



# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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June 8, 2025

The Day of Pentecost

10:30 am

..... ✚ **GATHERING** ✚ .....

## Voluntaries

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

Franklin Ashdown

*Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

Jacob Weber

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of ✚ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water is poured into the font as Pastor Matt continues.*

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**Amen.**

## GREETING

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

And also with you.

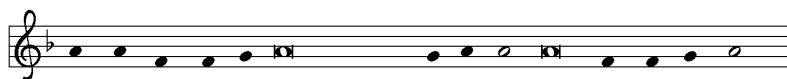
## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es,



wis - dom, and strength, hon - or, and bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Sing with all the



peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for -



ev - er. A - men. This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together. Abba, Father, You have adopted us as heirs of your kingdom and we have inherited the gift and presence of the Holy Spirit. Through the fire of the Spirit make us generous givers of all that you have bestowed upon us, for the sake of the one whose fire brings light and life to all the world, Jesus Christ. Amen.

<We sit.>

## READING

**Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7**

*Pew Bible page 885; 947*

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

*My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than those who are enslaved, though they are the owners of all the property, but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God.*

*Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

*By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ<sup>l</sup> have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.<sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.*

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

## GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 11:11-13**

*Pew Bible page 832*

*Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"*

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

<We sit.>

<We stand.>

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

ELW Hymn 800

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

### PRESENTATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

*Aubrey presents those who are Affirming their Baptism.*

I present Lawson, Thomas, Henry, Jacob, McKenzie, Asha, Bose, Reid, Lawson, and Ashleigh, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

*Pastor Matt notes briefly the occasion for this affirmation.*

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism, and we come before God with **Lawson, Thomas, Henry, Jacob, McKenzie, Asha, Bose, Reid, Lawson, and Ashleigh** as *they make* affirmation of their baptism into Christ.

*Pastor Matt continues with prayer.*

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these *sisters and brothers*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith. Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Pastor Matt addresses those making affirmation of their baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:*

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:*

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:*

**I renounce them.**

*Pastor Matt addresses the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

### **AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY**

*Pastor Matt addresses those who are making public affirmation of their baptism.*

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Response:* **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*Pastor Matt addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for them in *their* life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*The following words of blessing are repeated for each individual affirming their baptism.*

Stir up in ... the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. Aubrey addresses the assembly.*

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ!

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*The assembly responds in acclamation for God's continued presence and work this day! The service then will continue with the prayers of intercession.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

<We kneel.>

*Each prayer petition will end with "Hear us, O God," and the response is "Your mercy is great." At the conclusion of the prayers, we respond with ... in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. "Amen."*

<We stand.>

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also, with you.**

*You are invited to share the peace however you and those around you are comfortable.*

<We sit.>

..... ✙ MEAL ✙ .....

