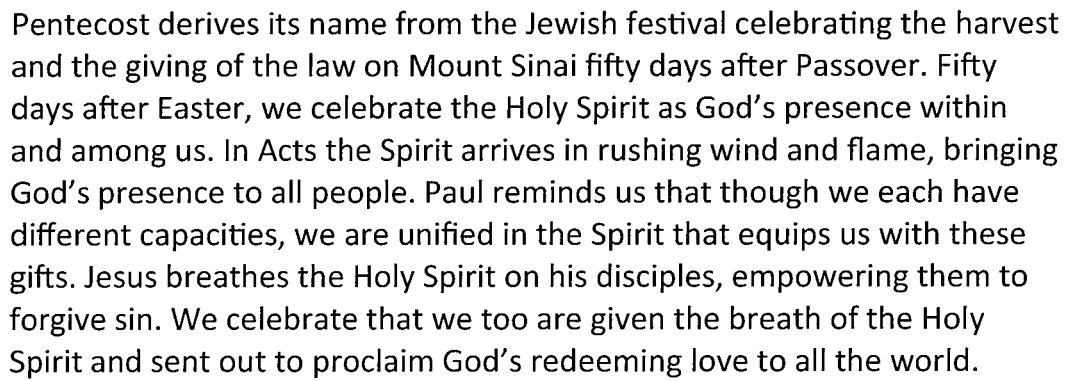


Day of Pentecost



May 24, 2026



Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our worship follows a traditional order inspired by scripture and rooted in ancient patterns. The full order for worship (liturgy) is found in this bulletin.

*Please stand as you are able. Spoken congregational responses are in **Bold**.

GATHERING

Worship begins with the organ prelude. It's a time for silent meditation as we turn our hearts and minds to God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We**

ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN -

Come Down, O Love Divine Hymn #804

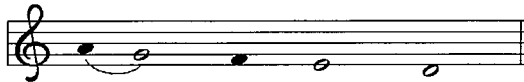
*GREETING

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.**

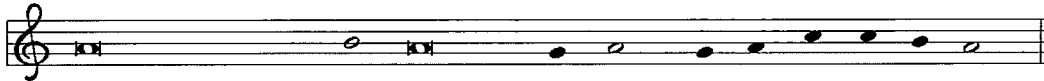
*KYRIE - Lord, have mercy page 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



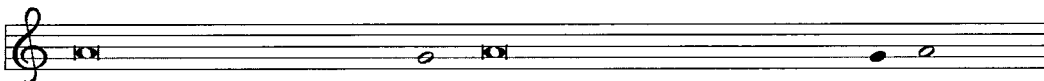
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



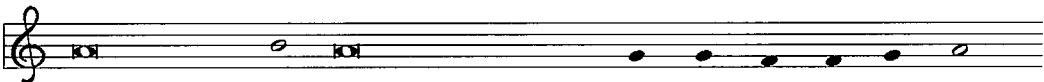
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



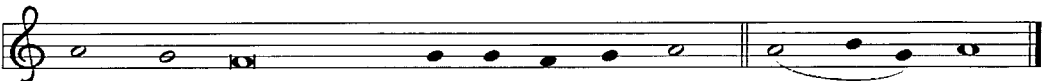
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer 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.

* HYMN OF PRAISE - *This is the Feast* page 149

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and

astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘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.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

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

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b (*spoken responsively*)

- ²⁴ How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- ²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to
number,
living things both small and great.**
- ²⁶ There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.
- ²⁷ **All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**
- ²⁸ You give it to them; they ^l gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- ²⁹ **When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**
- ³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- ³¹ **May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**
- ³² You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.
- ³³ **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**
- ³⁴ May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- ^{35b} **Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

^{3b} No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Page 151



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL - John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord. *(spoken)*

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Althea Seidel

*HYMN OF THE DAY -

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine Hymn # 398

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**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. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** (After each prayer) **Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING - (*Offering plates are located in the narthex as you exit the sanctuary.*)

*OFFERTORY HYMN -

Canticle of the Turning..... Hymn #723, v.1

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?**

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God, **accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will
hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that
goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name
of Jesus, Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

*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 to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS - *Holy, holy, holy* Page 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

You are indeed holy, Almighty and Merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

On 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.

May all blessing, praise, and thanks be to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, and by your Life-giving Spirit. **Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **Amen.**

***AGNUS DEI - (Lamb of God)** Page 154



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

After receiving Communion, please do not hesitate to come forward to the altar for a time of prayer.

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and bring you peace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God of wind and fire, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. Strengthen us to serve all in need and to carry the fire of your Spirit to the world. Amen.

