

## This Week at VIC

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Today 5/31	10:00 a.m.	Divine Service
Tuesday 6/2	1:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Sunday 6/7	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Divine Service Sunday School Adult Bible Study

### Weekly Stewardship Focus

**Acts 2:1 – “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.”** Pentecost is the Old Testament harvest festival – it happens around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. Of course, this was a picture and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to bring in through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest. From first to last, in things temporal and things eternal, we stand only by His grace.

### Announcements

**Church Cleaning** – Scheduled for church cleaning this week are the Richardson and Scott Rohloff Families.

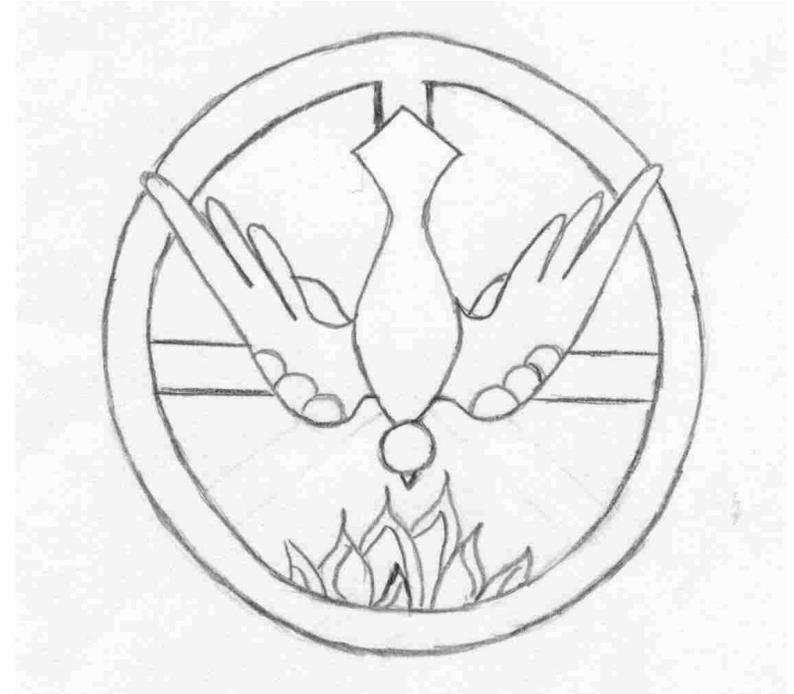
**Altar Guild Sign-up** – Please sign-up to serve on the Altar Guild for the 2020 year. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

### **General Fund Income –**

Weekly Budgeted Income	\$ 3,226.23
Actual Income Received Last Week	\$ 1,450.00
Year to Date Budgeted Income	\$121,096.51
Year to Date Actual Income	\$ 94,578.27

## Victory in Christ Lutheran Church

*And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia,*



The Feast of Pentecost  
May 31, 2020  
10:00 a.m.

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**WELCOME!** We thank God for you and pray that He will richly bless our worship activity together.

**Communion:** We welcome all of our guests worshiping with us today and pray your faith is strengthened. God's Word declares to us that the bread and wine we receive in the Lord's Supper is the true body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ given for the forgiveness of sins and nourishing of faith (Matt. 26: 26-28; Mark 14: 22-24; Luke 22: 19-21; 1 Cor. 11: 23-26). When receiving His true body and blood, all communicants are to be united in their understanding and confession of Jesus Christ and all of His teaching (Jon. 17: 22; 1 Cor. 1: 10). An unworthy reception of this gift results in one who "eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Cor. 11: 29). Therefore, if you are still learning Lutheran doctrine or are not part of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you forward for a blessing and encourage you to speak with the pastor *before* the service in order to learn more about our teaching on the Lord's Supper.

**Hymn of Invocation: #913 – O Holy Spirit, Enter In**

**Divine Service Setting Three: pg. 184**

**Introit**

***Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30; antiphon Liturgical Text (E.S.V.)***

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle-luia.

<sup>24</sup> **O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**

<sup>27</sup> These all look to you,  
to give them their food in due season.

<sup>28</sup> **When you give it to them, they gath-er it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

<sup>30</sup> When you send forth your Spirit, they are cre-ated,  
and you renew the face of the ground.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the be-ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alle-luia.

**Old Testament Reading**

***Numbers 11:24-30 (English Standard Version)***

<sup>24</sup> So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup> Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

<sup>26</sup> Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup> And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup> And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." <sup>29</sup> But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" <sup>30</sup> And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

**New Testament Reading**

***Acts 2:1-21 (English Standard Version)***

***The Coming of the Holy Spirit***

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.

<sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

<sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup> both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup> And all were amazed and

perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"<sup>13</sup> But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

### ***Peter's Sermon at Pentecost***

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> 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;

<sup>18</sup> even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall  
prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup> the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent  
day.

<sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the  
name of the Lord shall be saved."

### **Gospel Reading**

#### ***John 7:37-39 (English Standard Version)***

#### ***Rivers of Living Water***

<sup>37</sup> On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" <sup>39</sup> Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**Sermon Hymn: #497 – Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord**

**Sermon:**

**Communion Hymns: #650 – Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling  
#768 – To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray**

**Closing Hymn: #500 – Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid**

### **The Readings for today –**

#### **THE FEAST OF PENTECOST**

Numbers 11:24–30

Acts 2:1–21

John 7:37–39

#### ***The Risen Lord Jesus Pours Out the Holy Spirit***

The Lord took "*some of the Spirit*" that was on Moses "*and put it on the seventy elders*" of Israel (Num. 11:25), and they "*prophesied in the camp*" (Num. 11:26). In the same way, our risen Lord Jesus poured out His Holy Spirit at the Feast of Pentecost — the 50th day and the "Eighth Sunday" of Easter. When "*a sound like a mighty rushing wind*" and "*tongues as of fire appeared*" and rested on each of the 12 apostles, "*they were all filled with the Holy Spirit*" and proclaimed "*the mighty works of God*" (Acts 2:2–4, 11). The Lord Jesus grants this same Spirit to His Church on earth to proclaim Him glorified on the cross and risen victorious from the grave for us sinners. From His open heart, our crucified and risen Lord pours out His Holy Spirit in "*rivers of living water*" (John 7:38) and invites everyone who thirsts to come to Him and drink freely (John 7:37). Through this life-giving work of the Holy Spirit, we hear our pastors "*telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God*" (Acts 2:11) and "*everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved*" (Acts 2:21).

### **A Look Ahead to Next Sunday –**

#### **THE HOLY TRINITY**

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

Matthew 28:16–20

#### ***The Holy Triune God Recreates Us in the Image and Likeness of Christ Jesus***

The holy Triune God "*created the heavens and the earth,*" and "*behold, it was very good*" (Gen. 1:1, 31). However, after Adam and Eve fell into sin and plunged God's good creation into decay and death, the Son of God would be "*delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God*" to be "*crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men*" (Acts 2:23). As Jesus "*received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit*" (Acts 2:33), He also raises up all the baptized and pours out the Spirit upon them through the preaching of His Gospel. He sends out His apostles to "*make disciples of all nations*" by "*baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*" and "*teaching them to observe all that [He has] commanded*" (Matt. 28:19–20). Through such baptizing and teaching — Gospel and Sacraments — the holy Triune God recreates us in the image and likeness of His incarnate Son, Jesus the Christ, and behold, it is "*very good*" (Gen. 1:31).