## ANTHEM

## God Is Our Refuge

Allen Pote

<We stand.>

## OFFERTORY HYMN

## Take My Life, That I May Be, vs. 1



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

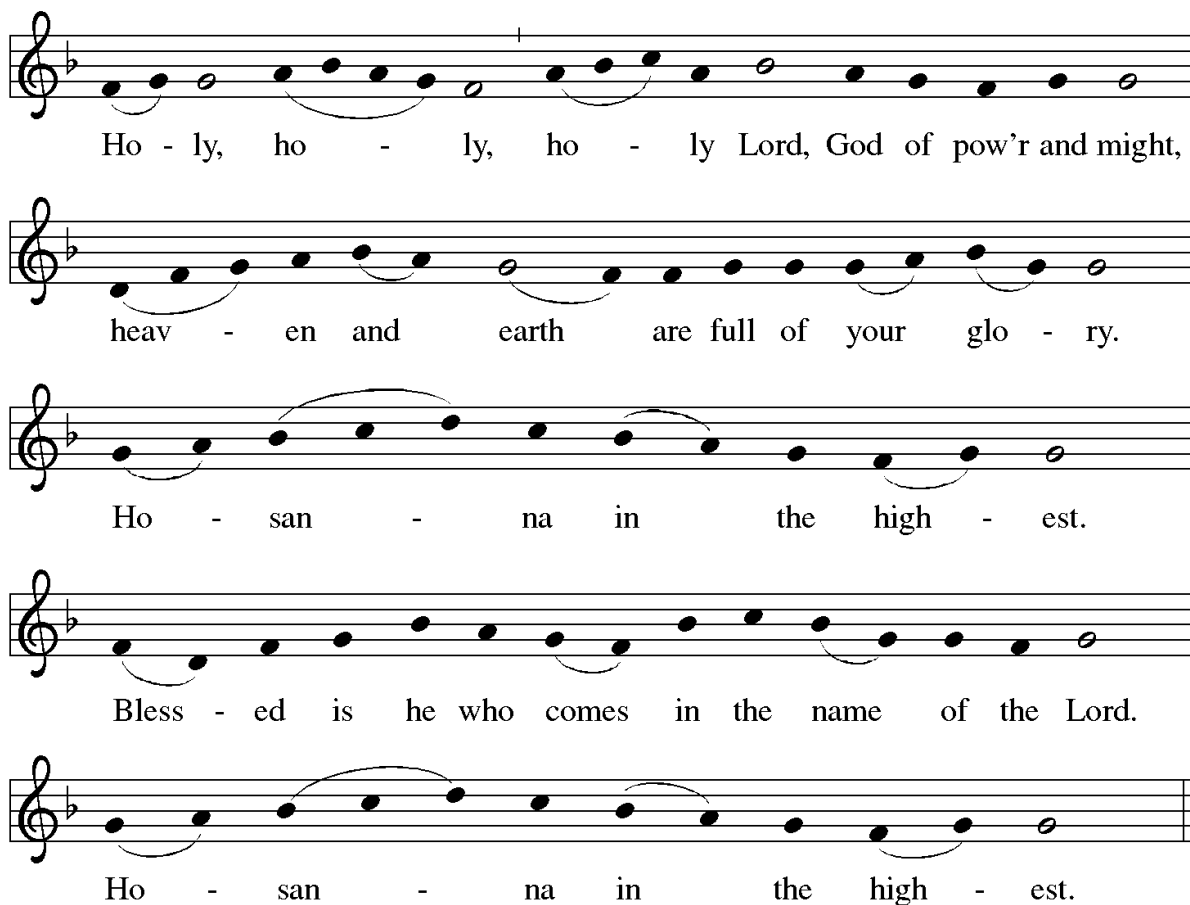
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our 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 ... *here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.*



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, ...

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...

**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 THE MEAL

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

<We sit.>

## COMMUNION

*Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world. You are invited to come to the altar to receive the bread and wine. You may dip the bread into the chalice of wine. If you are not able, the meal will be brought to you. A gluten-free wafer is available, upon request for those who need it.*



<We stand.>

## THE TABLE BLESSING

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

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

**Amen.**

..... ✝ **SENDING** ✝ .....

## SUNG BLESSING

In the name of the Father.

**In the name of the Father.**

In the name of the Son.

**In the name of the Son.**

In the name of the Spirit.

**In the name of the Spirit.**

The Three-in-One.

**The Three-in-One.**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

**May the Lord bless you and keep you.**

May God's face shine upon you.

**May God's face shine upon you.**

May God's blessings be with you.

**May God's blessings be with you.**

And give you peace.

**And give you peace.**

## SENDING HYMN

**Come Down, O Love Divine**

*ELW Hymn 804*

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## VOLUNTARY

*O Day Full of Grace*

Franklin Ashdown

**\*Following worship, there will be a reception for the confirmands in the St. John Room. Please join us and congratulate these young people.**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Sally Wiseman Groce's birthday by David & Vickie Wiseman.

## ..... ANNOUNCEMENTS .....

**SCWELCA Convention Project** – Redeemer WELCA has selected as its project to continue supporting the **Newberry College Nursing Scholarship**.

Donations will be collected from June 1 until July 31. There will be a container in the narthex labeled “NC Nursing Scholarship”; envelopes will be available to put your donations; make checks payable to **Newberry College Nursing Scholarship**, memo: **SCWELCA**

**LMM** - If you are planning to attend our gathering at Blue Ocean in Clinton on Tuesday, June 10, please RSVP to Huger, Jr. by today. We will gather at Blue Ocean at 7:00 pm.

We will be cooking for Vacation Bible School on Wednesday, July 9. More information will be forthcoming.

**Handbell and Choir Rehearsal** – The Handbell and Senior Choirs have concluded their Wednesday evening rehearsals until August. Starting on Sunday, June 15, the Senior Choir will gather for devotions at 9:30 am and rehearse from 9:45 am - 10:15 am to prepare for worship. If you have thought about joining the Senior Choir, this is a great opportunity to give it a try. For more information, please contact Nicholas or Huger.

