



# RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
May 28, 2023

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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Sanctuary Worship 10:30 a.m. Live streamed to Facebook

**Stacy Lauer-Scovanner, Pastor**

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**May 28, 2023**

**Day of Pentecost**

Welcome to Worship! 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.

As Lutheran Christians, we believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the celebration of Holy Communion as he is God with us. Christians of all denominations are encouraged to come to the Lord's table. We commune children of any age who have received communion instruction at St. John or another Christian church. Children who have not yet received communion instruction will receive a blessing. Both red wine and white grape juice are offered to accommodate various traditions. Gluten free wafers are provided for those with dietary restrictions. Please make the pastor aware of your need.

We welcome and thank Jenny Weichel for sharing her musical talents with us this morning. Jenny is substituting for Morgan who is playing at Lakeside this morning. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest register after worship. Plan to worship with us again next Sunday.

Prelude

*"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"* Frederick Atkinson, Mark Hayes  
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Bells

Welcome and announcements

*Please stand if you are able*

**Gathering**

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

## Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

To you, O God,

**all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ✝ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

*“Remember and Rejoice”*

ELW 454

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1 Remember and rejoice,  
renewed by floods of grace.  
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ,  
that time cannot erase.

2 In life, in death, we trust  
in God's most holy name,  
forever traced by water sign,  
and sealed by Spirit flame.

3 We pledge ourselves anew  
to flee the lures of hell,  
to cling to Christ's community,  
in justice, peace to dwell.

4 God, bless us by your grace;  
remind us of your care.  
Renewing Spirit, fill us now,  
inspire our work, our prayer.

5 Remember and rejoice,  
renewed by floods of grace.

We bear the sign of Jesus Christ,  
that time cannot erase.

## 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**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.**

*Please be seated*

## First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts.

*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.*

<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 word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34,35b**

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,  
living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*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.*

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

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

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.**

*Please stand*

### **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.

## **Gospel: John 17:1-11**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>19</sup>When 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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>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.

*Please be seated.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Youth Time**

### **Sermon**

*Please stand if you are able*

## **Hymn of the Day**

*"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"*

**ELW 401**

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1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading,  
fashion us all anew.  
It's your leading that we're needing,  
help us to follow you.

Refrain

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.  
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
nor rootless liberty;  
turn disquiet to contentment,  
doubt into certainty. Refrain

2 Come to teach us, come to nourish  
those who believe in Christ.  
Bless the faithful, may they flourish,  
strengthened by grace unpriced. Refrain

3 Guide our thinking and our speaking  
done in your holy name.  
Motivate all in their seeking,  
freeing from guilt and shame. Refrain

5 Keep us fervent in our witness;  
unswayed by earth's allure.  
Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
which you alone assure. Refrain

## 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.

\*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

## Prayers of the people:

**Response:** Hear us O God.                      **Your mercy is great.**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## Choir Offering

*"A Prayer for Our Time"*

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Offertory

"Here Is Bread"

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Here is bread

C G/B Am E<sup>7</sup> F/A C/G G

1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,  
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,  
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,

F/A Am G/B C G/B Am E<sup>7</sup>

he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine,  
 he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace,  
 he is with us. We'll pro - claim till he comes

F/A C/G G |<sup>1</sup> C Fm/C |<sup>2,3</sup> C Gm<sup>7</sup> Bb/C

Christ is with us here.  
 feast on Je - sus here.  
 Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain

Fm<sup>7</sup> F<sup>6</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup>

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is

Bb/C C Bb/D C/E Fm<sup>7</sup> F#dim<sup>7</sup>

life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment,

Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup>aug Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup> C

by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

## Offering Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

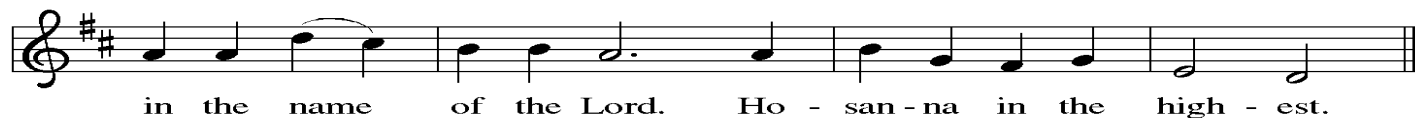
## Preface

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:



## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth.