THE SENDING

***BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN -**

This Is My Song Hymn #887

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The Spirit is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Althea Seidel

Paul Copenhaver - Minister of Music

Sara Wagner - Organist

Heather Buffington - Bell Choir Director

Heather Buffington - Cantor

Scott Hower - Lay Assistant

Renee Nelson - Lector

Alizah Engle - Acolyte

Betz Miller & Denise Rhoades - Greeters

♿ Elevator access to upper and lower levels is located at rear entrance of church.

📵 Remember to silence cell phones & other electronic device

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY:

Sunday, May 24 - Adult Christian Education 10:15 a.m.

Monday, May 25 - OFFICE CLOSED for Memorial Day Holiday

Wednesday, May 27 - Private Event 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 28 - Archives & Artifacts Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m.

PRAYER UPDATE: We have been asked to keep Barb Atwood, Terry Clearwater, Monique Derfler, Deb Dobson, Donna, George & Susie Eckert, Dan, Dan Fox, The Family of Ruth Gassert, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Jennifer, Joe & Fran, Joe Kalbach, Jim & Judi Light, Ann Mark, Janice Peiffer, Rachel, Robert, Margaret Reese, Sam & Marie Smith, Betty Troxell, Nancy & Rick Warner, and Mary Yeagley.

PRAYER CONCERNS: If you no longer wish to be included in the prayer update list, please let the Church Office know to remove your name.

DO YOU VOLUNTEER?: We are looking to feature non-profits where our members volunteer for the newsletter. This is a great opportunity to promote your passion project! Please contact the Church Office for more information.

DONATIONS NEEDED: The Share & Care ministry is in need of plastic forks, canned goods, ready to eat items like granola bars, etc. Please bring your donations to The Giving Place. All donations should be placed in the bin marked SHARE & CARE. Donations placed in the red shopping cart go to LCCM. Thank you!

GOT LIDS?: Bring all of your soft plastic lids from yogurt, butter, and cottage cheese containers. These lids are approximately 5" in diameter. Other lids also work. Just bring your lid in and place them in the bin in The Giving Place.

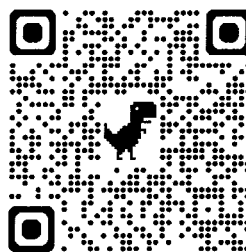


SEPTEMBER 26: Make plans to join us for BINGO! Proceeds will benefit the Pastor's Inner Mission Outreach and the Share & Care Ministry. If you are interested in helping or donating an item for the raffle, please contact the Church Office.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

There are many ways that we, as a congregation and as individuals, give back to the Lord. Many of us share our gifts, talents, and money in order to have our many ministries flourish. Your support, in whatever ways it is shared, is always appreciated.

Scan to donate online:



Church Treasurer's Financial Summary - March 2026

	Month of March	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
Income	\$26,405.00	\$75,347.00	\$81,939.00
Expenses	(\$21,940.00)	(\$91,370.00)	(\$100,331.00)
Net Income	\$4,465.00	(\$-16,023.00)	(\$-18,392.00)



Mt. Gretna Bible Festival

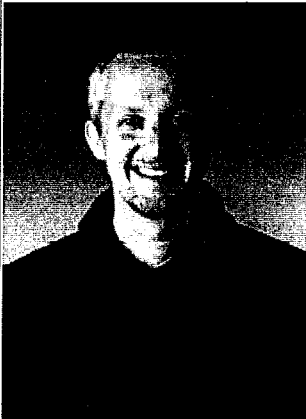
Handbell Festival

an annual tradition since 1992

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Concert at 7:00 pm

This Year's Conductor



Brian Childers

Brian Childers is an accomplished composer, conductor, and clinician. His choral, instrumental, and handbell works are performed throughout the world. He is in demand as a featured clinician at music conferences and festivals across the nation. Brian's compositions and arrangements are available through a variety of publishers.

Brian has earned degrees from Appalachian State University the M. Christopher White School of Divinity at Gardner-Webb University. He has conducted church and community groups and currently serves as Director of Handbells and Children and Youth Music at Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte, NC where he oversees a comprehensive handbell ministry to children, youth, and adults. In the spring of 2024, he was named as the Artistic Director of the Charlotte Bronze Handbell Ensemble.

Parking Information

The Tabernacle is located at Third Street & Glossbrenner Avenue adjacent to the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church. In addition to parking along Routh 117, parking for this event is available at Mt. Gretna Fire Co. and Mt. Gretna Roller Rink in defined areas only. Handicapped Parking at Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church Parking Lot.

This program is open to all. A free-will offering will be received.



Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives,
do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor fearful.

John 14:27, NASB



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