



ST ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Guided by the Spirit, we share the love of Jesus
and walk with our community.

Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers at St Andrew's,
Grace and peace in the name of Jesus!

Today is a festival, the third great festival in the life of the church: Pentecost! We sometimes declare that this is the birthday of the Church! We wear red in celebration! We sing joyous songs in thanksgiving! Even when our hearts are heavy from the extended time apart from each other and the dark pall of racism and violence that distresses us, we continue in the hope of the Resurrection and now in the gift of the Spirit. God is good. All the time.

On the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 31, recognizing that it will still be a while before we can safely gather together for worship and The Meal, we will resume the Liturgy for Holy Communion in the Home. You've received more information about that in a separate email. This liturgy will be offered via Zoom immediately following the Zoom Coffee Hour beginning at 11:00 am. You are encouraged to worship through the words and hymns of this devotion, attend the coffee hour, and then stay for the liturgy. You'll need to prepare for that, so please see the information about that for details.

As the story of Pentecost reminds us, words and stories help us share the gospel and invite others into the Body of Christ and into fellowship with us. St Andrew's has a new resource to help with that! Our new website: standrews-elca.org. You can help make this a dynamic and useful tool for the Good News by sharing information, stories, and pictures. And share the link with your friends. It's an easy way to let them know how the Spirit is at work in and through St Andrew's.

And don't forget to use and share the Faith Formation materials that come to you each week. There is something for all ages. Martin Luther believed that the best place to teach and learn the faith was in the home. We have the opportunity to do that now. Let's do it! In addition, adults are invited to join in the Adult Faith Formation Class Sunday evenings from 7-8 pm. Links to the study materials are found each week in the Faith Formation email.

At the close of our Pentecost worship, there will be a brief message and the benediction from our Indiana-Kentucky Synod Bishop Bill Gafkjen. If you would like to express your thanks or send a word of encouragement to Bp Bill, you may do that at bishopbill@iksynod.org

Blessings to you all on this great day of Pentecost!
Deacon Marilyn


Introduction

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.

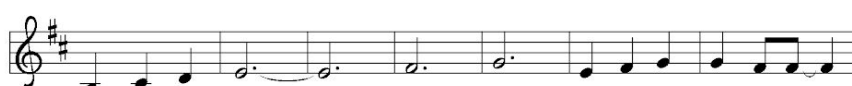
Prelude

Spirit of Gentleness

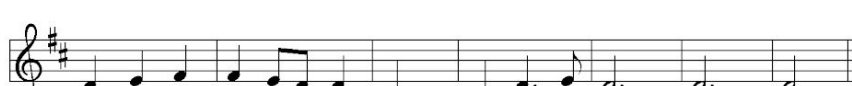
Refrain




Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,




stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.




1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



Refrain
"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

You may wish to light a candle and have small bowl of water to remember your baptism.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life. We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

Word

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 nation 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?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds

of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, 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.

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

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

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

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

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

²⁴How 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.**

²⁶There 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.**

²⁸You give it to them; they 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.**

³⁰You 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.**

³²You 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.**

³⁴May 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.

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

¹²For 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. ¹³For 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.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

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

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

Meditation

Pentecost is a festival.

Pentecost was a festival long before those 120 followers of Jesus were gathered in that room in Jerusalem.

Pentecost had been a festival for millennia by the time those followers of Jesus were gathered in that room, 50 days after the Resurrection and 10 days after Jesus ascended to heaven.

Pentecost was a kind of combination harvest celebration and beer fest. Yes, beer fest. Because the harvest that they were celebrating was the grain harvest which had begun 50 days earlier. And what else would you do with at least some of the grain? Of course! You'd brew beer. So, that Pentecost was like the thousands of Pentecosts before: it was a festival. Think of Pentecost like the original Oktoberfest plus the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and you'll have some idea of what was going on in Jerusalem while those 120 followers of Jesus were "all together in one place."

As the writer of the book of Acts tells us: On that day Jerusalem, always the center of life for the Jewish people, was filled with locals but also with people from "every nation under heaven." That may be a little bit of an exaggeration, but not much. Have you been to the Oktoberfest in Munich? Or the Chicago Mercantile Exchange? I've been to both, and I'll tell you, people really are there from all over the world. So, it's not a stretch to think that about Jerusalem on Pentecost.

Given the circumstances, is it any wonder that the crowd suspected that the followers of Jesus were "filled with new wine" or maybe some beer, even at the early hour of nine in the morning? Even at a time of day when faithful Jews were not permitted to indulge?

And who could blame them for thinking that? After all, the crowd that was made up of speakers of every language they had ever heard and some they hadn't. And now they realized that each person in the crowd understood what these uneducated backwater Judeans were saying to them "in their own languages." Who wouldn't be bewildered, amazed, and astonished?