You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys,  
and taught them by the prophets.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

In 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith  
and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,  
Author of life,  
Word made flesh,  
Power of the Most High,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

*Please be seated*

### **Distribution Hymn**

*“Spirit of Gentleness”*

**ELW 396**

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Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." Refrain

2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. Refrain

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. Refrain

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. Refrain

### **Distribution Hymn**

*“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”*

**ELW 579**

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1 Lord, you give the great commission:  
"Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity:

Refrain  
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:  
"Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us  
to a just society: Refrain

2 Lord, you call us to your service:  
"In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise,  
life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervor, draw us  
closer in community: Refrain

3 Lord, you make the common holy:  
"This my body, this my blood."  
Let us all, for earth's true glory,  
daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that the world around us  
share your children's liberty: Refrain

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
"I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity: Refrain

### **Post Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His care.

**Amen**

### **Prayer After Communion**

Let us pray.

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The holy Three, the holy One

increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and ✝ grant you peace.

**Amen**

## **Sending Hymn**

*“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”*

ELW 400

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1 God of tempest, God of whirlwind,  
as on Pentecost descend!  
Drive us out from sheltered comfort;  
past these walls your people send!  
Sweep us into costly service,  
there with Christ to bear the cross,  
there with Christ to bear the cross!

2 God of blazing, God of burning,  
all that blocks your purpose, purge!  
Through your church, Christ's living Body,  
let your flaming Spirit surge!  
Where deceit conceals injustice,  
kindle us to speak your truth,  
kindle us to speak your truth!

3 God of earthquake, God of thunder,  
shake us loose from lethargy!  
Break the chains of sin asunder,  
for earth's healing set us free!  
Crumble walls that still divide us;  
make us one in Christ our Lord,  
make us one in Christ our Lord!

4 God of passion, God unsleeping,  
stir in us love's restlessness!  
Where the people cry in anguish,  
may we share your heart's distress.  
Rouse us from content with evil;  
claim us for your kingdom's work,  
claim us for your kingdom's work!

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

*“Blessed Assurance”* by Phoebe Knapp, Victor Labenske

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**2023 the Year of Story Memory Verse.** *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”.* **Acts 1:8**

**The altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by Toni Nossaman in honor of the Day of Pentecost.

**Council asks the congregation to pray** that we find, and act on, the ways Jesus calls us to love all God's children, just as He loves us.

**Communion Clean-up today:** Bell and Scovanner families

Set-up June 4: Joleen Dillender      Clean-up – Bell and Scovanner families

Set-up June 11: Toni Nossaman      Clean-up – Barb Bliss

Thank you for your willingness to help with this important ministry. If you would like to help out, please see Jerrie Krawetzki, Toni Nossaman, Joleen Dillender or Sandy Thompson.

**Summer Worship Hours:** Please note summer worship times will change beginning **June 4<sup>th</sup> thru September 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Sanctuary worship will switch to 9:30 a.m. Worship is live streamed each week on Facebook.

**Summer Worship at the Park:** On the second Wednesday of each month this summer, we will have dinner and worship at Nickel Plate beach at 6 PM. Hot dogs will be provided, and you are invited to bring a food to share. A small activity will follow dinner. ALL people are welcome!

I also need volunteers!! I need people to start the fire and cook hot dogs (getting there around 5), assisting ministers, and readers. I need these people for each month, so please

consider signing up for at least one month! Please let me know if you have any questions or are able to help! Pastor Stacy

## **Pentecost Poem**

Holy Spirit Calls by Jerry Bauer

The Holy Spirit calls into mission  
sends into mission,  
powers mission,  
directs mission,  
uses my gifts  
to do the mission  
I am called and  
sent to do.

For me right now it means  
writing these poems.

What is your mission?

## **Scholarship Fund Drive**

During the month of May we will be raising funds for the St. John's Scholarship Fund. The funds benefit members of the congregation who are continuing their education beyond high school. We need your financial support to ensure that scholarships will continue to be available. Donations can be mailed to the church at 106 Scheid Rd., Sandusky Oh. 44870. Be sure to make the check out to St. John's Lutheran Church and on the memo line put Scholarship Fund. Scholarships will be available in June. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Stacy (419-625-8079) or Heather Ruggles (419-602-7281).

**Scholarship applications** will be available during the month of June for members of St. John attending post-secondary education. Application forms can be obtained at the church or by sending an email to Lori Stacy at [loristacy3@gmail.com](mailto:loristacy3@gmail.com). A form will be sent to you. Please print out the form and complete it with your information and mail it to the church: St John Lutheran Church, c/o the Scholarship Team, 106 Scheid Rd. Sandusky, Ohio 44870



**Applications must be returned by June 30, 2023 to be eligible for the scholarship.** Recipients will be announced in July or August.

