



# Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021

10:30 AM

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**Everyone is welcome.** As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

**May 23**

**In-Person Worship Resumes June 6** with worship in the sanctuary at 8:00 and 10:30 AM. Fill out this questionnaire (<https://tinyurl.com/3s49f4nn>) to help with these services.

**Altar Flowers:** With worship returning to the sanctuary on June 6, altar flowers will resume! Please sign up in the rear entry. The weekly flower cost to the church is \$80. Please give as you are able, online or with a check.

**In-Person Services:** Our next in-person outdoor service will be **May 30 at 5:00 PM. TODAY at 8:30 AM** there will be an indoor service in Hinman Hall. These services will be offered biweekly and we ask that you RSVP. Masks are required for both indoor and outdoor services.

**Cross Roads Fundraiser, 500 Gifts in May:** Help Cross Roads recover from the effects of the pandemic and ensure its future ministry through a generous challenge for all gifts made in May. Each gift made by **May 31** will receive **an additional \$200** added to it, up to \$100,000! Click [here](http://www.crossroadsretreat.com/online-donation) ([www.crossroadsretreat.com/online-donation](http://www.crossroadsretreat.com/online-donation)) to give and for more information.

**ASP Calendar Fundraiser** for Youth Missions/Appalachia Service Project has ended. Total up your collection and write a check to St. John's with ASP on the memo line, or visit the church website to give online: Established Funds, Youth Missions, add donation amount and ASP to the comment box. Many thanks for participating in this virtual fundraiser!

**Rally for Social Ministry:** Help us support five of St. John's hunger and housing ministry partners. Beginning **TODAY** for five weeks, we will raise at least \$1,000, supporting a different group each week. If the total goal of \$5,000 is raised, the committee will make a \$500 donation. There will be a celebration rally after the 5:00 PM service on **June 27** with music, dancing, fellowship, sandwich-making for Bridges, and a food drive. Make all donations **DIRECTLY TO ST. JOHN'S** with a check or through the "Special Offerings" category using this [secure link](https://tinyurl.com/7kr8yzu). Please note the organization you are supporting and fill out this form (<https://tinyurl.com/7kr8yzu>). St. John's will make one large monetary donation on behalf of our congregation to each organization. This week we are collecting for [Grace](#).

**Save the Date for a Farewell & Godspeed for Margaret Sherman:** Mark your calendars as we bid farewell to lifelong member Margaret Sherman on **June 6 at 2:00 PM**.

**HeartSaver First Aid/CPR/AED** is being held at St. John's on **June 19 at 9:00 AM** to teach skills needed to recognize emergencies and give first aid. Contact Jane Bowman at [janeb@comcast.net](mailto:janeb@comcast.net) or 908-447-8865.

**Giving Is Important.** We count on your generous offerings to continue to do our robust ministry. Please give generously. You may [give online](#) or mail checks to the church.

## Prayer Before Worship

Gracious God, you come among your people as One who fashioned all things, who, face-to-face, revealed your knowledge of our lives, and whose presence brings assurance and hope. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love so that in hearing and seeing the gifts of this life, we may know the way to live in thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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**PRELUDE** Fughette on *Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott* By Andreas Armsdorf (1670–1699)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

As we wait in silence,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we listen to your word,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we worship you in majesty,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your refreshing,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your renewing,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your equipping,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

## GATHERING HYMN ELW 395 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, with all your  
 2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, now cause the  
 3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the



grac - es now out - poured on each be - liev - er's  
 word of life to shine. Teach us to know our  
 will your work to do and in your ser - vice



mind and heart; your fer - vent love to them im - part.  
 God a - right as lov - ing Fa - ther, our de - light.  
 to a - bide; let tri - als turn us not a - side.



Lord, by the bright - ness of your light in ho - ly  
 From ev - 'ry er - ror keep us free; let none but  
 Lord, by your pow'r pre - pare each heart and to our



faith your church u - nite; from ev - 'ry land and  
 Christ our teach - er be, that we in liv - ing  
 weak - ness strength im - part, that brave - ly here we



ev - 'ry tongue, this to your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:  
 faith a - bide, in him, our Lord, with all our might con - fide.  
 may con - tend, through life and death to you, our Lord, as - cend.