**Free Table** – there is a table set up outside the church office of items to be purged from around the church as well as some lost and found items. Please help yourself to anything you would like.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
8 <b>Sunday School</b> – 9:30am  <b>Worship</b> – 10:30am	9	10 <b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b> – 10am  <b>Finance Committee Mtg</b> – 6pm  <b>LMM</b> – Blue Ocean – 7pm  <b>Library Reserved</b>	11	12 <b>FLC Reserved</b> - NCDSN	13 <b>FLC Reserved</b> – NCDSN  <b>Youth Family Game Night</b>	14	15 <b>Sunday School</b> – 9:30am  <b>Worship</b> – 10:30am  <b>Youth – Pelicans Snoball Outing</b>

### **Worship Leadership – This Sunday**

**Worship Asst:** Robbie Kopp

**Acolyte:** Adam Boozer

**Crucifer:** Griffin Long

**Comm Prep:** Erin Titus

**Altar Flowers:** Vickie Wiseman

**Ushers:** Susan Thomasson, Walter Jacobs, Justin Guy, Dennis Caughman

### **Sunday, June 15th**

**Worship Asst:** Anne Caughman

**Acolyte:** Zarek Reid

**Crucifer:** Elin Cary

**Comm Prep:** Ann Jacobs & Susan Thomasson

**Altar Flowers:** LMM

**Ushers:** Tommy Fellers, Joey Nicosia, Aubrey Cisko, Dennis Caughman

### **Numbers for June 1, 2025:**

#### **Attendance:**

Sunday School: 17

In-Person: 72

Online: 166

**Total: 238**

#### **Offering:**

Gen Operating Account: \$3,087.23

Major Maintenance: \$695.00

Prayer & Care Class: \$25.00

#### **Dedicated Accounts:**

Abiding Memorials: \$140.00

Redeemer Music Fund: \$100.00

**The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor**

**Dr. Huger Caughman, Jr., Organist • Nicholas Todd Shumate, Choir Director**

**Aubrey Cisko, Youth Director**

**Annette Belcher, Wayden Dean, or Nikki Chapman, Audio • Matt Bowers, Video**

**Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper**

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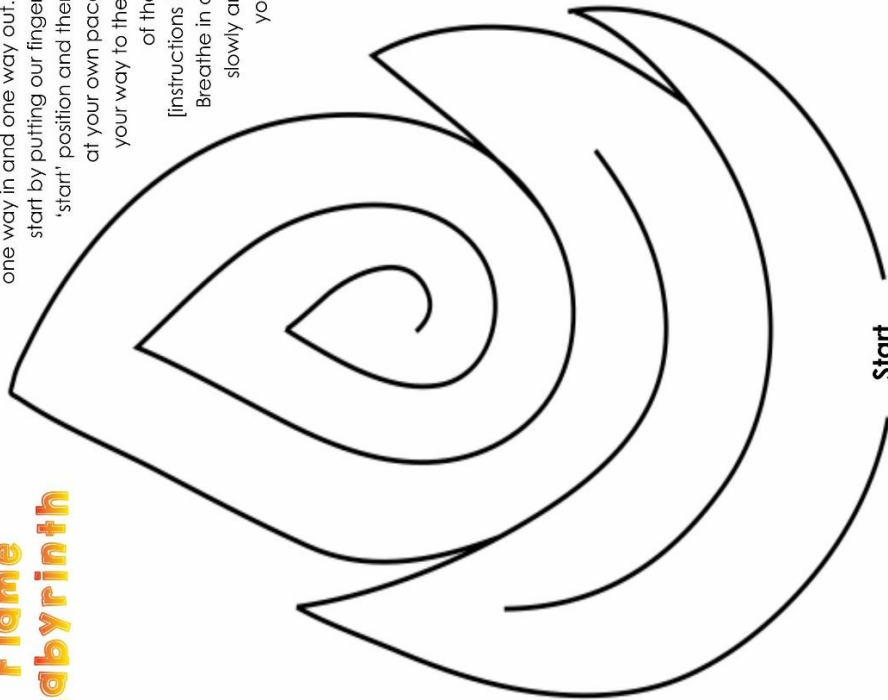


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# Prayer Activity

## Flame Labyrinth

A labyrinth is similar to a maze, but there is only one way in and one way out. We will start by putting our finger on the 'start' position and then slowly at your own pace make your way to the centre of the flame [instructions below.] Breathe in and out slowly and take your time!



### START

As you move your finger to the centre of the flame, think about the word **HOPE**. What does it bring to mind? What do you think of?

### IN THE CENTRE

Stop and listen to God. The Bible reminds us that the holy spirit can fill us with hope. (Romans 15:13) what do you need help for today? Ask God to fill you up with hope.