And that's when things got interesting. Not just for the disciples who had been waiting for something to happen. But for that crowd in Jerusalem, too.

The people in the crowd may have come to Jerusalem for the opportunity to do a little business and relax after the work of the harvest. And the disciples were there because Jesus had told them to wait there; to wait for the power of the Holy Spirit.

But what happened took them all by surprise.

The disciples "began to speak in other languages;" the crowd "heard them speaking in the native language of each."

"What does this mean" they asked. Indeed! What does this mean?

Well, it means many things.

But this week, I think it means that there is hope. Because we are shown that it is possible for people to speak and people to hear in a way that they understand one another.

I think it means there is reconciliation. Because just 53 days before Pentecost, Peter had denied even knowing Jesus. But now, on this day, Peter would go on to tell the story of Jesus and how he had been the sign of God's deeds of power: Power to feed, to heal, to see and hear those whom others ignored, power to forgive; power to overcome death itself.

I think it means that race and ethnicity and nationality and geography really, truly, absolutely do not matter in any way, shape, or form to God. Because all of those means of identifying and dividing were present on that day in Jerusalem. And no matter where they came from or who they were, the Holy Spirit gave them all the ability to speak and the ability to hear each other. The Holy Spirit indeed, showed no partiality toward anyone. Anyone. Not even the disciples. Everyone received the gift of the Spirit.

I think it means that we can dream that there can be and will be a time and place where people who do live lives differently from each other in ways that do not matter will be united with one another in the ways that do matter. And, while we cannot even imagine what that will look like and feel like and be like; and while we in our pride and our blindness and our greed may do whatever we can to prevent it from becoming reality; that even when we steal the breath from one another, Jesus will breathe into us the breath of the Holy Spirit. And so, despite the violence and death and the destruction that takes place in some streets, the gift of the Holy Spirit that made itself known in the streets of Jerusalem on that Pentecost still beckons us to dream that the great and glorious day of the Lord will come to every street and path and highway and trail in God's creation. We dare to dream that the God who does deeds of power will do this, too.

Did those disciples of Jesus know that the power that they were promised would be the power of their words, of language? Did those first followers of Jesus have any clue that the first place the Holy Spirit would lead them would be to the streets and not to the Temple or the synagogues where you'd expect preaching and teaching about God to take place? It doesn't seem so. I don't know what they did expect, but it doesn't seem to be this. Just before Jesus ascended to heaven these were the guys who asked Jesus, "Lord, is this time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" So, no, I don't think they were expecting this: to be driven into the streets with the message that everyone matters to God.

Pentecost had always been a festival. But when the Holy Spirit showed up, Pentecost became a party.

And everyone is invited.

Amen

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

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We call on your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your church, that they reveal your love for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of life, present in air, wind, humidity, storms, and oxygen in our atmosphere, breathing energy into all things. Heal with your breath the whole creation, especially those who struggle to breathe due to air pollution. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Give each one of us a heart for justice and empathy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for comfort (especially). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of friendship. As Elizabeth welcomed Mary to her home, give us a spirit of welcome to those whom we meet in this congregation and outside these doors. Surprise us daily with unexpected grace, that we rejoice in every blessing you send. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We call on your spirit of hope. As you have led your saints in all times and places, stir in us the desire to follow their example, leading us from death to new life in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Joined together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught:

**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 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.**

Offering

During this time of separation, we've been asked to look for the work of the Lord in our lives and share them with one another. I know sometimes I can go about my day, not recognizing the work of the Lord around me, so I've appreciated this challenge. Purposefully setting out each day to see the Lord in my surroundings has allowed me to recognize the small things that I usually overlook. Letting someone go in front of you at the grocery may seem like a trivial thing, but that simple act of

kindness is the work of the Lord. How many other small or trivial acts of kindness do you see every day? During our time of separation, let us continue to spread the love of God through kindness.

We thank everyone for their continued support of St. Andrews and our mission to walk with our community and share the love of Jesus. Your financial contributions are vital to the life of our church and our mission. Offerings can be sent in through various means. You can mail your offering into the church; you can donate through the Tithe.ly app or through our website. Should you need assistance with using the electronic options, please contact Kelli Steurer.

There are also non-financial means to support St. Andrews. We thank those who are mailing the weekly service bulletins to our fellow disciples who are not online. Are you able to help with tasks like this? We are always looking for help with the weekly worship. If you would like to create a video for the service, please contact Kelli Steurer or Deacon Marilyn.

We lift our offerings to the Lord. May you go forth and see the Lord all around you. Stay safe and stay well until we are able to meet again.