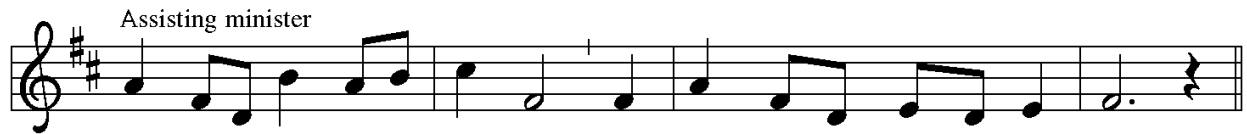
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: German hymn, 15th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483-1546, sts. 2-3; tr. composite  
 Music: KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT, *Enchiridion*, Erfurt, 1524

## APOSTOLIC 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.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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. **Amen.**

### Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

## FIRST READING Acts 2:1–21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>‘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. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

*The reader concludes:* The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

**MUSIC** Setting of “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

By John Carter (b. 1930)

Stephanie Rothman, trumpet

## SECOND READING Romans 8:22–27

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is

seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

*The reader concludes:* The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“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. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

*The Gospel is proclaimed, concluding:* The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

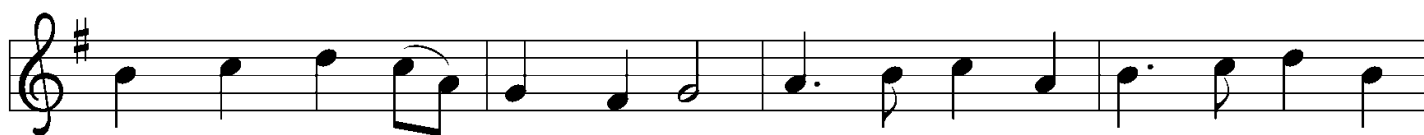
# HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 400 God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



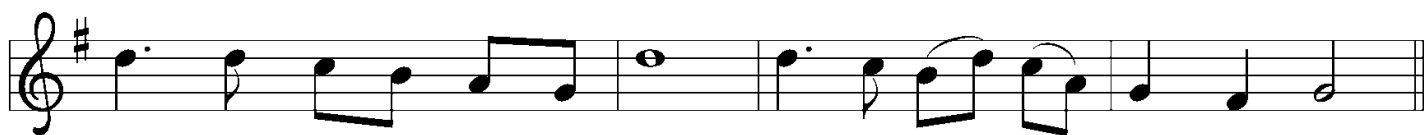
1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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## **NICENE CREED**

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith:

**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**

Lord in your mercy, . . . **Hear our prayer.** *Response at the conclusion of the prayer: Amen.*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **PEACE**

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

## **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*We present monetary, food, and other offerings for God's mission through this congregation. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit [www.stjohnssummit.org](http://www.stjohnssummit.org).*

## OFFERING ANTHEM “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

Arr. Michael Burkhardt  
(b. 1957)

Virtual Choir Andrew Larsen, soprano sax

Like the murmur of the dove’s song, like the challenge of her flight,  
Like the vigor of the wind’s rush, like the new flame’s eager might: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ’s body, to the branches of the vine,  
To the church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
With the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

## OFFERTORY ELW 885 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical notation is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## PENTECOST COMMISSIONING

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God’s mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God’s Church, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God’s future, trusting God to be your guide? **By the Spirit’s power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love? **We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need? **We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God? **We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world’s shadow-filled places? **We will.**

## Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### BLESSING

The Spirit of God renews the Church and send us into mission. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN ELW 627 O Day Full of Grace



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new  
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be  
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the  
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.  
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.  
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

## **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE** Setting of *Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott* By Matthias Weckmann (1619–1674)

