

# DAY OF PENTECOST

May 23, 2021 - 8:15 & 10:30 AM



*Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.*



**Living Springs 2021 -  
Moving Forward in Faith to be ...  
A CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE,  
LIVING BEACON OF GOD'S HOPE FOR ALL!**

*With God's help & the Spirit's power,  
we will strive to be a Body of Believers who:*

**All are more deeply FORMED & GROUNDED IN GOD'S HOPE;**  
**All are more fully EQUIPPED WITH HOPING-COPING SKILLS for life;**  
**All are GOD'S ACTIVE HOPE-AGENTS in our daily, spiritual, communal lives.**

**CONGREGATIONAL READING OF HOPE EMPHASIS** (front of bulletin)**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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*We stand as able***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Pastor: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. *(Silence for reflection)*

Pastor: We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*We focus on the cross as it enters the sanctuary, accompanied by the dove with ribbons of "fire" to represent the Holy Spirit.*

**PENTECOST PROCESSION** *"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"*

*1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind,  
as on Pentecost descend!  
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;  
past these walls your people send!  
Sweep us into costly service,  
there with Christ to bear the cross,  
there with Christ to bear the cross!*

*3 God of earthquake, God of thunder,  
shake us loose from lethargy!  
Break the chains of sin asunder,  
for earth's healing set us free!  
Crumble walls that still divide us;  
make us one in Christ our Lord,  
make us one in Christ our Lord!*

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**APOSTOLIC GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

**People: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit!

**People: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!**

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

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

**People: Amen.**

*We are seated*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** (10:30 only)

Rev. Carl Taylor

*Children, youth, and young at heart are invited for a special message. You may collect your coins or dollars at home for the bucket collection and bring them to worship or drop them off at the church office. Easter season collection is for Mental Health ministries.*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*The Hebrew word rendered as ruach means "spirit," "wind," or "breath." This reading plays on the different meanings of the word. Just as the dry bones in Ezekiel's vision are given new life, flesh, and breath (or spirit), so God will give the exiles God's own spirit and will bring them home.*

Lector: A reading from Ezekiel.

*The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord." (Ezekiel 37:1-14)*

Lector: Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.*

Lector: A reading from Acts.

*When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'* (Acts 2:1-21)

Lector: Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand for the reading of the Gospel*

**GOSPEL PROCESSION** (10:30 only)

*Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading,  
fashion us all anew.*

*It's your leading that we're needing,*

*help us to follow you.*

*Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.*

*Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

*[Jesus said,] "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."* (John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## GOSPEL PROCESSION (10:30 only)

*Guide our thinking and our speaking  
done in your holy name.*

*Motivate all in their seeking,  
freeing from guilt and shame.*

*We are seated*

## PENTECOST MESSAGE

*We stand as able*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"*

1 *Holy Spirit, ever dwelling  
in the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding  
o'er a world of gloom and night;  
Holy Spirit, ever raising  
those of earth to thrones on high;  
living, life-imparting Spirit,  
you we praise and magnify.*

3 *Holy Spirit, ever working  
through the church's ministry;  
quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,  
setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding  
age to age and soul to soul  
in communion never ending,  
you we worship and extol.*

*Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling; Text: Timothy Rees; Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- Pastor: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love. + *Brief silence* +
- Pastor: Gracious God, you give the Holy Spirit to your church, filling it with many and varied gifts. In the church throughout the world, strengthen us in our visioning and dreaming, that it may discover anew the Spirit's creative work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- Pastor: God of life, your mighty works are too numerous to count. The earth is full of your creatures, living things both great and small. Open your hand and give them the necessities of this life. Send your fresh Spirit over the face of the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- Pastor: God of the nations, at the sound of the rushing wind, people speaking different languages proclaimed and heard together your deeds of power. Fill the leaders of nations with your Holy Spirit, so that they exercise your gracious will in the lives of people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- Pastor: God of faithfulness, you tend to the needs of your people, even the sighs of our hearts. Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day. We pray especially for: *Harold Talbert & family; Mike Loveless; Ed Brennan; Ann Lynn Caughman; Nancy Baldwin; LaTynia Taylor; Peter Creighton; Kyle Dymont; Lee Collins; Evan Turnmire; Debbie Smith; Becky Marshall; baby Drew; Wayne Thoma, Bob Holmstrom; Wilma Bracey; N.J.; John Moody; Randy Robertson; Karen Brand; Abby/Gina Cates; and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud...* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.  
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.*