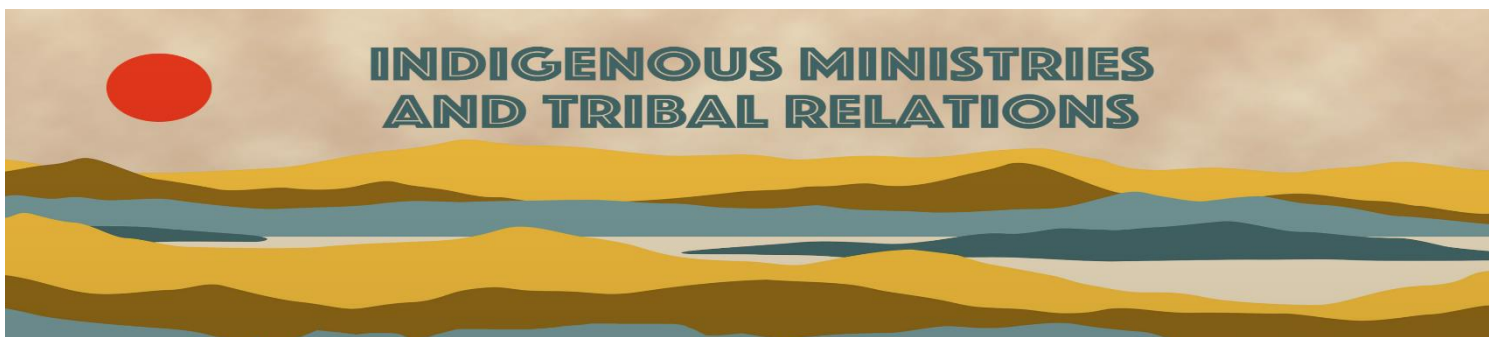
**Giving Garden needs your help!** Starting June 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am, the garden group will meet for fellowship and weeding in the Giving Garden. If you would like to help out with this very important ministry of St. John's, please email Jeff Just at [jjusti.jj@gmail.com](mailto:jjusti.jj@gmail.com) to be added to the Giving Garden email list.

**Information Update:** It's time to update our information database and prepare an updated membership directory. Please fill out the information sheet and return to the church by mail, email or bring with you to worship and place in the tray at the rear of the church or at the handicap entrance. Printed forms are available at the church for your convenience.

**Happy Birthday** to Bill Deehr, Dave Zorn, Melinda Zorn and Connie Deehr.

**ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR FOR MAY 28<sup>th</sup> THRU JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday, May 28	10:30 am	Sunday Worship live streamed Facebook
Sunday, June 4	9:30 am	Sunday Worship live streamed Facebook
Tuesday, June 6	9:00 am 1:00 pm	Giving Garden fellowship/weeding Faith Life Team
Wednesday, June 7	1:00 pm	Scripture and Prayer at Berardi's Huron
Thursday, June 8	1:00 pm	Small Group Study Thompson home
Sunday, June 11	9:30 am	Sunday Worship live streamed Facebook



*Truth & Healing Movement Introduced by Bishop Eaton on the ELCA website.*

Over the next months the ELCA website will provide opportunities to learn the true history and current realities of Indigenous people. It is these truths, truths that have been ignored by most for hundreds of years, that will bring healing for both Indigenous people and non-Indigenous people.

Some of these opportunities will be calls to individual action, and some will be activities that congregations and small groups should coordinate and participate in together. All these opportunities can be easily promoted by sharing links on social media or other communication platforms.

Here are some initial activities that you can share with your circles and networks. Watch this page as well as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for additional opportunities to engage.

## **June 2023**

### **Read the Truth in June**

Throughout the summer months, congregations, ministries, synods, and organizations are encouraged to choose a book to read together. A book written by a Native author should be selected, and time near the end of the month scheduled for the readers in your congregations, ministries, synods, and organizations to gather and discuss the book together.

The bookshop [Native Reads](#), which is also listed on the resource page, lists only books by Native authors for your convenience.

Let us know what book your congregation and organization read together, posting a photo of your group on your social media pages with hashtags #ELCA and #TruthAndHealing.

#### **Class: “Indian 101”**

The general population knows very little about the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island. Even the most basic topics are often grand mysteries. This is by design; for centuries the colonial project has prioritized the complete erasure of Native people. “Indian 101” explains some of these basics to build a foundation for students to stand in solidarity with Indian people across the United States as we work together to dismantle longstanding systems of oppression.

No pre-registration is required to participate. Just click "join the class" to attend.

## **June 1, 2023**

### **Class: “Indian 101”**

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Central time

Presented by Vance Blackfox