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

Message and Blessing from Bp Bill Gafkjen

Greetings, dear people of God, in the name of Jesus. Thank you for being so patient and so faithful during this difficult time as we have been worshipping at a distance from one another and dealing with all of the complexity of emotions around this coronavirus wilderness. Thank you for continuing to faithfully proclaim the gospel to care for one another and to reach out to love and serve the neighbor. I'm grateful for the ways in which you have walked through this wilderness together with so many across this Indiana Kentucky Synod territory.

It occurs to me that on that very first Pentecost that first Pentecost day that we celebrate today, those disciples on whom the Spirit fell had no idea what was in store for them in the days and weeks and months ahead. They had no idea what their life together would look like; they had no idea what their mission, their Gospel mission would look like from that day forward. And yet they did know it was the spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, the spirit of Jesus that fell on them, and they welcomed the wind and the flame, the power and the love of the spirit's presence in this new and amazing way. Just as today, we have welcomed and continue to welcome that same Spirit as we gather in whatever ways we're gathering in Jesus name. Even if it's at a distance, we have welcomed that Spirit has fallen on us, the spirit of power and love.

And while we don't know what the future is going to look like, we don't know what the days, months, and years ahead will be as the people of God, the church, but like those early disciples we

can ride the wind of the Spirit's power and follow the flame of the Spirit's love into God's unfolding future. And we can go confident that the spirit will give us what we need to be energetic and faithful stewards of the good news of Jesus crucified and risen for the life of the world. The power, the wind of the Spirit will carry us, and the flame of the Spirit's love will fuel us. It will look different than things look today, but it will be beautiful and good because Jesus will be there and we'll be there together in the name of Jesus.

I'm grateful to be walking this way with you and pray that the spirit that descends on you this day will sustain and lead you as individuals and families and as communities of faith together.

Now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

Postlude

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!

Families on the Prayer List

Mrs. Norma Pratt
Mr. Darren Reaman
Mrs. Shirley Richards
Mr. David Royer

Additional Prayers for Recent, Current, or Upcoming Medical Care:

Vicki Alleman, daughter of Bonnie Parker	David, friend of Ed & Bev Bailey
Christine Claprodt, daughter of Norma Sweeney	Patrick Frepan, friend of the Hills
Fred and Darlene Fairchild, parents of Erin Browning's friend	Jeannie Hermerding
Ron Wojtowicz, friend of Deacon Marilyn	Marlon, brother of Ellen Shupe
Sylvia McCollum, cousin of Jeanette Burbrink	David Tryon, son of Mary
John Racek, brother-in-law of Jamie Shake	Denise Hollman
Janet Walsh, friend of Susan Hahn Johnson	Pat Tumey
Tim Walter, nephew of Bob & Thelma Holtman	Keith Johnson, husband of Susan
Angel Kaulfers, the wife of Rose Jones' coworker	Jeanne Wall

Those with Ongoing Special Need of Prayer:

Jerid Edwards, great nephew of MJ Lynch Ruth Tingle

Remember to Pray for Nursing Home Residents and Shut-Ins:

Thelma Jones	Penny Kalk	Martha Larson	Norma Petraits	David Royer
David Schmalz	The Harrison	Lynn Bigelow	Alton Dahl	

Remember to Pray for those Serving in our Armed Forces:

Michael Joseph Jerry Shake

JERRY SHAKE'S ADDRESS

While away at Basic Training, Jerry Shake will have a different address.
If you'd like (and we encourage you to!), please send him a note of encouragement and well wishes!

PFC Shake, Jerry
Alpha Co. 3-39th Infantry Regiment (165th BDE)
3rd Platoon "Punishers"
BLDG 11000 Dixie Road
Fort Jackson, SC 29207

Calendar Update

Good news! All of us are eager to get back in our lovely sanctuary. The Council is too! We met on Thursday evening, (via Zoom of course) and have agreed and voted to use **July 12th as our target date.** By waiting until after July 4th we will be able to see the effect of the re-opening process that our governor has laid out for us and it will allow us to develop a comprehensive plan to safely open the building. There are lots of resources out there for this process and our bishop has sent his guidelines as well (see attached). We know that when we re-convene in person there will be lots of changes. And we know that a few/several/many of us will not be able/comfortable gathering, and that is fine. We will continue to offer our service online for the foreseeable future. Until there is a vaccine available, life at St. Andrew's will look very different. But, that is true for any place we go in our current situation.

So mark your calendars, in pencil, and watch for updates as we move forward. Please do not hesitate to contact your Council representative with any questions. And please understand that this is our "target" date, if circumstances change for the worse, we will move that date later, in the interest of safety. The date will not be earlier.

