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Sunday, May 28, 2023

Day of Pentecost

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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.

A DAY TO BE THANKFUL

Today is the day before we celebrate Memorial Day, a day to remember those who have given their lives so that we may have the liberties that we enjoy. Thank you to all who have served in the Armed Forces and family members who have lost loved ones in that service.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: (ELW 677)*Please stand as you are able.***This Little Light of Mine**

1. This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
 this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
 this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the Church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this day let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,
C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**



GATHERING HYMN: *Spirit of Gentleness* (ELW 396)

Sing only verses 1, 3, and 4

Spirit of Gentleness

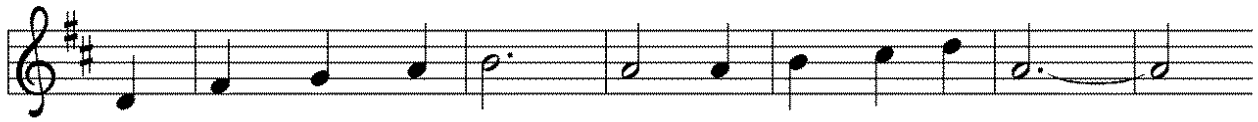
Refrain

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

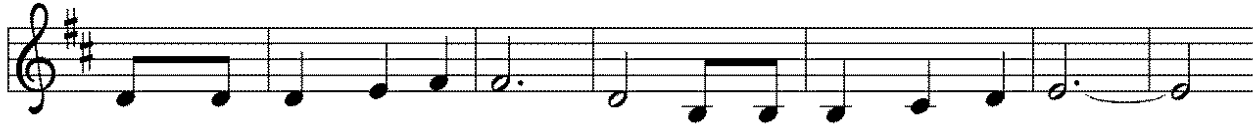
call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

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

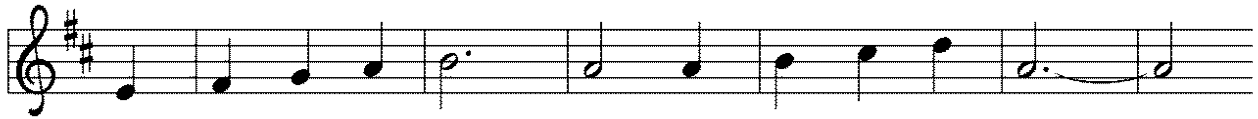
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- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



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.



“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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GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
 be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

RESPONSIVE READING

- P** For peace in the World, for the health of the Church, for the unity of all,
C **for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,**
- P** That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,
C **that we may live out truth and justice and grace,**
- P** for peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family,
C **for life and for love, for work and our play,**
- P** for your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the Word,
C **that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,**
All: **let us pray to the Lord.**

THIS IS THE FEAST



[A] This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



[B] Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.



FIRST READING: Acts 2: 1-21

Please be seated

- L** 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.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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: 24-35

Read responsively.

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.

³⁵**Let sinners be consumed from the Earth and the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1st Corinthians 12: 3-13

L A reading from 1st 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.

³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and 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.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.

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 20: 19-23

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**



SERMON

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* (ELW 579)

Please stand as you are able. Sing only verses 1, 3, and 5

Lord, You Give the Great Commission



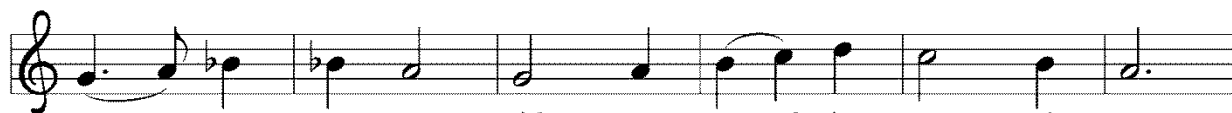
1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



Refrain
With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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APOSTLES' CREED

P The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God to confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into Heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the Church, the World, and all in need.

Silence for reflection.

A Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the World. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the Earth. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Merciful God, you anoint us with your Spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort especially Michael, Aurora, Niki, and all of those whom we hold in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community especially Lutheran World Relief, Bread for the World, Lutheran Social Services, and the many outreach programs in W. Jefferson. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other petitions may be offered.

P Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.



A LITANY FROM *THE BOOK OF WORSHIP FOR UNITED STATES FORCES* (1974)

(One-time permission to print and use this litany in congregational worship.)

- L** Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:
- C** **WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**
- L** For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:
- C** **WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**
- L** For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the World's common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:
- C** **WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**
- L** For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:
- C** **WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD.**
- L** O, almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.
- C** **Amen.**

SHALOM

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**
- Let us share the peace among one another.*

PRAYER OF THANKS

- P** Let us pray. We come to you with hearts full of gratitude, most gracious God. In response to all that we have been given, let us give generously of our time and our money with open hearts to love and hands to serve. Help us to give graciously without counting the cost or judging those in need. Make us worthy of the endless love of Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**



LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, as we pray the prayer you taught us:
- C** **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.**



MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

- A** Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen .**



BLESSING

- P** At Pentecost, the spirit of God was poured out upon believers. May the Spirit's flame burn brightly in your hearts.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** The wind of the Spirit blows where it wills. May the breath of the Spirit rouse you for life.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Christ said to the Disciples, "receive the Holy Spirit." May you be enlightened and sanctified in his name.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: (UMH 431)

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me;
 Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
 With God our Creator, children all are we.
 Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
 Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
 With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
 to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
 Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.

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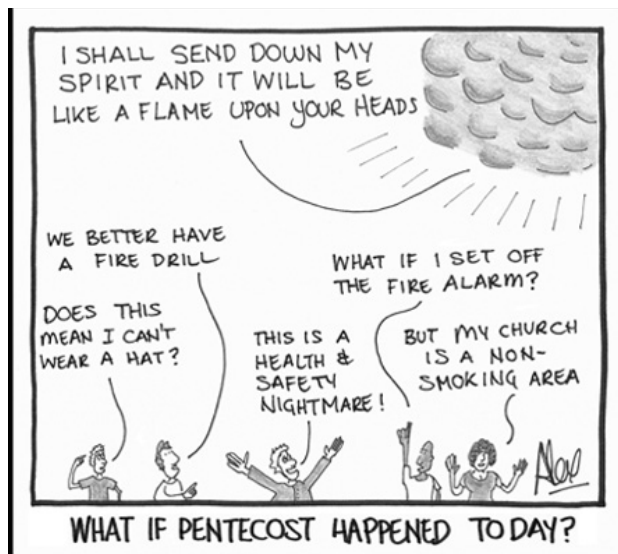
DISMISSAL

- A** You are the body of Christ raised up for the World. Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C** **We go out - *Reaching in for the Holy Spirit, Reaching up for God's Grace, Reaching out with Christ's love.* Amen! (The words in italics are Zion's mission statement.)**

POSTLUDE

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Serving during worship this morning:**Presider:** Jerry Gossett**Worship Assistant:****Musician(s):** Ann Riesbeck DiClemente, Jerry Gossett**Food fund donations:** Flowers are in honor of the coming of the Holy Spirit**Serving during worship next week:****Presider:** Jon Meister**Worship Assistant:****Musician(s):** Ann Riesbeck DiClemente, Jerry Gossett**Food fund donations:****ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We welcome our guests and visitors this morning. Please take a moment to speak with Jon, Jerry, or Louise before you leave. All Baptized persons, at Christ's invitation, are welcome to commune.

CONTACT THE PASTOR

Communications requesting pastoral care should be made directly to Pastor Larry Baker, (614) 257-8560.

COMING EVENTS AT ZION

SUNDAY DISCUSSIONS BEFORE CHURCH We have started Sunday morning discussions every Sunday before Church. We meet at 9:45 to have discussions about important things. We will be finishing the book of James sometime soon. Please come and bring your Bible and your favorite morning beverage with you.

MAY 28th is the Day of Pentecost. Easter Season ends next week and we will enter Pentecost for the next 5 months. The Altar will be wearing red and decorated for Pentecost. Then on

JUNE 4th, we will celebrate The Holy Trinity.

JUNE 18TH Fathers' Day

JULY 2nd We will honor the birthday of our country.

JULY 30th Don't forget First English is coming.



