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## Atascocita Lutheran Church

*We seek to make Christ known in our community through  
reflecting Christ in our lives.*



May 21, 2026

# Thursday Seeds

## Celebrate the Holy Spirit

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost – the day that God came to us in a different and lasting way. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, yet often the one we tend to overlook because the Spirit is the hardest for us to understand. God the Father is easy to understand since He is the Creator, the one who made all that is around us. The Father is found over and over again in the Old Testament. It is also the Father who provides all that we need and who Jesus came to show us.

Jesus the Son we relate to because He was not only fully God, but also fully human. Two of the major celebrations within the church are focused on Jesus, who we call 'the Christ.' At Christmas we celebrate Jesus' birth and on Easter we celebrate His resurrection from the dead. The New Testament is centered around Jesus, his life, ministry and call upon our lives.

But, the Holy Spirit? We sometimes talk about the Holy Spirit as a dove, other times as wind or breath, and we also use a tongue of flame to represent the Spirit. The Spirit of God is, in many ways, still very much a mystery to us. Yet, the Spirit is found all through our Scriptures. It is there in the very beginning at creation when we read that the Spirit of God moved over the waters. In the Old Testament the Spirit – or Wisdom – is personified as a woman and called Sophia. Jesus talks about the Spirit as a counselor or advocate. In fact, Jesus told his disciples that he would return to the Father, but would come to them in another form. That form is the Spirit.

It is the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, who is now the presence of God on earth. The Spirit lives and moves and breathes in each one of us. It is the law written on our hearts as the Old Testament tells us. It is the counselor or advocate living inside of us making our bodies God's temple. The Spirit intercedes for us in sighs too deep for words. The Spirit has blessed us with a wide variety of gifts so that we can carry out the work that we have been called to do here on earth in God's name.

We may not see the Spirit, but we know and feel the presence of the Spirit very often in our lives. So, let us join together this Sunday and celebrate the presence of God in the form of the Holy Spirit.

God's peace,  
Pastor Brian





## Our Graduates



ALC will host a reception for our graduates on June 14 following worship.

**Michael Beyer** - I'll be graduating from Kingwood High School on May 22 at 9:00 AM at the old Minute Maid Stadium. I've been accepted into Texas State San Marcos for a Business Administration Major and have also already signed a lease for an apartment. One thing I still remember from confirmation is the pizza we used to get for lunch - it was actually really good.

**Hunter Benavidez** - I'll be graduating from Summer Creek High School on May 23. I plan to attend San Jac and then transfer to Texas A&M. My major is undecided at this time. I have great memories of decorating the chalk wall in the Youth Group room with Michael and Kiera.

**Victor Vela** - I am graduating from the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance! After this degree, I actually want to just explore my options in music and take a break from solo playing. I dream about being a vocal coach/accompanist, mainly because learning about foreign languages is another passion of mine. In that way, collaborating with singers with art song or opera is a great intersection for me, as it combines two of my biggest interests. Outside of music, I really want to just give myself time and space to grow as a person, work, and invest in traveling to more countries. My favorite Christian artist is DOE.

*Gracious God,*

*You bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially for the milestones that Hunter, Michael and Victor will have attained in their upcoming graduations. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they also know your love and experience your peace in all the experiences they encounter. Remind them that you are only a prayer away when they meet obstacles, heartbreaks and challenges.*

*Bless also the parents of these students who have raised their children and nourished them in the Christian faith. Give them strength in your continuing presence, and give them many joyful reunions with their loved ones who may begin new and varied ventures, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

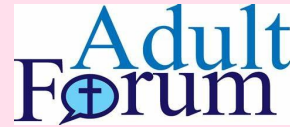
*Amen.*



**Children's Sunday School  
held during worship**

Children's Sunday School is held DURING worship time.

- 9:30 am - Children begin worship with parents
- 9:45 am - Children move to Sunday School (room 106) after Children's sermon
- 10:20 am - Children return to parents in pews (before Holy Communion)



Adult Forum meets every Sunday after worship in room 105. Pastor Brian guides the group through the current Sunday's lessons. Join us for lively discussions.



**Wednesday Bible Study**

Pastor leads a Bible study every Wednesday at 10:00 AM in his office. All are welcome!! Our focus is on the book of Luke.



**Noisy Offering**

Noisy offerings collected in May will go towards helping our Vacation Bible School. Thank you for your continued generous support!



**2026 ALC Directory Update**

- Courtenay Helis email:** [CourtenaySiegrist@gmail.com](mailto:CourtenaySiegrist@gmail.com)
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**Email Scam is back again!**

Warning! You may have recently received a new email claiming to come from Pastor Brian asking for you to contact him. PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND to this email or any like it. Also do not respond to any similar text message. This request is not coming from Pastor Brian. Please know that Pastor Brian would never send such an email or text message out asking for help in that way. Please do not send money anywhere else because of such an email or text on Pastor Brian's behalf.



**Diners' Group meets Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 pm**

Join us at **Texas Roadhouse** in Kingwood 23750 Highway 59 N for food, fun and fellowship. Please send your reservation to Judy Johnson at [jajohn4471@comcast.net](mailto:jajohn4471@comcast.net) so she can let the restaurant know how many to plan for. All are welcome!