**ZOOM COFFEE HOUR:** URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>

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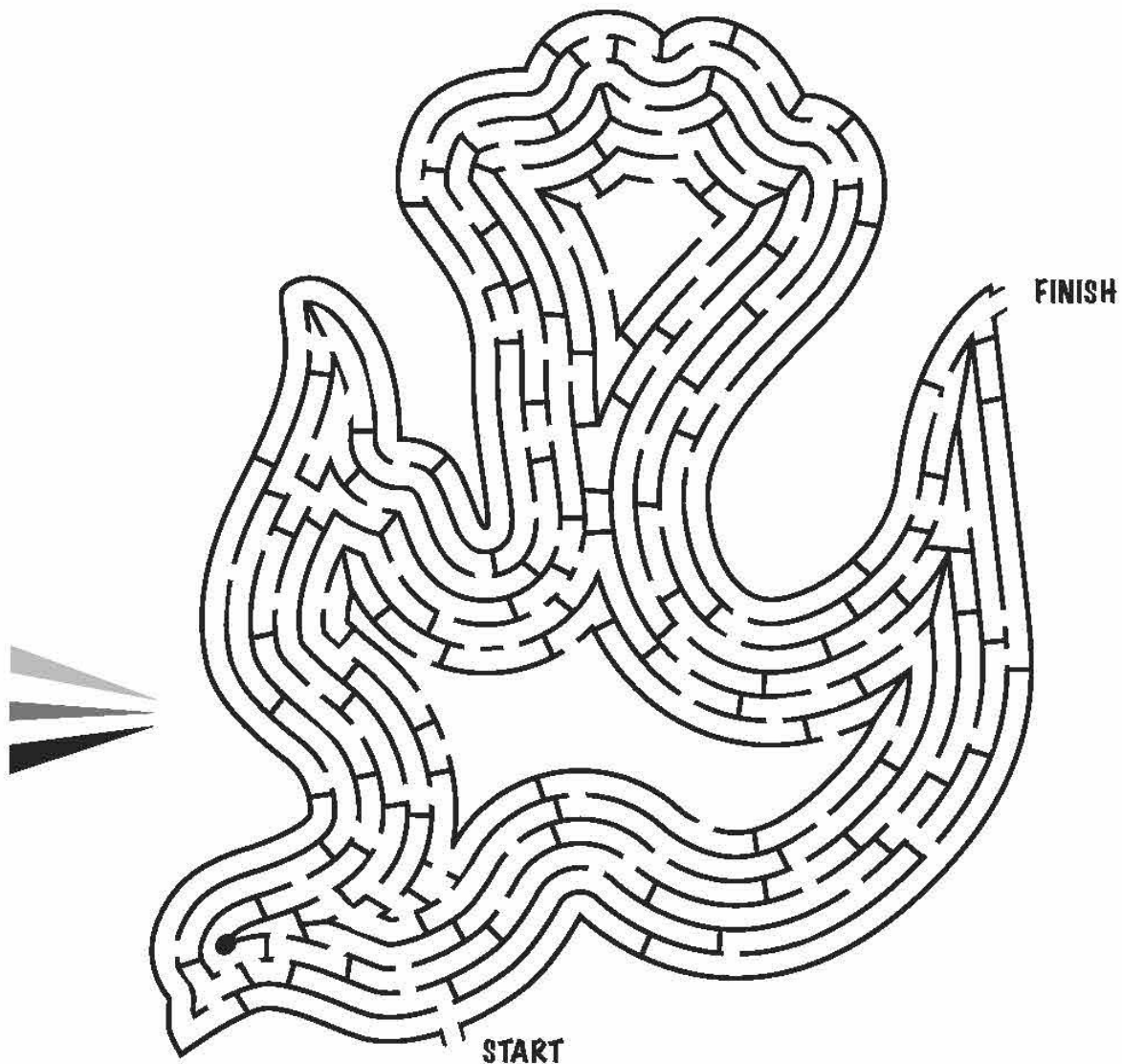
# READER

Day of Pentecost

- Today is the **Day of Pentecost**.
- Two symbols of Pentecost are a **dove** and a **flame**.
- On Pentecost, we **celebrate** the church's birthday.
- The color of Pentecost is **red**.