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Rev. Eric Fink

Pastor: God of love, fill this congregation with gratitude for the gifts we have received from you. Renew our ministries, heal our divisions, and open us to the needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: God of hope, those who have died in you raise their eternal song of praise. We give you thanks for the many gifts of your people and rejoice in the witness of your saints. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **SHARING OF PEACE**

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

*We remain in place and extend a sign of peace toward others (or blow our vehicle-horns from outside at 10:30 worship), sharing the words of the Risen Jesus, "Peace be with you."*

### **OFFERING OF HOPE**

*A follower of Jesus offers a brief description of how she/he experienced, received, shared, or witnessed a moment of God's hope. A Bell of Hope is then sounded, followed by the response:*

Leader: With God's help & the Spirit's power, we strive to be a Body of Believers who:

**People: All are God's hope-agents in our daily, spiritual, communal lives!**

### **OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD & OFFERING PRAYER**

*Offerings may be placed in the offering plates in the sanctuary communion line or the outside welcome table, as well as dropped off at the office during the week or sent through the mail. For those who wish to give electronically, you may use the secure Givelify app.*

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Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **EUCCHARISTIC DIALOGUE & PRAYER FOR EASTER SEASON**

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

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

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pastor: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER & INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**People: 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.**

Pastor: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **BEACON OF HOPE PRAYER BASKET**

*As you come forward in the communion line, you are invited to pause at the Beacon of Hope station and write on a prayer slip: 1) any prayer of hope that is on your heart for yourself, for others, for our community, for the world; OR 2) anything related to a Spirit-tug you may feel in your heart for one of the 13 items on our Hope Emphasis "menu" (see back inside cover of bulletin). Simply drop the slip in the basket by the lighthouse—no names are needed, unless you would like one of our ministers to follow-up with you. Please return your pencil to the "used pencil" basket after worship.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*ALL ARE WELCOME to partake of Holy Communion, for we believe this is the Lord's Meal (not ours) and open to Christians of any background, denomination, or tradition. As Lutheran Christians, we believe in the full presence of Christ in, with, and under the elements. Children are welcome to receive communion at as early age as desired (parent may consult with pastor), and communion instruction is provided as scheduled. For children (or others) not receiving the elements, a special blessing is offered. OUTSIDE - Please remain in place. Communion will be brought to you on the lawn or at your vehicle. INSIDE - Ushers will direct you to the front. **Please maintain at least 6-ft spacing while waiting & returning.** ELEMENTS: We continue to temporarily offer sanitary-packaged individual communion elements. The wafer is located under the plastic film on top of the sealed cup - you can pull back the plastic film for the wafer, and then peel off the aluminum seal to open the cup. Feel free to either eat the wafer or drink the grape juice first, depending on which is easier for you to open. Separate individually-packaged GLUTEN-FREE wafers are also available. \*For INSIDE WORSHIP, we also have available an individual wine glass & traditional wafer at a separate station. Please commune at the station and deposit the empty holder/glass in the white bucket on the chair.*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONGS "Spirit Song"

*1. Oh let the Son of God enfold you  
With His Spirit and His love  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
Oh let Him have those things that hold you  
And His Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole*

*Chorus: Jesus oh Jesus*

*Come and fill Your lambs*

*Jesus oh Jesus*

*Come and fill Your lambs*

*2. Oh come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name  
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness  
Give Him all your years of pain  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name*

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## "Reckless Love"

*1. Before I spoke a word You were singing over me  
You have been so so good to me  
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so so kind to me*

*Chorus*

*(And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God*

*O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found*

*Leaves the ninety-nine*

*I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it*

*Still You give Yourself away*

*O the overwhelming never-ending reckless*

*Love of God yeah*

*2. When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me  
You have been so so good to me  
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me  
You have been so so kind to me (Chorus)*

*Bridge*

*There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up*

*Coming after me*

*There's no wall You won't kick down*

*Lie You won't tear down*

*Coming after me*

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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**People:** Amen.



