

## Old Testament Reading: Genesis 11:1–9

<sup>1</sup>Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup>And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup>And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” <sup>5</sup>And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” <sup>8</sup>So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup>Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

## Second Reading: Acts 2:1–21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and 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, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

- <sup>17</sup> “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; <sup>18</sup> even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; <sup>20</sup> the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. <sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

## Holy Gospel: John 14:23–31

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. <sup>30</sup>I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, <sup>31</sup>but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.”



**About the Cover:** With a mighty rushing wind and tongues of fire, the same Holy Spirit who descended upon Jesus at His Baptism as a dove came upon the disciples on Pentecost as they were commissioned to spread the Good News of Jesus. Ever since that day, the same Holy Spirit comes to us through the Gospel. That same Spirit teaches us through the Word who Jesus is for us.



**The Helper, the Holy Spirit, . . . will teach you all things**

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**Divine Service w/ Holy Communion**

**8:30 AM**

**Holy Communion**-The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, refuse to amend their sinful life, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The

Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked, out of Christian love for you, not to commune.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

**June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

- Opening Hymn* LSB 500
- Order of Service* Setting II p. 167
- Introit Psalm* Psalm 143
- Confession of Faith* The Third Article p. 323
- Hymn of the Day* LSB 497
- Distribution Hymns* LSB 569, 659, 795
- Closing Hymn* LSB 831
- Acolyte:* Faith Baumgartel
- Acolyte for next Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>:* Paige Davidson
- Organist:* Mr. Ross Rieckers



In Our Prayers:

**For our Shut-ins:** Gladys Lambring, Dorothy Hoevener, Bertha Eggeman, Don Hoevener, Paul McMahan, Mabel Pollert, Everett Hackman, Joyce Sterling, Richard & Phyllis Lambring, John & Patty Surenkamp.

**For Illness/Healing:** Jim Reedy, Richard Bane, Dave O'Mara, Allen Holle, Jane Pollert, Jodi Batman, Brenda Klosterman, Max Lambring, Curt Benter, Gary Wessel, Victor Schneider, Belinda Bell, Hannah Klosterman.

**Mourning:** The Family of Jack Wilson on his passing; The family of Sarah (Nieman) Toot on her passing.

**This Week's Schedule:**

- Today:** +8:30am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion  
+10:00a.m. Elder's Meeting
- Tuesday:** +8:00p.m. Men's Club/Bible Study  
+7:00p.m. Fair Stand Committee mtg.
- Friday:** +10:00a.m. Church Cleaning
- Next Sun.** Father's Day  
+8:30am Divine Service

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The June/July Church Newsletter & June Calendar are available for pick-up from the table in the narthex or view them online.  
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***	Date:	6/2/2019
Envelopes/Loose		\$10,812.00
Federation Dues		\$ 5.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$10,817.00</b>
Weekly Need to Balance the Budget		\$16,598.84
<b>Total Tithes/Gifts to Date (1/1/2019-6/2/2019)</b>		<b>\$224,560.14</b>
Needed to Date to Balance the Budget		\$365,174.48
<b>Week 22: % of Budget to Date:</b>		<b>61%</b>
Line of Credit		\$11,000.00
Attendance		236

**Pentecost - Acts 2:1** – "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place." Notice that Pentecost is actually an Old Testament festival. It happens around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. In the New Testament, this becomes a picture and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to bring in through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest – through the work of His Church.



**Lakeview Ministries Open House** - We hope you'll join us today, from 1:30-4:30pm for an open house. There will be food, bounce houses and other games, and fellowship. Lakeview Springs committee members will be available to answer questions you may have with regard to planning and development at camp that is already underway.

**Traveling Lutherans** will be going to Indianapolis on Thursday, June 13 for a visit to the various things along the Canal downtown. Participants can choose among several options to visit during the day—White River State Park and Gardens, Eiteljorg Museum of America (\$10), Indiana State Museum (\$13), Imax Theatre (varies), NCAA Hall of Champions (\$3), Indianapolis Zoo and Gardens (\$23.45). We will meet at the south parking lot at Immanuel to leave at 9:00 a.m. Everyone will gather to return home at 3:00 p.m. Please call Barbara Shoemaker at 812-358- 3198 or 812-498-6010 **by tomorrow**, Monday, June 10. If you leave a message please include your name, if you need a ride or are driving. Drivers please indicate how many other passengers you can take.



You are invited to join Immanuel Lutheran Church and the **Operation: Centurion's Shield for a summer cookout to celebrate and honor our veterans and their families!**

What: Operations: Centurion's Shield Summer Cookout  
 When: Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 1 – 3 PM  
 Where: Gaiser Park Shelter in Seymour  
 Who: Any Seymour veteran, their spouse and family, and widows of veterans are all welcome!  
 Menu: Burgers, Hot Dogs, Pork and Beans, Chips, and Cole Slaw (Bring your own drinks)  
 There will be a drawing for prizes at the end of the event!