## Flying to 50

The dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit came to Jesus' followers at Pentecost. We celebrate Pentecost 50 days after Easter. Find your way through this dove maze. Then add the numbers 1 through 50 to your path.



On Pentecost, the people were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in all different languages. Everyone else could understand the different languages! Can you understand the languages below? Draw a line to match the memory verse with the language.

## Memory Verse



When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

Spanish

Cuando llegó el día de Pentecostés, estaban todos juntos en un mismo lugar.

Chinese

Καὶ ἐν τῷ συνπληροῦσθαι τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς πεντηκοστῆς ἦσαν πάντες ὁμοῦ ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτό.

German

Le jour de la Pentecôte, ils étaient tous ensemble dans le même lieu.

Greek

五旬節到了，門徒都聚集在一處。

French

Und als der Tag der Pfingsten erfüllt war, waren sie alle einmütig beieinander.

English



-Acts 2:1

Πεντηκοστή

When a word starts with *pent*, *penta*, or *pente*, it means five. The word **Pentecost** means 50 days after Easter.

Did You Know?



# Fill in the Blank

Use the words in the dove to fill in the blanks below.



“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all \_\_\_\_\_ in one place.

And suddenly from \_\_\_\_\_ there came a sound like the rush of a violent \_\_\_\_\_, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of \_\_\_\_\_, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the \_\_\_\_\_ and began to speak in other \_\_\_\_\_, and the spirit gave them the \_\_\_\_\_.”

\_\_\_\_\_ 2:1-4

# Pentecost Word Find

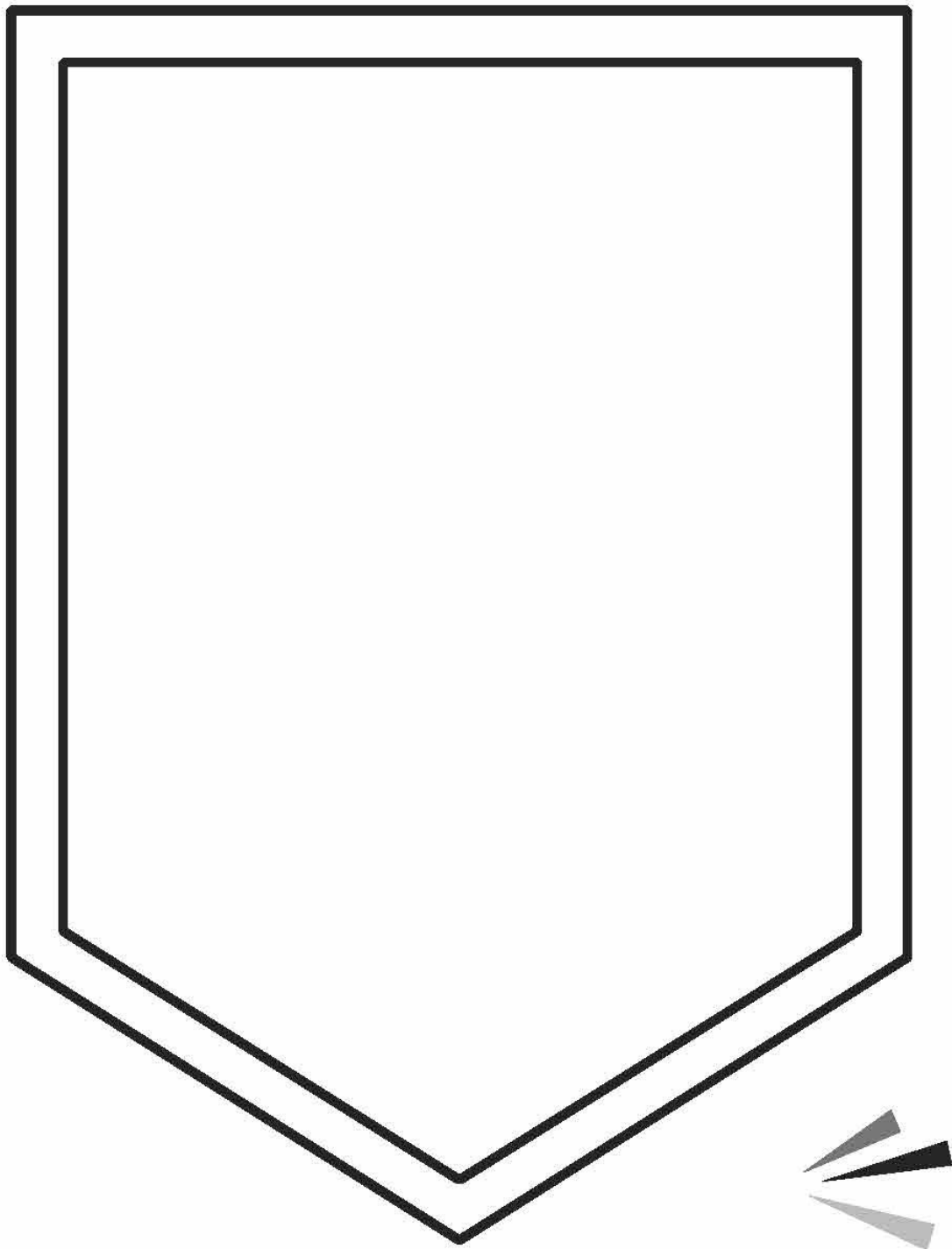
Answer the questions below. Then find the answers in the Word Find.