## **PENTECOST PROCESSION** *"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"*

*On this, the 50th and final day of the Easter season, the Paschal Candle (lit at the Easter Vigil service) is removed from its stand and follows the Cross in the procession, along with the symbolic Pentecost dove. As the Spirit empowers us to be Christ's witnesses to the ends of the earth, so we conclude our Pentecost worship with the Confession of Faith directed "out into the world."*

### *Refrain*

*Ev'ry time I feel the spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.*

*1 Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,  
out of his mouth came fire and smoke. Refrain*

*2 All around me looked so fine,  
asked my Lord if all was mine. Refrain*

*3 Jordan river, chilly and cold,  
chills the body but not the soul. Refrain*

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit; Text: African American spiritual; Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual*

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**Pastor:** On this day of Pentecost, we boldly proclaim to the world our faith, with emphasis on our belief in the work of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **WE BELIEVE... in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Pastor:** What does this third article mean?

**People:** **I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as the spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.**

*(From Martin Luther's Small Catechism, 1529 - explanation of the third article of the Apostle's Creed)*

## **BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL**

**Pastor:** May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Pastor:** Filled with the Holy Spirit, you are living beacons of God's hope for the world. Go in peace! You have a story to tell—God is love! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**PENTECOST CELEBRATION  
ROOT BEER + HUMS/HYMNS**

*Sun. May 23rd starting at 5pm  
Living Springs Lawn & Parking Lot*



**Pizza for Pyros Food Truck  
Root Beer & Dessert  
Musicians & Instruments**

Bring your lawn chairs - we'll have spaced spots for everyone. (Lower your face coverings once in place for the celebration.) You can also eat and celebrate from your vehicle.

*This is an event for ALL AGES; feel free to bring your own dinner if pizza isn't your thing! Canned sodas and bottled waters will be free and available!*

Cheese & Pepperoni 10inch=\$9  
Meat Lovers 10inch=\$12  
Cards and Cash accepted

**RUSH HOUR MINISTRY  
BE A BEACON OF HOPE  
THUR, MAY 27, 430-630PM**

There is space for you! Be a beacon of hope on the sidewalk in front of Living Springs holding signs of HOPE, handing out goodies, and/or sharing a blessing to those traveling home from work or headed to work!

**BUTTERFLY GARDENS OF HOPE!**

We shared packets of butterfly garden seeds with the congregation & the community during Easter week.

**Share with us your (or your friends/family/neighbors) butterfly garden photos and stories to**

GodAroundUs@livingspringscolumbia.org

**SPECIAL LOVE OFFERING  
THRU PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 23!**

***Celebrating the  
Retirement from  
Newberry College  
of our LS Brother  
in Christ:***

***Rev. Dr. Wayne  
Kannaday***



LS is honoring Wayne's ministry through a special love offering for Newberry College's Muller Center – a unique part of their ministry which helps college students explore God's purpose for their lives. Checks can be made payable to Living Springs and marked "Newberry–Pastor Wayne." Donations can also be made on Givelify. All gifts are being matched dollar-for-dollar by a special college grant.

**Thursday Hope-Casts  
1:21pm Facebook & YouTube  
With Pastor Carl & Pastor Eric**



**CARE PACKAGES FOR KYLE DEMENT**

We are collecting items to send in care packages every couple of weeks to Kyle Dement, who has been deployed overseas. Cards/notes, snack items, hygiene products, batteries, zip lock bags, etc. Look for a box in the narthex.



**"ALTAR FLOWERS" - THANK YOU!**

The Worship Team has given the flowers for today's worship to glorify God and in celebration of the Holy Spirit.

Are you looking for a way to glorify God and/or memorialize/honor someone near and dear to you? Make a floral contribution by ordering altar flowers. There is a signup outside Lisa's office

## DAY OF PENTECOST: *This Changes Everything*

On Pentecost, we celebrate the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit to dwell in us and guide us, bringing understanding and unity. However, for those present for the events described in the reading from Acts, in which the Holy Spirit descended and rested upon them, celebration wasn't exactly what those gathered were thinking about. Terror might be a more appropriate word. Shock, perhaps. Mystery. It felt like anything but a celebration; it was disruptive and frightening! After such an experience, your life is changed forever. Once you have lived through something so monumental, you are never the same.