### ON THE WAY OUT

As you trace your way back out of the flame, think about someone else who needs help this week and ask God to fill them with the Holy Spirit?



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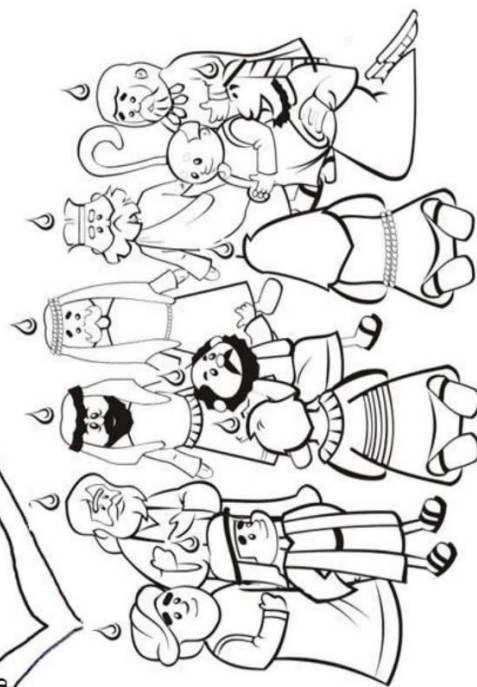
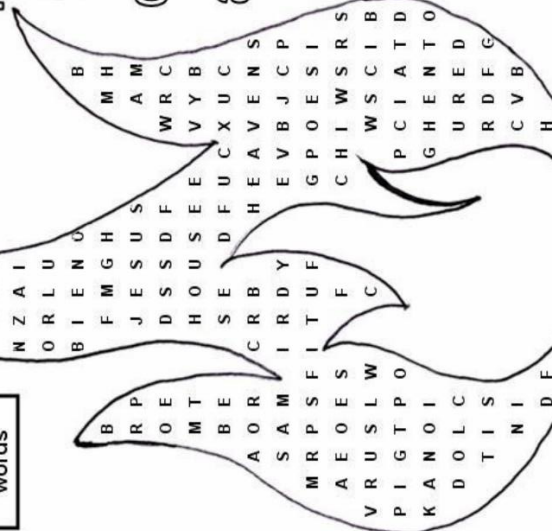
# Pentecost



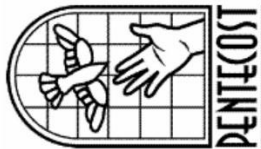
Find the hidden words

Then there appeared  
to them tongues as  
of fire, which parted  
and came to rest on  
each one of them.

Acts 2:3

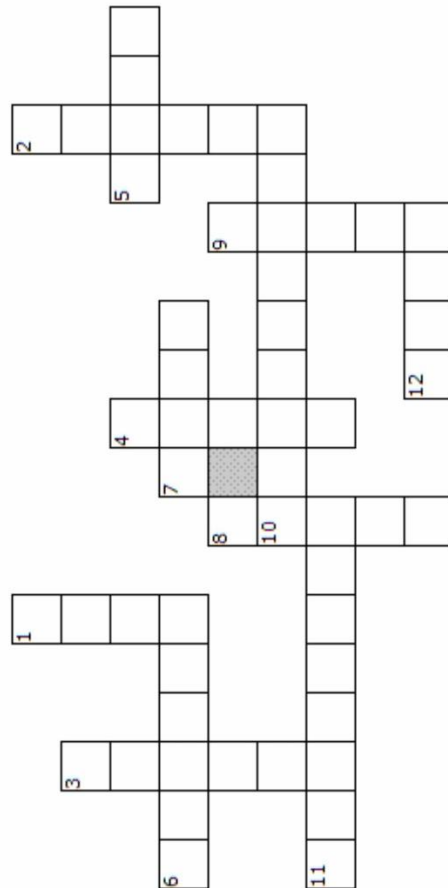


Wind  
Heaven  
House  
Tongues  
Fire  
Spirit  
Jews  
Jerusalem  
Peter  
Jesus  
Wine  
Disciples  
Mary  
Church



## Filled with the Holy Spirit

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4 (NIV)  
Based on Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)



### ACROSS

5. Make something to be full
6. To be totally surprised
7. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
10. The day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles
11. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
12. A destructive burning

### DOWN

1. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
3. The place where God lives
4. Something that can be heard
8. To say words, to use the voice
9. A building which people live in

HEAVEN	SPIRIT	FIRE	HOLY
WIND	PENTECOST	LANGUAGE	SPEAK
SOUND	FILL	HOUSE	AMAZED