VILLAGE EVENTS

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 9:00-10:00 AM Here at the Community Center they are instructor –led Workouts. Want some exercise this is where to find it.



JUNE 16th, Cruisin' with the Mayor. W. Jefferson Car Show, at 33 S. Center Street, 6 :00PM to 8:30 for Judging. Fleetwood Gold will be the entertainment from 7-10. There will be Mexican and Schmidt's and sweets. And probably booths of one kind and another. This event will end with Friday Night Uptown. Come for cars, food, booths, music.

JULY 4th STREETFEST Come on down for the Streetfest to celebrate the Fourth of July. It is usually 3 days ending on the

4th. It is a mini-fair and it is a lot of fun with rides and games and lots of entertainment. They are still looking for volunteers.

PRAYERS



Margret Phillips' granddaughter, Aurora, has been diagnosed and receiving treatment for tumors in both of her kidneys. Aurora is only one year old. Please keep Aurora Lander and her parents and Grandma in your prayers.

Please keep these people in your prayers as well: Michael Koch; Aurora Lander, Wesley and JoAnn Porter; Nicole Biler Robinette; and all of those who are suffering from diseases and their families. Please remember all of our shut-ins and sick, especially Arlene Castor.

The address for Michael and the Koch family is 224 West Romany Loop, Beverly Hills, FL 34465. Michael has moved to *The Grove*, a facility that is much closer to his home. You can get updates from Linda at www.caringbridge.org/visit/michaelkoch2?fbclid Keep all of the Koch's in your prayers. They do look happy.

If you hear or know of anyone who should be on our Prayer List, please let me know, my number is 614 398-6302 lejohn7310@icloud.com



A Note from Bishop Dillahunt

Dear Southern Ohio Synod,

Over the past 8 years, we have worked together under the vision **Stronger and Better Together ... Joining Jesus in the Restoration of the World**. Within that vision, we have diligently followed God's call to Collaborate, Cultivate, and Clarify. We

have been faithful in collaborating together and cultivating new opportunities for ministry within our Synod.

I'm excited to announce one way we are focusing on clarifying our Synod's role in the mission God has given us.

At the April 29, 2023 Southern Ohio Synod Council meeting, a call was extended for the position of **Assistant to the Bishop for Discipleship, Leadership,**

Engagement. I am excited to announce that the Revs. Tim & Connie Mentzer have accepted this call, beginning July 1, 2023. They will be introduced at this year's Synod Assembly and installed at a later date.

Pastor Tim Mentzer will be working with congregations in the area of Discipleship Engagement. His call is a full-time call.

Pastor Connie Mentzer will be working with Leadership Engagement, Candidacy, and Recruitment of leaders, both lay and rostered. Her call is a part-time call.

The Assistant to the Bishop position is already funded through your generosity and Mission Support as reflected in the 2023-2024 Mission and Ministry Plan (revised) and the 2024-2025 Proposed Mission and Ministry Plan, which be voted on at this year's Synod Assembly.

I am excited for how this new Assistant to the Bishop position will help us clarify how we continue sharing the good news of Jesus, strengthen our lay and rostered leaders through new ways of collaborating, and cultivate new opportunities and avenues for ministry.

Please keep them, as well as our entire Southern Ohio Synod staff, in prayer during this time of transition.

In Christ,

Bishop Dillahunt



Ohio in the National Church News

Hunger Network Ohio (HNO) – hungernetwork.org

Deacon Nick Bates, Director

On May 11th, 2023, Hunger Network in Ohio in partnership with the Ohio Council of Churches and Dominican Sisters of Peace, held a Budget Advocacy Luncheon – Praying for Our Daily Bread. There were over 100 attendees present, representing over 28 organizations. Additionally, 20 legislators and their staff were present at the event. Speakers included Representative Jay Edwards (Ohio House Finance Chair), Representative Bride Rose Sweeney (Ranking Member of the Ohio Finance Committee), and Bishop Gregory V. Palmer of the West Ohio Conference, UMC. We're grateful to have had the opportunity to co-host this impactful event, and to have made an impact to ensure that one day, everyone in Ohio will receive their daily bread.





Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.