And that is the point. That is why we celebrate. Because on this day, the church was born. On this day the apostles—students of an itinerant rabbi who had taught his followers for only a few years—were filled with the Holy Spirit, turned upside down and inside out, changed utterly. On this day, not only the apostles but also three thousand others (Acts 2:41) were filled with the Spirit that transforms us and enables us to see others as our siblings in Christ. Often, the aftermath of crisis makes strangers into friends.

Several thousand people who had been turned inward, thinking of themselves, their needs, and their concerns, were made a community, turned outward, thinking of their relationships, their neighbors, and the needs and concerns of others. "When the Spirit of truth comes," Jesus had said, "he will guide you into all the truth" (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit, blowing through a diverse group, signals a formation of community, a binding together to make a new way of living. And this is what God showed the apostles, the others gathered in that room, and the several thousand who were baptized: when the Holy Spirit blows into your life, nothing is ever the same. And that's a cause for celebration.

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## **HOPE MENU: 13 ITEMS!**

*meeting people where they are & looking for opportunities, in whatever way the Spirit leads you!*

1. Greater intentionality in taking time to **"Be still and know that God is God"**
2. **Deeper prayer life & dwelling in God's Word** in our personal/congregation life
3. Specific training to develop, live, and share **faith-based hoping-coping skills for various stages & challenges of life**
4. Involvement by all ages in creative forms of **faith formation, worship/sacramental life**
5. Deeper involvement with **children/youth/young adults** by intentionally sharing the gospel message of hope with them and equipping **parents/families** to also do so **at home**
6. Boldly proclaim & share the joy of **God's grace for all**
7. Be active voices for the **unity we share as God's human family** - accepting and celebrating differences, rather than fostering divisions
8. Reach out to the **most isolated among us** – with special awareness of Sr. Adults & those in care facilities; teens/tweens/young adults; and those on society's margins
9. Regularly engage in listening, caring, loving **personal contacts**
10. Share in ministries that provide for **life's essential needs** – with special emphasis on growth in our food/hunger ministries
11. Be involved in ongoing **advocacy & justice ministry** that will have impact of hope in our community/societal systems
12. Share God's hope through support & partnership with **LSCDC children/families/staff**
13. Produce citizens of God's kingdom through **creative/innovative evangelism & service in our communities** that will open hearts/minds - and empower people to be leaders in faith, loving others & trusting God in every aspect of life

**WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!**

*We rejoice in your presence, as we join with others throughout the world for worship this Sunday!  
May the Spirit speak to your heart the message of God's redeeming love for everyone,  
through the grace shown to the world in Jesus.  
We pray that that God's healing grace may truly touch every aspect of your life!*

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*If you are looking for a church family to offer you and your family support, fellowship, growth in faith, and opportunities to share the love of God with others, we invite you to come experience the Spirit's presence at Living Springs. Everyone is welcome here - to share in the grace and unconditional love given us through Christ!*

**WELCOME WORSHIP GUESTS!** – We are especially blessed by your presence today and look forward to worshipping with you again. Please take time to sign the welcome book in the narthex. To learn more about becoming part of Christ's family of faith here at Living Springs, please contact the Pastor Carl (803-736-0661) or Pastor Eric (803-917-2749).

**SEASONAL NAME TAG** – In order to show hospitality, we ask everyone to stop by the welcome table and complete a name tag with our Hope them verse. The tags help create a welcoming community for everyone - and allow communion ministers to speak your name.

**RESTROOMS** – are located in the Administration Building. Greeters/ushers will be happy to show you the way. Restrooms are equipped with diaper changing stations.

**OUR PRAYER MINISTRY** – As a community of disciples, we pray for one another and others - not just in times of illness, but also for praise, thanksgiving, and forgiveness. If you have a prayer request, call the office (803-736-0661) or send an email to: prayer@livingspringscolumbia.org

**May Bible "Book" of the Month: Psalms 51-100**

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