Please call the Immanuel Lutheran Church office at 812-522-3118 by Sunday June 23rd to let us know if you would like to join us, and also how many will be attending.



**MARION KAY SPICES** – The 8th grade class is selling Marion Kay Spices until this Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, to raise funds for their class trip. Please see an 8<sup>th</sup> grader to order. Thank you! Jack Benter, Trenton Burton, Olivia Cain, Carter Hall & Ragan Mathis.

Contemporary Faith

## Until Christ Is Formed in You

I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you! (Galatians 4:19)

One of the greatest heartaches Christian parents or grandparents can experience is the heartache of watching their children depart from the worship life of the congregation. Some children depart to join a heterodox, false-teaching church body of their spouse. Some (irrationally) hold Jesus responsible for the hardships and sorrows they experience in life, deciding they want nothing more to do with the Lord of Life. Others fall prey to the temptations of laziness and unbelief, fooling themselves into thinking that they can remain Christian without continuing to receive the gifts of Christ. The motivations and excuses for departing from the Word of the Lord are as innumerable as the anguish felt by their believing parents is great.

The apostle Paul understood well the sort of burden that weighs upon Christian parents as a result of their children's unbelief. Speaking to the Galatians in a rather strange way, Paul said, "I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!"

- First, Paul compared himself to a mother who must endure the pain of giving birth to the same child twice. When he said "I am again in the anguish of childbirth," Paul was speaking as though he must "re-birth" as it were, or give birth again to the Galatian Christians in the one true faith. Like all the children of the Church, the Galatians had been baptized into Christ, thus receiving "adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:5). "And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'" (Galatians 4:6). Like many children of the Church, the Galatians were "turning to a different gospel" (Galatians 1:6)—a false gospel that had no power to save. Paul understood

the Galatians' departure from the faith to be so dangerous and deadly that he even pronounced a curse on everyone who would tempt such departures: "If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:9).

- Second, Paul said, "until Christ is formed in you." With these words, Paul was not indicating that our Lord's incarnation was incomplete. Rather, Paul was drawing a close comparison between Christ and faith. Faith is "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27). Through Baptism, Christ had once been formed in the Galatians, taking up residence within them. Then the Galatians threw Christ out, so to speak, trading Jesus and His forgiveness for "a different gospel" (Galatians 1:6). Now "mother Paul," as it were, was struggling through childbirth again, calling the Galatians to repentance—back to the Baptism they once had received—so that Christ may be once again formed in them. As Luther explained,

Now the form of the Christian mind is faith, the trust of the heart, which takes hold of Christ, clings only to Him and to nothing else besides. A heart that is equipped with such confidence has the true form of Christ. . . . Therefore Paul wants to restore the image of God or of Christ in the Galatians. (AE 26:430-31)

This is a good prayer for every Christian parent or grandparent to pray! Here Paul does something more than express his understanding of the grief that parents feel when their children have gone astray. Paul's words also give parents a concrete, Spirit-filled way to pray, earnestly calling out to God that Christ would act for their children again and be formed in them anew.

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**Pentecost** – The world promises that abortions, embryo experiments, and physician-assisted suicides will achieve peace. But wherever death establishes an empire, it excuses nobody and enslaves all to grief. The life-giving Spirit that Jesus bestows in His Gospel instead produces the real peace of being unconditionally loved by and infinitely precious to the Ruler of the Universe (John 16:27).



And this peace is for all persons and all circumstances (Acts 2:17-21).

*By Loving Memory* **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the **Glory of God** and in loving memory of Jack Wilson, from the family.



### Capital Campaign

*Therefore, as we have opportunity.....*

At our last quarterly voter's meeting, the voting assembly decided to begin a capital campaign to retire the narthex debt.

This new campaign will extend over the next three years.

- † Pledge information & forms will be handed out following the service today and next Sunday.
- † Ushers will be collecting pledge forms following the service in back of church, or they may be placed in the basket on the table in the narthex before Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.



*Though God blesses us each according to His will; here is just a thought: If every 'giving unit' contributed \$285.00/yr. (for the next 3 years) to this campaign, it would be paid off in three years.*

**A New Funeral Dinner Sign-up** form is on the bulletin board in the narthex for anyone (men & women) available to serve and/or donate food items for the next funeral dinner.

**Funeral Meals** This is such a wonderful service we do for one another. Thank you to everyone that has signed up and helped with previous dinners.

**Can You Make a Student's Dream Come True at Trinity Lutheran High School?** Each year, high school students from around the world travel to the United States to experience the American way of life. These students would love nothing more than to become a part of your family while sharing their culture with you and your community. These cultural exchanges not only result in life-long friendships but also help shape a positive image of America abroad and promote positive international relations.

Over 1,000 families have already volunteered to host next year, will you join them? **Contact Regional Manager Jennifer Miller at 812-521-4904** or by email at [hoosierhills@iseusa.org](mailto:hoosierhills@iseusa.org)