**Basket Weavers meet Saturday, May 23 at 9:00 am**

Join our basket weavers group as we gather from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Anyone interested in the craft of basket weaving is invited to attend. Contact Joy C. for more information.



**Family Promise**

ALC will be hosting Family Promise clients May 31 - June 7. Volunteers are needed to provide dinners and host over night. Still needed are 4 dinners and 6 overnights. Please sign up on the bulletin board sheet next to the coffee pot. For any questions, please contact Judy Cargill or Judy Johnson. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!



**Vacation Bible School – Tropical Trek!**

Get ready for an exciting adventure! **Vacation Bible School: Tropical Trek** is coming **June 8–11, 2026**, from **9:00 AM to 12:00 PM each day**. Children will enjoy a fun-filled, faith-building journey with engaging lessons, music, crafts, and island-inspired activities - all designed to help them grow closer to God. Children will be grouped by age (Pre-K through Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> through 2<sup>nd</sup> grades, & 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades).



We invite our church family to be part of making this week unforgettable. You can support VBS by **volunteering your time** during the week, helping behind the scenes, or by **donating funds** to support supplies, programming, and outreach. Every gift of time or resources makes a meaningful difference.

Please also help us spread the word! **Share the VBS sign-up link with friends, neighbors, and the wider community** so more children can join us on this Tropical Trek adventure.

Thank you for helping us create a joyful, welcoming, and impactful VBS - we can't wait to explore together.

VBS sign up link: [ALC Tropical Trek Bible School sign up – Fill out form](#)

Volunteer sign up link: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A48AEAC22AAFA7-63296856-vbsteacher#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A48AEAC22AAFA7-63296856-vbsteacher#/)

Please sign your child(ren) up by Sunday, May 31. Thank you!

*Stephanie Fowler*

**A Perk with a Purpose**

If you are a coffee drinker, and like the idea of your coffee purchase doing more than just jump-starting your day, check out the [Brewing Hope website](#). Every bag of coffee you purchase supports **Family Promise of Lake Houston's** mission to help families in crisis in our community. Don't drink coffee? Then buy a bag for a friend, for your office, or for any coffee drinker in your life. This is a delicious and easy way to support one of ALC's main ministries.



# We remember in Prayer

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” — Philipians 4:6*



**Jose Alfaro**  
**Carol Appleby**  
**Shelly Baxter**  
**Jennifer Bruce**  
**Judy Cargill**  
**Miguel Carlos**  
**Donna Kelling**  
**Kitts Family**  
**Patrick Konikoff**  
**Marilyn Konikoff**  
**Darrell Kresta**

**Mary Sue Lee**  
**Kay Mack**  
**Debbie Marshall**  
**Laurie McDonald**  
**Tom McDonald**  
**Sue Murtaugh**  
**Donna Nice**  
**Bret & Vanesa Roe**  
**Rose Senti**  
**Joy Sisler**  
**Sam Sledge**

**Sharon Sledge**  
**Alan Wade**  
**Don Wilcox**  
**Lori Austin Wilson**  
**Mark Wilson**  
**Conflict in the Middle East**

**Please keep those who are in active duty with the U.S. Military in your prayers, especially Christian Anderson, Caleb Gomez & Brady Mikesell.**

*If you or someone you requested prayer for has recovered or can be removed from the list, please let us know.*



5/3 - Sid Nice  
 5/5 - Fred Swavely  
 5/11 - Sharon Sledge  
 5/13 - Ember Benavidez  
 5/17 - Beryl Ragsdale  
 5/17 - Chelsea Tieman  
 5/19 - Joy Berthold  
 5/22 - Russell Weeks  
 5/23 - Drew Fowler  
 5/27 - Carrie Benavidez  
 5/28 - David Foisie  
 5/30 - Ryan Heinrich  
 5/31 - Elizabeth Poxon

5/3 - Paul & Pam Augustowski  
 5/17 - Alan & Rita Wade  
 5/23 - Tim & Diane Trautman  
 5/25 - John & Ellen Poxon

**May Worship Team**

	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Counter</b>	<b>Usher</b>
<b>May 3</b>	<b>Laurie &amp; Tom McDonald</b>	<b>Judy Cargill</b>	<b>Judy Cargill</b>	<b>Clarissa Balcar &amp; Tim Garcia</b>
<b>May 10</b>	<b>Judy Johnson</b>	<b>Nancy Garcia</b>	<b>Randy Gray</b>	<b>Joy Berthold &amp; Nancy Garcia</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Joy Berthold</b>	<b>Ellen Poxon</b>	<b>Joy Berthold</b>	
<b>May 24</b>	<b>Sid Nice</b>	<b>Judy Cargill</b>	<b>Sue Murtaugh</b>	
<b>May 31</b>	<b>Laurie &amp; Tom McDonald</b>	<b>Martha Deckinger</b>	<b>Judy Cargill</b>	

**ATASCOCITA LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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 Humble, Texas 77346 (281) 852-7333  
 Worship Sundays at 9:30 am  
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# May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				30 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	1 3:30 pm Tai Chi with Peg	2 9:00 am City On The Hill
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