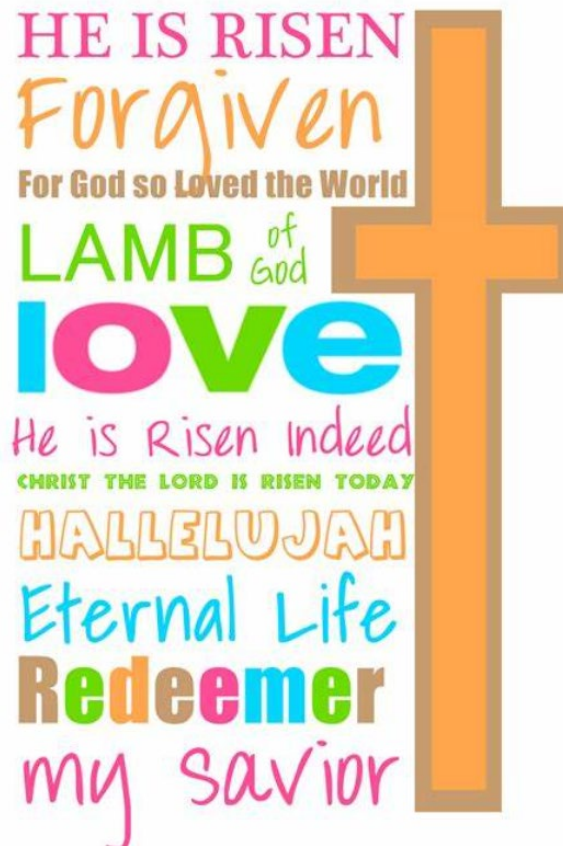


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Our Mission Statement:

**“Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.”**

Psalm 105:1



Lutheran Hymns of the Church
Year

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

(LSB 413)

Hymn for Pentecost

Text: attr. Rabanus Maurus, 776-856; tr.

Edward Caswall, 1814-78, alt

Tune: Sarum plainsong, c. 9th cent., mode VIII

Tune Name: VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

Meter: L M

Scripture: John 14:16, 26; Romans 8:5-11; Titus
3:5-7; 1 Corinthians 2:10-16

This month's Hymn write up was done by Micheal (Mike) Vasile. He is currently as Band and Choir teacher at Georgia Morse Middle School in Pierre, SD. Before this he was a music teacher and Kantor (church musician) at Bethany Lutheran Church and School in Naperville, IL for nine years. He received a Bachelor's degree from Concordia University Chicago - River Forest in Music Education and Church Music. He currently serves as an Elder at Faith Lutheran in Pierre, SD.

Veni Creator Spiritus

Audio Insense For the Feast of Pentecost:
"Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"

Of the four medieval *Sequentia* ("Sequence" hymns) retained by the Western church in the mid-16th century, only two remain in mainstream usage by ecumenical Lutheran churches worldwide: the *Victimae Paschali Laudes* ("Christians, to the Paschal Victim") and *Veni Creator Spiritus* ("Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"). These *plainsongs* (colloquially known as

"Gregorian Chants") would have been sung in unison with no (or minimal) accompaniment prior to the Alleluia and Gospel Acclamations during the Service of the Word in the Mass/Divine Service/Eucharist. These two texts help bookend the season of Easter in the Western church; the former being sung at the chief service on the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunday), and the latter on the Feast of Pentecost.

One of the hallmark features of plainsong is the absence of any recognizable percussive rhythm. The length of phrases is determined by the syllabic stress of the text and, to one degree or another, the lung capacity of the singer. The resultant free-flowing melody ebbs and flows, rises and falls like audio "insense." As the smoke gently lifts and settles around the altar, so the chant "wafts" gently up and down, with little in the way of "angular" leaps from pitch to pitch.

Rabanus Maurus's text for the Feast of Pentecost remains the most common plainsong outside the use of liturgical ordinaries (such as the *Pater Noster*, "Our Father") used in Lutheran circles to this day. The text and its translations/paraphrases have held a position of favor in the cycle of the church year from the time of Luther himself. Renowned for taking existing texts and "Germanizing" them for regular use for congregational song, Luther paraphrased this text in his German hymn for Pentecost, *Komm, Gott Schoepfer, Heiliger Geist* ("Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"-LSB 497), which coincidentally has a very "Brubeck-ian" meter of 5, reflective of the

Greek word for “fiftieth” (day after Easter) or *Pentecost*.

