



KEEP CALM  
AND  
WEAR RED  
ON  
PENTECOST



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry  
May 31, 2017



*New and Notable...*

## Thoughts from Lori



THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 4th IS PENTECOST  
**WEAR RED!**

Well, don't worry if you haven't got anything red to wear, or if you forget. There's nothing theological or even historic about wearing red. It's just the liturgical color for this feast day. We'll be using our beautiful, almost new red paraments and vestments (given in memory of our beloved George Bolke).

Pentecost - *pente* for fifty, as in the Fifty Days of Easter - is the second most important feast day in the Christian calendar; second only to Easter, both of which were remembered and observed by the first Christians. (Christmas did not become an official observance until the 4th century!)

Because Pentecost celebrates the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, many consider it the birth, one might even say the birthday, of the Church. It was this power of the Spirit which enabled a rather motley group of men and women to spread the gospel - the *good news* - of Jesus; nothing short of a miracle!

The next Sunday, June 11th, is Trinity Sunday; the only feast day that celebrates an idea, a theology, rather than an historic event or person. After that, we'll be in the long season of Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. Beginning that Sunday, the 18th,

we will be using an alternate form of The Great Thanksgiving from "Enriching Our Worship." It's an authorized version of the Eucharistic prayer used in many places throughout The Episcopal Church (TEC). The shape and form of our worship will remain largely the same, including familiar service music, but some of the wording in the Eucharistic prayer itself will be new and different. In order to absorb and get comfortable with it, we'll use this form for at least a couple of months. While your feedback is always welcome, please be open to how the Spirit may speak to us as we experience this slightly new version of our worship.

Meanwhile, listen for the rush of wind in which the Holy Spirit may stir our hearts and minds and inspire the love of God in our lives.

Faithfully,

*Loritt*

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## **Mobile Food Pantry**

Saturday, June 17th  
10:00 a.m. - Noon

Volunteers are needed! Please let Deb Lang know if you can help out (dllobjn@comast.net). This is a combined effort with St. Mary's and St. Ann's.

Donations are also needed! There are envelopes on the table in the Narthex.

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## **DEDICATE ALTAR FLOWERS**

Our flower dedication chart is almost empty. Please consider signing up to dedicate flowers for a special occasion or for a loved one. Your dedication may be "in memory of" or "in thanksgiving for" or "in honor of..." The donation is \$35, and our Flower Guild will make it look like you've given twice that amount! Your thoughtfulness and generosity will enrich the beauty of our worship. Thank you.



Last January, directories were sent out to parishioners. An updated directory is now available, and there are a few on the table in the narthex. However, if you'd like an updated copy mailed or emailed to you, please let Lisa know: [lisa@stpaulmchenry.com](mailto:lisa@stpaulmchenry.com).

Also, if you are in possession of **past** St. Paul's directories (no matter how old), and would like to donate them, we're trying to collect some historic pictures for our archives. Feel free to drop them off in the office.

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## A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore

### Feast Day of Jeanne d'Arc [Joan of Arc]

The feast day of Jeanne d'Arc [Joan of Arc] is Tuesday, May 30th. She was born into a peasant family in France in 1412, and even as a young child began to experience spiritual visions, which she described as "voices emerging from a powerful flash of light."

King Charles II, even before ascending the throne, was greatly taken by her visions. Prior to his coronation, with the consultation of theologians, he allowed Joan to lead a Christian expedition to Orleans. According to legend, she wore a suit of white armor, and carried a banner bearing the symbol of the Trinity along with the words, "Jesus, Maria." The French troops won the battle for the city, and Joan convinced Charles to proceed to Reims for his coronation, and stood by his side throughout the ceremony.



After being captured by Burgundian soldier, she was sold to the English. In 1431, she returned to France, and was immediately tried as a witch and heretic. She was forced to recant, but was tried a second time, found guilty, and sentenced to be burned to death. Later, Pope Callistus III declared her to have been falsely accused. She was canonized by Pope Benedict XV in 1920. Today, she is one of the patron saints of France.

What we learn from Jeanne d'Arc [Joan of Arc] is the strength of her faith, her heroism, and her commitment to God and to her King. Her prayer asks God in her name to help "give ourselves bravely to the struggle for justice in our time."

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*In case you missed it....*

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***Join the folks of St. Mary's for their next  
FREE COMMUNITY MEAL\****

***June 17th***

Guests and volunteers eat together and get to know each other.

Great food and conversation.

Note: St. Mary's is a big supporter of our Mobile Food Truck.

