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The Joyful Festival of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit

WELCOME: To all of our guests and visitors we extend a warm and sincere welcome. To those seeking a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Redeemer, membership in His Church and citizenship in His Kingdom. Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for the salvation of mankind. Please sign our Guest Register as you leave the church.

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First Lesson: Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm: Psalm 51b, page 87

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Hymns:

Gospel Lesson: John 14:23-31

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Sermon Theme: "The Holy Spirit gives His Church the gifts He wants it to have"

1. The gift of faith in Christ

2. The gifts He wants to give each one

3. The gifts He gives for His useful purpose

Organist: Mrs. Marilyn Feliciano
Worship leader: Pastor Ross Else

This Week at Emmaus

TODAY Worship w/Lord's Supper 8:00/10:30 am

Growing in God's Word 9:15 am 25th Anniversary Luncheon for Mr. Kaiser 11:45 am

TUESDAY Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY Bible Study 6:30 pm

FRIDAY-SUNDAY Explorers Campout

SATURDAY No Confessional Service

NEXT SUNDAY Worship 8:00/10:30 am

Growing in God's Word 9:15 am

Lord's Supper - is celebrated today. Our Savior gives us his body and blood along with the bread and wine for our forgiveness in this Blessed Sacrament. Because he also wants us to examine ourselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:23-29), and that those who commune with one another be united in doctrine and practice (1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Romans 16:1-17; 2 John 9-11), we respectfully ask that those who are members of Emmaus, or members of congregations in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, commune with us this morning. If you are not a member and would like to join us for communion, please speak with Pastor Else, so we can set up a time to study what God's Word has to say to us concerning Lord's Supper and church fellowship. Thank you for your understanding.

First Lesson - Genesis 11:1-9

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1 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. 2 As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. 3 They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar, 4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth." 5 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. 6 The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." 8 So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. 9 That is why it was called Babel — because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Second Lesson - Acts 2:1-21

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1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. 5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under

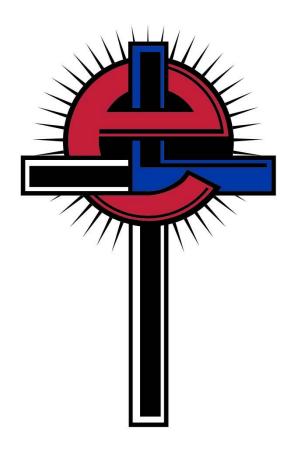
heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" 13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." 14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. 21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Gospel - John 14:23-31

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23 Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. 25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. 28 "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. 30 I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, 31 but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me. "Come now: let us leave.

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The Spirit of the LORD fills the world. Hallelujah!

Announcements

In Our Prayers -

Giving thanks - with Dick and Linda Toetz as they celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on May 21st. They are thankful for their 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Also with Mark Kaiser, as he celebrates 25 years in the teaching ministry.

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - Carol Kison, (Lois Kaiser's sister-in-law), Hayden McIver, (Nancy McDonald's nephew), Lorene Weston's friend, Nancy (hospice), Vince Wallenberg, Jennifer Ellis, Theodore Bodjanac Sr., (health), Anthony McCullough, (Sandy Griffiths' grandson) Pastor David Beckman, cancer, Dylan Denneson, Julie Patterson, (daughter-in-law of Jim and Judy Patterson), cancer, Kathy Boyd, Vince Wallenberg, Ellen King, Paul Krause, Cynthia Mayotte, Diane Scheel,

Our shut-ins - Adeline Schwandt & Harold Weimer

Those who are - sick, unemployed, traveling, celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, serving in the military, single, married, parents, children.

<u>Welcome</u> - Last Sunday, we welcomed into communicant membership Ms. Makayla Kaiser, Ms. Kaylee Palm, and Ms. Mallory Sheets. May the Lord in His mercy and grace preserve these young ladies in the faith through Word and Sacrament all of their days. The Lord bless and keep them always!

<u>Call received</u> - The Lord of the Church has seen fit to extend the call to Pastor Else to serve the saints at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pigeon, MI. As Pastor Else deliberates between the call to St. John's and the call to Emmaus, he asks for not only your prayers but also your questions and input. In addition to giving everyone the opportunity to earnestly pray to the Lord of the Church in these matters, the calls also give the worker and the congregations the opportunity to evaluate strengths and weaknesses, as well as the gifts given to all, and where and how those gifts might be put to use at this time in His kingdom. It also gives to all the opportunity to trust that His good and gracious will be done. Please keep God's people at St. John's Pigeon, MI, in your prayers.

25th Anniversary Celebration - Please plan to join us today as we give thanks to God for allowing His servant, Mark Kaiser, to teach His precious Word to His little lambs in our Lutheran elementary schools for 25 years, and at Emmaus for the last 10 of those years. We invite you to join with us in giving thanks to our Lord on this occasion at our 10:30 am service. You are also invited to join us in our Fellowship Hall afterward for a meal and opportunity to remember some of the blessings the Lord has given throughout Mark's 25 year teaching ministry.

<u>Sunday School Help Needed</u> - We are in need of people to teach lessons and do crafts with the children in Preschool - 3rd grade. We are also in need of more snacks like goldfish, granola bars and cookies. If you can help in any of these areas please speak with Jill Kaiser.

<u>Sunday School</u> - Please join us between services from 9:15 - 10:15 am for the further study of God's Word. There is Sunday School for ages 3 through high school and also Bible Study for the adults.

<u>Children's Bulletins</u> - We have special bulletins for our children each Sunday. The ushers will have them when they are handing out the weekly bulletins. Please feel free to ask them for this bulletin. Crayons are also available from the ushers. Each week's bulletin will correspond with the current week of the church year calendar.

New Service Organization - On April 26th members of the congregation met to discuss the structure of the Women's group and opportunities for improvement. The suggestion was made to change the structure of the group more to a service organization with the name to be determined. The intention of this service organization is to limit the scope of the activities supported by the volunteers until we have a good idea of how many members of the congregation wish to participate. It was suggested to broaden the participation in this service group to include all the members of the congregation, young and old, male and female.

You are invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, May 19th at 6:30 pm to discuss how this group will be structured for the 2016-2017. Please come and share your suggestions and ideas on how to proceed with this next year for the activities listed below.

The ladies have regularly held a potluck each May. The suggestion was made to do the same as we invite the whole congregation to give feedback and offer suggestion as we move forward. Please bring something to share for that potluck if you are so inclined. A few of the recommendations for this group are:

- Meet quarterly rather than monthly.
- What day of the week works best for all if we meet quarterly or monthly?
- Assign leadership responsibility on a quarterly basis to allow more people to be involved for a shorter time commitment
- Limit activities to those listed below and discuss new requests quarterly.

Here is a list of the services that are currently active within the church.

- Altar care Church Cleaning Greeters Missions
- Newsletter
 Service events
 Greeting Cards

Worship Attendance

Sunday, May 8th - 195 (59 - 8:00 am, 105 - 10:30 am)

Income from week ending	May 8, 2016	Month Total	Monthly Budget
First Fruits Offering	\$3145.52	\$7612.52	\$20,916
School	\$1403.67	\$1778.67	\$31,942
Preschool/Extended Care	\$2018	\$2412.25	\$5388
Mortgage	\$310	\$660	