The text itself is a simple but profound prayer of adoration to the third, and often overlooked, person of the Holy Trinity. Lutherans, with their particular emphasis on the person, godhood, and redemptive work of Jesus Christ, can sometimes fail to recall that the same Christ, promises us the Holy Spirit in our baptism, and pledges to send Him from the right hand of the Father, as He reigns above all things. The seven stanzas are replete with the many things we ask for in the Lord’s Prayer: grace and comfort, to come to love the will of God, to deliver us from our “wily foe,” and for guidance as we walk in this veil of tears.

Also central in the text is the teaching occupation of the Spirit. His revelation of Jesus as the Christ of God the Father and His redemptive work on our behalf is not something we of our own “reason or strength” can come to know. He teaches about the Son’s perfect life, lived here in time, His all-atoning death on the cross, and the glorious exchange for our benefit: His perfect life for our life marred in sin. The Spirit helps us “own” the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting after the judgment at the end of days. He also reveals the will of the Father to us and helps us to know His divine goodness and mercy which sustains all creation. Finally,

the text closes in Trinitarian Doxology, praising the gifts of the Trinity but citing the fact that they flow to us from the Holy Spirit’s calling.

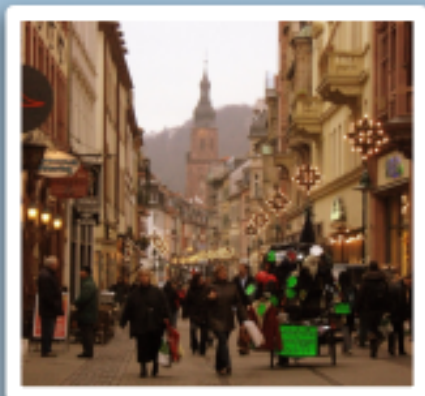
In closing, it is easy to understand how a text this profoundly simple has endured for over a millennium. This text connects us, in the Spirit, to the church in Glory, the church in centuries long since past. Generations of the “great cloud of witnesses” have sung this hymn to the Holy Spirit in their personal devotions as they sought to understand the will of God in their lives, to know His great plan of salvation, and endure in faith to the end of their days. With a text simple enough that even a child can understand it, we are apt to use this hymn in our worship and devotions, as we recall the goodness of God and the fire of His love in our hearts.

Micheal Vasilie





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“Want to go for a walk?”

Life in Germany must include walking. In fact, it's rooted in the culture. From volksmarching (from the German “volksmarsch”) to walking to the store, walking is a way of life in Germany. According to poli-sci major Aanchal Mahli, “Walking and hiking is deeply engrained into the culture.” For reasons related to health, culture, or even recreational enjoyment, walking is a fundamental part of being German. Germans do not expect to lead sedentary lives. Rather, life is meant to be enjoyed on one's feet. Consequently, it is not unusual to see an elderly person trekking to the store to buy groceries—not because transportation is not available, but because that's how life is to be lived. So, if you're planning a visit to Deutschland in person, look forward to traversing a few places on foot, even downtown on a walkplatz like the one pictured above in Heidelberg and enjoy a breath of fresh air.

Photo taken by author.

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“The assurance of things hoped for...”



The Feast of the Resurrection and an adult confirmation at Risen Savior Lutheran Church, 2023.

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1).

Faith has two attributes associated with it. First, it assures us of what we hope for. Second, it exposes our convictions about a belief that cannot be perceived by the naked eye. Accepting the call to be a missionary flashes the significance of this text before our eyes. Christ has called our family to serve a people who live in a foreign location. The faith that is *the belief that Jesus Christ, both true God and true man, was crucified and rose from the dead for our sins*, assures us that this mission is His mission, not a mission dreamt up by our own hearts and minds. Even more, this faith reveals our conviction that the Gospel is to be preached to the ends of the earth in His name. Why, because it is our Lord's desire that we should make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them all that He has commanded.

