

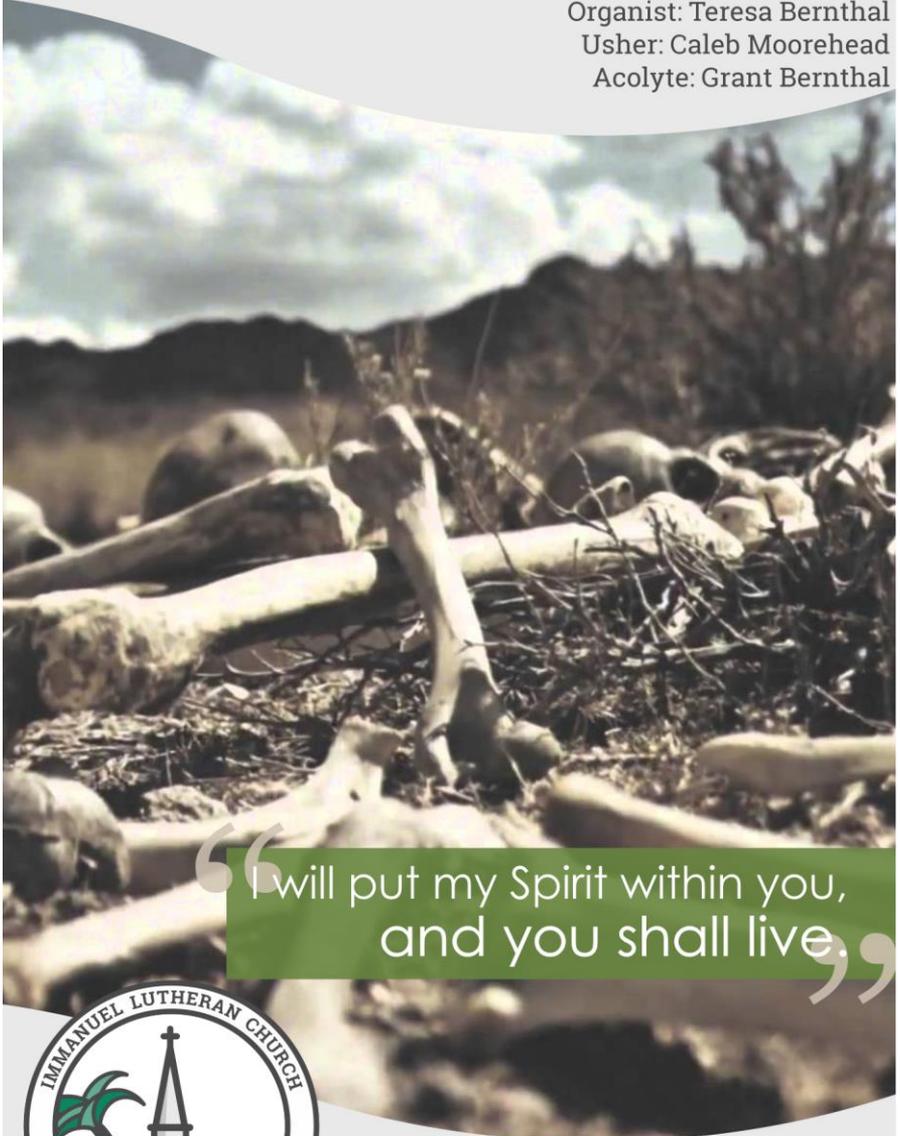
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Pentecost

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“I will put my Spirit within you,
and you shall live.”



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 139:1-12

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me! ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. ⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," ¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #224

"Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!"

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G *♩* **A - - - men.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

G *♩* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

G *♩* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

G **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all**

our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- P** 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. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C  A - - - men.

INTROIT

Ps. 104:24, 27-28, 30

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.
- C** **O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.**
- P** These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.
- C** **When You give it to them, they gather it up; when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.**
- P** When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Liturgical Text

Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our life.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

C All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P Let us pray . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - - - men.

EPISTLE READING – Acts 2:1-21 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and

Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians - we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."¹⁴ 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.¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:¹⁷ "'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;¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

GOSPEL READING – John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.²⁷ And you also will bear witness, 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.⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will

declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: WS #740

"Holy Spirit, End Our Sadness"

SERMON – Ezekiel 37:1-14 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³ And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon 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." ⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of

man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."

¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹ Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

"You Will Know that He is the LORD"

I. When you see what you can do with your spirit

II. When you see what God can do with His Spirit

OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

☞ **♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Hymn: TLH #382:1,3,5,6 "Lord, We Confess Our Numerous Faults"

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

☞ **♪ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

PRAYER and CHILDREN SING the LORD'S PRAYER



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Amil Jackson
Wade Nathey
Logan Earp

Eighth Grade

Chyna Solano
Joel Bernthal
Hunter Hargrove
Joshua Thackston

BENEDICTION

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- G** *Amén, amén, a – men.*

School Children Sing

“Walk With Them, Lord”

✠ Announcements ✠

Congratulations to all our students for passing to the next grade level! May the Lord bless our graduates at the high school level, and may He bless all of you this summer! Praise the Lord for all His bounteous gifts!