1. What is the color of Pentecost?
2. What are the symbols of Pentecost?
3. How many days after Easter is Pentecost?
4. What is another name for language that the Bible uses?
5. What does the symbol of the dove represent?



## Create your own banner!

The Day of Pentecost is a celebration of the Holy Spirit's presence. We also celebrate the birthday of the church on Pentecost. Look around the worship space to see if you can find any colorful banners with flames, doves, or the color red (Hint: Check the altar, the front of the church, and the back of the church). Then design a Pentecost celebration banner of your own! Include today's color, symbols, and any other words or phrases from the Bible.







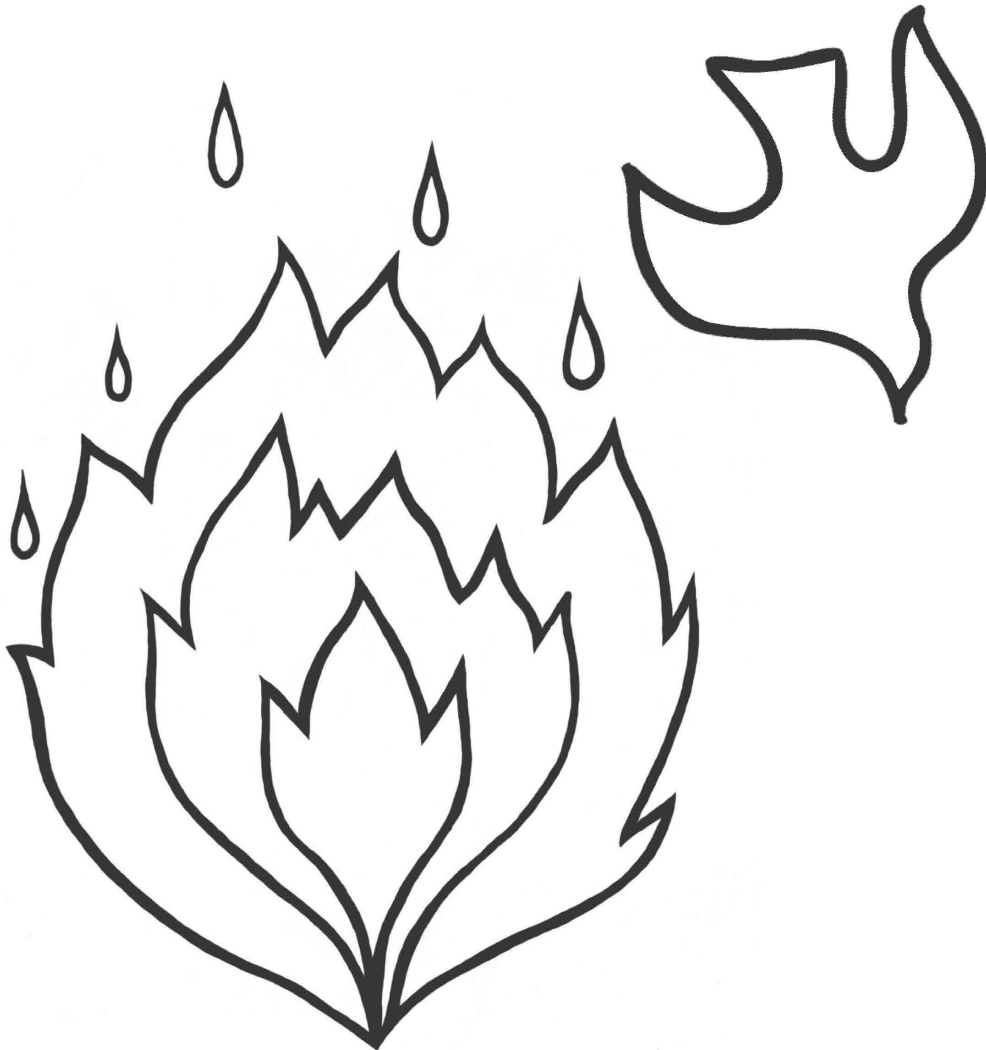
# PRE-READER

Day of Pentecost

- Today is the **Day of Pentecost**.
- One symbol for this day is a **flame**.
- Another symbol is a **dove**.
- Symbols like fire and doves help us to **remember** church holidays.

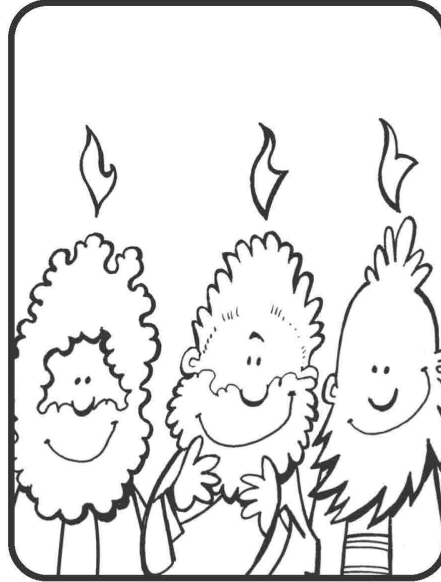
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**Color these two symbols for Pentecost.**