However, this faith is not only understood intellectually, but believed and experienced by all those who are called by Christ and covered in His name. Discipleship isn't just about making followers but having God recreate us in Christ. It is about being washed clean and covered in the holy blood of that Lamb who was slain for us through the waters of Holy Baptism. It

is about receiving the “bread of life,” that is Christ Himself, into our ears and into our mouths through Word and Sacrament. That is what faith believes not because it can be reasoned in our minds or perceived with our eyes. God's Word either does what it says, that Christ rescued us from sin, death, and the power of the devil through His death and resurrection, and delivers that forgiveness, life and salvation to us where He has promised, or we remain lost, condemned poor sinners. The assurance of that promise is delivered to us nowhere else than through His Word and Sacraments. There is no middle ground. So, as we look to the Resurrection this Easter season, we look to the promises we receive from Christ in the places He delivers them to us much like the woman in this photo who rejoices as she is confirmed in her baptismal faith on Easter morning 2023. By faith, she received grace and forgiveness into her ears and into her mouth with the saints at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Tea, SD. So also, it is our hope that our Lord will use me and my family to deliver these same promises to the people to whom God directs us to serve in Germany. God grant it for Jesus' sake. Amen.

—Pastor Domenichelli



President Harrison enjoying a painting with the missionary children following our final chapel service at the LCMS International Center.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Good health for the Domenichelli family as we prepare to deploy.
- The Lord to give us confidence and assurance that He will be with us as we move to Germany to serve His mission.
- The children to have a smooth and joyful transition to a new place, new school, and new culture.
- For safe travels throughout the US as we raise awareness and support for this important mission in Germany and Eurasia.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The men and women who have answered the call to serve the Lord's mission both here and abroad.
- Good health, in all our travels thus far.
- Daily repentance and forgiveness as we return in our hearts to our baptisms where the Holy Spirit washed our sins away and covered us with Jesus.

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage and support us.
- For His forgiveness, life and salvation which He accomplished for us through Christ and His death and resurrection.

Transitions bring out heartfelt preferences.



The Domenichelli children picking out suitcases for their travel to Germany.

Missionary Kids; will travel.

Sometimes, the way to look forward to moving can be as simple as looking for the luggage you want to bring. The Domenichelli household has been filled with many conversations concerning our move to Germany, but sometimes it helps to mentally prepare for such a transition by tangibly looking for the things that will help you get to the place you're going. While looking at luggage, each Domenichelli child picked what they thought would best suit them. Not only did each suitcase prove to demonstrate their practical preferences, but their personalities too. These may not have been the luggage they ended up with, but it was fun for them to express what

they liked and their reasons for it.

Never underestimate family rituals and traditions.

As we prepared for our final week of orientation and training at the LCMS International Center, St. Louis, MO, we were encouraged to participate in "Third Culture Kid" (TCK) training as a family. Within the first training module each child was asked to name a family tradition and/or ritual we currently participate in as a family. Some answers were practical. Some were hilarious. All of them meant something. However, to our surprise and joy, Renee and I were encouraged to find out that things like "praying every night before bed," "singing Matins in the car," or "just playing our own family bible jeopardy" were at the top of our children's list of rituals and traditions they enjoyed most. Never underestimate the things you do as a family that involve Christ and His scripture in everyday life. You may be surprised to find out how much it means to them.

— Pastor Domenichelli

"Train up a child in the way they should go; even when they are old they will not depart from it" (Psalm 22:6). What a blessing it was to go to missionary orientation at LCMS International Center (IC), where we enjoyed daily devotions and chapel services. Our children became so accustomed to it that they would often beat the adults to chapel. Pictured here, Abigail and Phoebe strolled into chapel with joy and smiles as they looked forward to Morning Prayer with Rev. Sean Daenzer, LCMS Director of Worship and chaplain for the IC.

Soli Deo Gloria!