Let's return the favor.

Bill and I plan to be there Saturday. Hope you will, too.

**Where:**

**ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
210 S. McHENRY AVENUE  
CRYSTAL LAKE - 815-459-1009  
No RSVP Required - Every 3rd Saturday**

**2017 DINNER DATES**

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

July 15                      August 19                      September 16

October 21                  November 18                  December 16

Free to All! All are Welcome! Family Friendly!

\*This meal is offered to those in our community who may be experiencing difficulty in procuring enough food.

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***The usual fare...***

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**Servants for June 4th**

Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*

Judy Robel - *Lector*

Judy Robel - *Intercessor*

Al Robel, Pam Dietmeyer - *Eucharistic Ministers*

Judy Robel, Carol Toft - *Vestry Persons of the Day*

Carter Obermeyer - *Children's Crucifer*

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**Children's Chapel**

The lesson this week will be "Come, Holy Spirit."

Leaders will be Amy and Jeff Zabor.



All children are welcome to attend after the service for a snack, bible story, and activity.

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## ***On the Calendar...***

**Noon Eucharist** - Every Wednesday, 12:15 p.m.

**Music Therapy** - Every Friday, 10:00 a.m.

**Mobile Food Pantry** - Saturday, June 17

**Vestry** - Wednesday, June 21, 7:00 p.m.

**Annual Parish Picnic** - Sunday, August 13, 4:00 p.m.

**Fall Parish Meeting** - Sunday, September 17

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## **Lessons and Hymns**

### **June 4th - The Day of Pentecost/Whitsunday**

*by the Rev. William P. McLemore*

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS:** The first reading will be from Acts 2:1-21 which tells the story of the visitation of the Holy Spirit upon the church (Pentecost). Psalm 104:25-35, 27b ties the spirit with God's creation. I Corinthians 12:3b-13 is where Paul relates the various gifts of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, John 7:37-39, Jesus compares the spirit as the flow of rivers of living water out of the believer's heart.

#### **THE HYMNS:**

**Processional Hymn:** No. 372. "Praise to the living God." This hymn was written by Thomas Olivers and is based on an ancient Jewish creed called the "Yigdal." It has thirteen articles that praise God in every way imaginable. Translated into English, it begins with these words, "Extolled and praised be the living God, who exists unbounded by time." The tune was written by a Jewish cantor, Meyer Lyon, thus the name, "Leoni."

**Sequence Hymn:** No. 513. "Like the murmur of the dove's song." This hymn was written by Carl Pickens Daw, Jr., in 1981. He is an Episcopal priest who was ordained by Bishop Vache in 1982 of Southern Virginia. A very talented church musician, he was on the commission that helped develop our 1982 hymnal. Biblical images in this hymn include Isaiah 38:14; John 15:5; and Philippians 4:7. The tune, "Bridegroom," was composed by Peter Cutts. The hymn makes a beautiful statement as we receive Holy Communion with an inner plea for God's blessing in the Holy Spirit.

**Presentation Hymn:** No. 51. "We the Lord's people" was written by John E. Bowers who was born in 1923. The hymn has earned a place in our Episcopal Church because the tune was composed by Richard Wayne Dirksen, Organist and Choirmaster for the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. (1977-2001). Dirksen was born February 8, 1921, in Freeport, Illinois, and died July 26, 2003. It has been called "The Cathedral's Hymn." Though little is known about the author, John Bowers, the words reflect an intimate knowledge of the liturgy of our church. The closing verse: "In the Lord's service bread and wine are offered, that Christ may take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his people, his own life imparting, food everlasting."

**Communion Hymn:** No. 712. "Dona nobis pacem." These three words are Latin for "Grant Us Peace" and the hymn is an old monastic canon of unknown authorship and composing. As we approach the altar for Holy Communion, we want to pray for peace in our hearts and souls and these words are a wonderful preface to receiving this sacrament.

**Recessional Hymn:** No. 539. "O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling." The author of this hymn, Mary Ann Thomson, was born in London, December 5, 1834 and became the wife of a librarian in Philadelphia, John Thomson. She wrote many poems and hymns published and used widely in the Episcopal Church. She died in Philadelphia, March 11, 1923. She says the hymn came to her while tending to one of her children, sick with typhoid fever, but it was three years before she could come up with a suitable refrain: "Publish glad tidings: tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption and release." James Walch wrote the tune especially for this hymn.

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From the cartoons created by  
*The Rev. William P. McLemore*



"So! This is what it is like to sit  
in a pew!"

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