Peace,
The Church Council

Calendar

- **Sunday, May 31** Zoom Coffee Hour 10am
- **Sunday, May 31** Zoom Holy Communion in the Home 11 am
- **Sunday, May 31** Zoom Meet and Greet with Candidate 1:30 pm and 3 pm
- **Sunday, May 31** Zoom Adult Faith Formation 7pm
- **Monday, June 1** Zoom Staff Meeting 10 am
- **Thursday, June 4** Zoom Council Meeting
- **Saturday, June 6** Zoom Meet and Greet with Candidate 10 am and 11:30 am
- **Sunday, June 14** Zoom Congregational Meeting

Announcements

CANDIDATE UPDATE

Please be sure to sign up for a Meet and Greet with Pastor Givan. If you do not have the internet, please reach out to your Shepherd in order to sign up for an available time and receive the directions needed to call in using a landline and/or cell phone. Please also keep your eye out for more information about our upcoming congregational meeting.

WEBSITE IS LIVE

Please check out our NEW website! One feature that I want to draw your attention to is that announcements (News) and sermons are all posted on the website. Check them out! Remember to submit pictures to Kelli so we can show everyone the great work St. Andrews does!

FACE MASKS

Are you interested in sewing masks for others? Paula would love to start a team of sewers! Can't sew? No worries, we need people to cut fabric, donate supplies, and much more! Reach out to Paula for more info!

OFFERING

Though we are social distancing, our mission continues on. If you feel so moved and do not wish to use Tithe.ly, please mail your offering to the church. Please do not drop off your envelopes.

Here is the church address:

6118 Crawfordsville Rd
Speedway, IN 46224

AN UPDATE ON SAVING PLASTIC BAGS FROM JAN SMITH

Please continue to save your plastic grocery bags for the Mats for Homeless project. After several days they will be safe to use and when we are able to work with them again we will use the oldest ones first. Perhaps gather them in a paper bag to save for bringing to the church. Jan asks that you do not wade them up and if at all possible smooth out flat. To process the bags they must be flat and smooth for cutting into strips which is difficult if they have been waded into balls. If you're not able to flatten them just keep as flat as possible.

CREATING CONNECTION

As we all know, this is a trying time. We would like to encourage you to send cards to Roald Smith. As you may know, those in assisted living and nursing homes are not allowed to see anyone. In Roald's case, he is not even allowed to leave his room. These simple gestures mean so much and bring so many smiles! Roald's address has recently been updated. Here it is again:

Roald Smith
1251 W 96th St Apt. 20A
Indianapolis, IN 46260

To help stagger our offerings of hope and joy, we are asking that we follow this plan based on the letter your last name begins with:

- Week of May 4: Letters A-E
- Week of May 11: Letters F-J
- Week of May 18: Letters K-O
- Week of May 25: Letters P-T
- Week of June 1: Letters U-Z

If you feel so included and are willing, we also encourage you to send cards to our shut-ins and those living in nursing homes. These members may also be under similar circumstances.

SPEEDWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BLESSING BOX

The church is putting up a Blessing Box which can be accessed by the church sign on 16th Street. The idea is to serve the community by putting nonperishable food items in the box from donations. Anyone in the community can take what they need or leave donations. Please note start time and date is subject to change.

FINANCIAL/STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

For our many members and guests who have continued to submit your offerings during this continued COVID 19 crisis we express to you a sincere thank you. So many of you have either mailed your gifts to the Church Office or contributed electronically. Many of you have also signed up for our new Tithe.ly giving program. However you choose to give please know your gifts are being processed regularly and being posted to your giving statements.

Through the end of April our financial status year-to-date for the operating fund (budget accounts) is a deficit of \$ 1,280. Although deficits are never pleasant we have much for which to be thankful. There are some churches that are in dire straits right now due to COVID 19 and we are still OK. For us to be where we are right now shows the tremendous love for God that our congregation has.

Thank you to Kelli and Michael Steurer, Dale Willman, and Amanda Hunter for all their hard work in the transition to our new Tithe.ly computer giving program. For the many who continue to give by envelope and mail in that is perfectly fine. The mail is being processed on a regular basis.

Dale Willman has announced his retirement as Financial Secretary effective at the end of June. Dale and Chris are still in Florida but at some point please do thank Dale for all his tremendous work and years of service. We also thank Dale for the continued computer work and support he provides for all of us.

Again, thank you for your gifts and dedication to our Lord and the ministries of St. Andrew's.

Brad Long



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and walk with our community.

NOTIFICATION OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 14, 2020

Greetings Members of Faith and St. Andrew's Lutheran Churches,

The Church Councils are pleased to notify you that on Sunday, June 14, 2020, a special congregational meeting, for the purpose of voting for Pastor Doug Givan to serve as our shared pastor and to accept his compensation package, will be held at each church for members who are eligible to vote.

Faith will hold their meeting at 1:00pm

St. Andrew's will hold their meeting at 3:00pm

Please note that in order to vote you need to be in attendance either by computer, app on your phone/tablet, or by calling in using any landline or cell phone.

More details on this virtual process will be sent to you soon.

Peace,

Faith Lutheran Church Council

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Council