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **May 23:** School’s End of Year Program @7pm
- ✠ **May 27:** NO Orlando Service
- ✠ **May 23-June 1:** Pastor out of town

Lutheran Spokesman renewals are due soon. Please remember to put \$10 for your subscription in the offering plate and make a note on your envelope that it is for your renewal. Thank you!

A New A/C System was installed in the parsonage on Monday and Tuesday after the old system died the previous Thursday. The old unit and air handler lasted over 14 years and served us well. And now the new system is working very well too! The total cost to the church was \$4800, and we are hoping to offset that cost with offerings over the coming months. If you are able and willing, please consider this need in your offerings. Thank you!

CLC Call News Teacher Ted Quade, Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners WI, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran school, Markesan WI. <> St. John's Lutheran, Okabena MN, has called Teacher Nathan Wales, Holy Trinity Lutheran, West Columbia SC. <> Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Heights MN, has called the Rev. Caleb Schaller, co-pastor of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI. <> Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI, has called the Rev. Mark Tiefel, pastor of Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood WA.

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Loye Issitt** continues to remain mostly housebound for several more months due to a kidney ailment. **Virginia Tetens** continues to battle advanced pancreatic cancer. **Kelsey Rodebaugh** had surgery on the 26th in Oahu, HI. She is recovering at home. **JoAnne Weis** recently cut open her foot doing yard work, and after receiving stitches, the wound became infected. Her foot is now healing well. **Fred Jackson** has recovered better very well from his pancreatic condition, and now only has follow-up tests. Praise the Lord! **Patti Meno** has been waiting for a kidney transplant. **Sharon Brown** recently had open heart surgery and is continuing her recovery at home. **Ray Seger** remains shut-in at Spring Lake Rehabilitation Center. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Richard Cook** remains mostly housebound due to bouts of severe dizziness. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive.

Last Week (5/13) Attendance: WH – 37 Orlando – 12

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May Usher: C. Moorehead | **Acolyte (5/27):** Mason G.
| **Cleaner (5/26):** Sedberry



THINKING OF IDEAS

Evangelism can seem like an intimidating task because we don't always know where to start. So often, churches begin with brainstorming sessions about projects, goals, and implementing a grand vision of success in their outreach. While it's good to develop ideas, it's also helpful to remember that any task worth undertaking involves steps. Consider what Jesus taught about planning:

Luke 14:28-30 "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it-- 29 "lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30 "saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish?'"

Responsible planning means not just keeping an eye on the long-term goal, but also completing the more mundane, day-to-day steps along the way. It's easy to get frustrated early on in congregational outreach because we often don't see the results we want. It also takes individuals who lead by example to get projects going. Not everything you suggest will sound awe-inspiring right off the bat. You may have to work at it a bit to help others see the plan and purpose of a project.

In each of the articles of our series, we've tried to share ideas with you. Remember, however, everything in its right time. If your congregation doesn't have a foundation in place for evangelism programs, it will be tough to implement ideas. To see where your church's starting point is at, consider two basic questions about communication:

1. Does your church have a website? The internet is the place where people go for information today. Each church should have a functioning website. Furthermore, is your church's information on the web updated? Could you make improvements to your website like offering a mobile friendly platform? Can you expand your web presence into other mediums like social media? How well your church can communicate its message on the web will go a long way in determining how many people are aware of your outreach programs. If you feel lost in this area or are looking for help, the CDF can point you in the right direction.

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2. Does your church have an outreach committee or group? When doing important work, organization matters (1 Cor. 14:40). It helps to organize outreach efforts if possible. A group or committee can help spread out responsibilities and also provide a format for meeting regularly so as not to neglect the work. Having an official committee within the congregation that is devoted to outreach will also ensure that the entire membership receives regular updates on projects and needs at voter's meetings.

Before jumping right into ideas, think about these two aspects of communication, outside of and within the congregation. When your congregation is ready to communicate outreach, there are plenty of resources that can give you lots of ideas. Oftentimes, you can build on planning done by other churches, with resources like the Tacoma Outreach Menu (available online here: <http://clclutheran.net/documents/>). Your pastor is also an available resource for ideas as he can draw upon the advice of other pastors and also of synodical groups like the CDF.

As a parting thought to this article series, remember that even the most important work of our Savior Jesus on earth, the very thing we desire to share, was not completed overnight. God, who planned our salvation in eternity, is more than able to bless each step your church takes to promote the gospel - everything within its proper time, however. If you've thought and prayed about outreach for sometime, or if you've tried ideas that haven't stuck, take a step back and consider if your church is effectively communicating.

1 Peter 5:10-11 *But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you . 11 To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

7 Habits of a Mission-Minded Congregation

Love for the Lost

Imitating the Great Commission

Reliance Upon the Word

Desire to Achieve Unity

Encouraging one another

Strengthening the Individual

**Thinking of Ideas
(Being Creative)**



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I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. -John 15:5

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