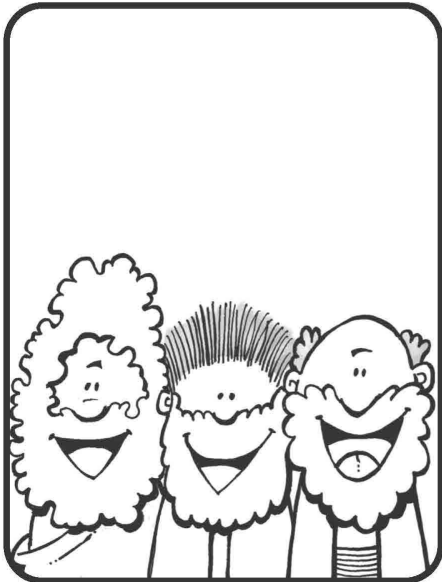




**Suddenly a strong  
wind blew through  
the house.**



**It looked like each  
disciple had a flame of  
fire touching him, but  
no one was burned.**



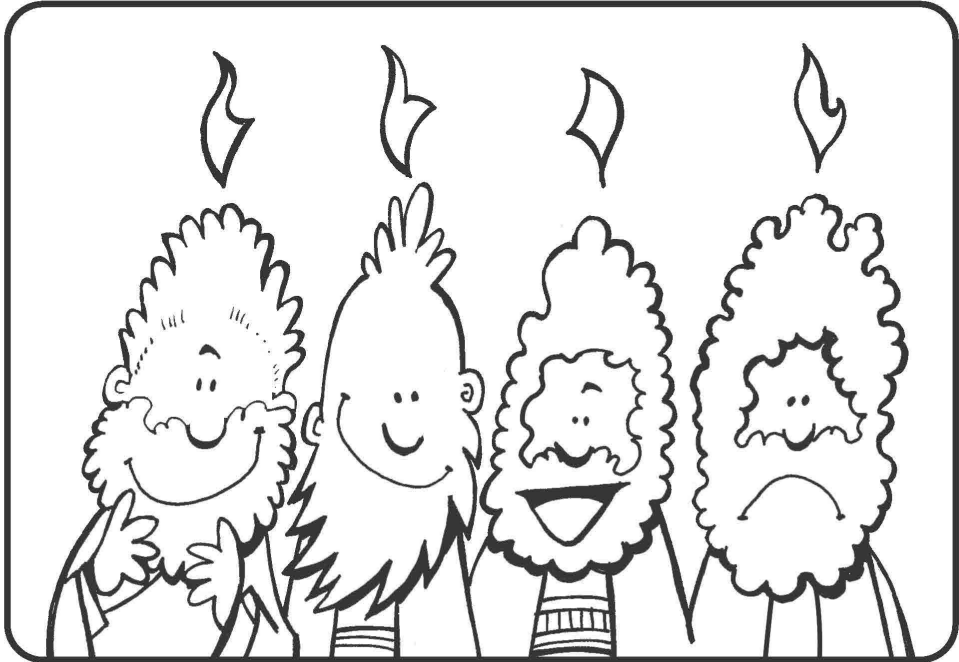
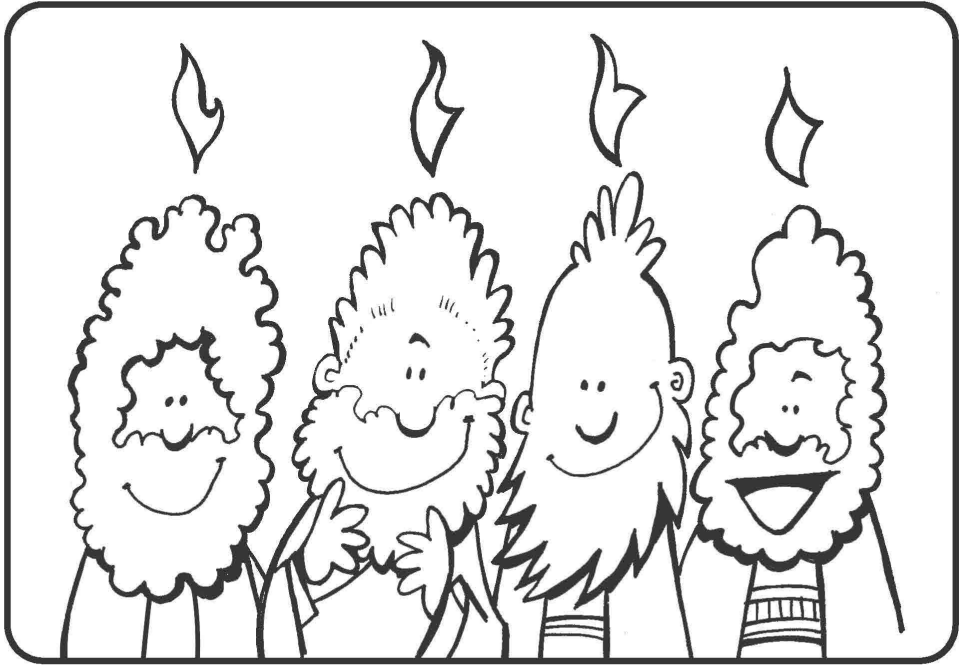
**The disciples  
began to speak in  
different languages.**



**Peter reminded  
everyone what Jesus  
had taught them.**



Can you find the differences between these two pictures of the disciples?



Look around! Can you find these red things at your church? When you find each one, color it red.

**What else can you find that is red in your worship space?**