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

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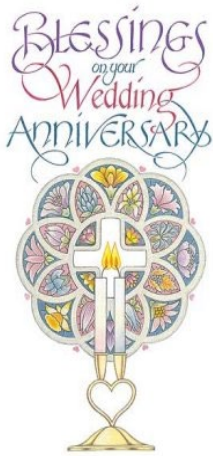
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Shawn	Martin	May 1, 1960
Russ	Mendel	May 4, 1975
Mike	Tammen	May 5, 1968
Darwin	Lindholm	May 6, 2012
Beau	Olinger	May 9, 2021
Jenna	Baumberger	May 10, 1988
Mindy	Olinger	May 15, 1992
Jeb	Baumberger	May 16, 2020
Lacey	Gehrels	May 18, 1991
Tom	Graff	May 18, 1952
Jill	Martin	May 19, 1963
Layla	Gibney	May 22, 2022
Rakyiah	Seitz	May 22, 2022
Rudy	Schmidt	May 23, 1937
Neisha	Bjorklund	May 28, 1983
Shelia	Gerry	May 30, 1943

MAY BIRTHDAYS



Terry	Reck	May 1, 1952
Julie	Gehrels	May 6, 1960
Ruth	Hotchkin	May 6, 1933
Jeffrey	Hanson	May 9, 1965
Jeb	Baumberger	May 10, 2020
Kory	Reck	May 10, 1977
Rosie	Alverson	May 13, 1936
Shelia	Gerry	May 13, 1943
Rudy	Schmidt	May 14, 1937
Les	Heidelberger III	May 21, 1970
Jessica	Foster	May 23, 1991
Greg	Teal	May 26, 1962
Hattie	Foster	May 27, 2023
Kylin	Kooiker	May 27, 2020
Layla	Gibney	May 31, 2008

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Russ & Kay	Mendel	May 9, 1987
Loren & Shriley	Zimmer	May 9, 1964
Josh & Neisha	Bjorklund	May 10, 2003
Greg & Linda	Teal	May 10, 2005
Eric & Ashley	Milbrandt	May 21, 2016
Jeff & Marlys	Arneson	May 23, 1981
Verl & Opal	Uthe	May 23, 2009
Chad & Heidi	Huwee	May 31, 2014



**LAST SUNDAY
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To read the Bible in one year:

SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

DATE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING
May 1	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Titus, Philemon
May 2	Psalm 121	Hebrews 1-4
May 3	Psalm 122	Hebrews 5-7
May 4	Psalm 123	Hebrews 8-10
May 5	Psalm 124	Hebrews 11-13
May 6	Psalm 125	James 1-3
May 7	Psalm 126	James 4-5
May 8	Psalm 127	1 Peter 1-2
May 9	Psalm 128	1 Peter 3-5
May 10	Psalm 129	2 Peter
May 11	Psalm 130	1 John 1-3
May 12	Psalm 131	1 John 4-5
May 13	Psalm 132	2 & 3 John, Jude
May 14	Psalm 133	John 1-2
May 15	Psalm 134	John 3-4
May 16	Psalm 135	John 5-6
May 17	Psalm 136	John 7-8
May 18	Psalm 137	John 9-10
May 19	Psalm 138	John 11-12
May 20	Psalm 139	John 13-14
May 21	Psalm 140	John 15-16
May 22	Psalm 141	John 17-18
May 23	Psalm 142	John 19
May 24	Psalm 143	John 20-21
May 25	Psalm 144	Acts 1-2
May 26	Psalm 145	Acts 3-4
May 27	Psalm 146	Acts 5-6
May 28	Psalm 147	Acts 7-8
May 29	Psalm 148	Acts 9-10
May 30	Psalm 149	Acts 11-12
May 31	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Acts 13-14

MAY 2024

Altar Guild: Marlys Arneson ~ Lacey Gehrels

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
			1 4:00 pm ~ Bells 7:00 pm ~ Youth Group	2	3	4
5 Sunday May 5 - 9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Tracer Feige Greeters: Alex Tammen; Mikeal Tammen Organist: Kayla Augustine Sunday School & Adult Bible Study Board of Education Meeting	6 10:15 am Bethel Service	7	8 7:00 pm ~ Elders Meeting	9	10	11
12 Sunday May 12 - 9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Brendon McManus Greeters: Austin & Liz Tammen Organist: Peg George Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	13 7:00 pm Altar Guild	14	15	16	17	18
Pastor is out of town for DDRC Training						
19 Sunday May 19 - 9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Colton Miller Greeters: Mike & Trish Tammen Organist: Peg George Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	20 NEWS LETTER DEAD-LINE	21	22 7:00 pm ~ Board of Stewardship	23	24	25
26 Confirmation Sunday Sunday May 26 - 9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Abigail Eppe Greeters: Greg & Linda Teal Organist: Peg George	27	28	29	30		
<u>CAMP COMECA</u>						