelic hosts to raise Our voices in
endless singing.

4 God came to us then at Pentecost, His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from Him be lost, All darkness for us
dispelling. His flame will the mark of sin efface And bring to us all His
healing.

5 When we on that final journey go That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, All joy of the heavens sharing,
And there will join God's endless praise, with angels and saints
adoring.

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Grant Your blessing, O Lord, on the Church here and in all places, that You will confirm it in the Gospel, inspire it with unity and concord, and extend and prosper it throughout the world. Grant that the Holy Spirit continually call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the Church and keep it in the one true faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Confident of Your care, we pray for our families, those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship, and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also we pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all those in need, [especially . . .]. Grant that the Holy Spirit move us to be those who live out our Gospel calling in deeds of love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bless, we pray You, the nations of the world that there be times of peace and security. Remember in Your grace our schools, hospitals, homes for the aged, and all charitable institutions. Bless those who minister to human need, whether of body, mind, or spirit, and grant them wisdom, strength, and love for You and those in their care. Let Your blessing rest upon the seedtime and harvest, commerce and industry, leisure and the arts, and culture of our people. Take under Your special protection those whose toil is difficult or dangerous and be with all who contribute to the well-being of our society. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives until that day when we share in

the marriage supper of the Lamb and in Your glorious presence in heaven.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Christ the Eternal Lord” [LSB 829]

1 Christ the eternal Lord, Whose promise here we claim,
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured On all who name Your name;
With thankfulness and praise We stand before Your throne,
Intent to serve You all our days And make Your glory known.

2 Christ the unchanging Word To ev'ry passing age,
Whose timeless teachings still are heard Set forth on Scripture's
page; Transform our thought and mind, Enlighten all who read,
Within Your word by faith to find The bread of life indeed.

3 Christ the redeeming Son, Who shares our human birth,
And by His death salvation won For ev'ry child of earth;
Inspire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love abroad,
That all may honour Christ today And follow Him as Lord.

4 Christ the unfading Light Of everlasting day,
Our Morning Star in splendour bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;
That light of truth You give To servants as to friends,
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief journey ends.

5 Christ the ascended King Exalted high above,
Whose praise unending ages sing, Whom yet unseen we love;
When mortal life is past Your voice from heaven's throne
Shall call Your children home at last To know as we are known.

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” [LSB 685]

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus, Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus, He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken, Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; and we humbly ask You so to assist us by Your grace that, strengthened for service and for witness, we live each day in thankfulness to You for the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing us to and keeping us in the saving faith; through the same Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG “Shout to the North”

Words and Music by Martin Smith
1995 Curious? Music UK, CCLI # 2695060

Verse 1

Men of faith, rise up and sing Of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak, In your brokenness, complete.

Chorus

Shout to the north and the south! Sing to the east and the west!
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth!

Verse 2

Rise up, women of the truth. Stand and sing to broken hearts.
Who can know the healing power Of our glorious King of love?

Chorus

Bridge

We've been through fire; we've been through rain.
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name
We've fallen deeper in love with You. You've burned the truth on our lips.

Verse 3

Rise up church with broken wings; Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high. By His grace again we'll fly.

Chorus (2X)

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