

Bread for the Journey: May 27, 2020
Part 15: "Creation, Fall and Flood"

Come Holy Spirit!



Happy Pentecost!

2009. Altar piece. Church of the Holy Spirit, Singapore.

The pastor of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Eutaquio Santimano, writes: "Pentecost (Ancient Greek: πεντηκοστή [ἡμέρα], pentekostē [hēmera], "the fiftieth day") is one of the prominent feasts in the Christian liturgical year, celebrated on the 49th day (7 weeks) after Easter Sunday---or the 50th day inclusively, hence its name. Pentecost falls on the tenth day after Ascension Thursday. Historically and symbolically related to the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot or the day, fifty days after the Exodus, on which God gave the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai, Pentecost now also commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus as described in the Book of Acts, Chapter 2 in the New Testament. For this reason, Pentecost is sometimes described as "the Church's birthday".



[Order for House Worship on The Day of Pentecost, May 31st.](#)
Includes Scripture Readings for this Sunday.

Please Listen... [Come to Me](#) *by Dan Forrest*



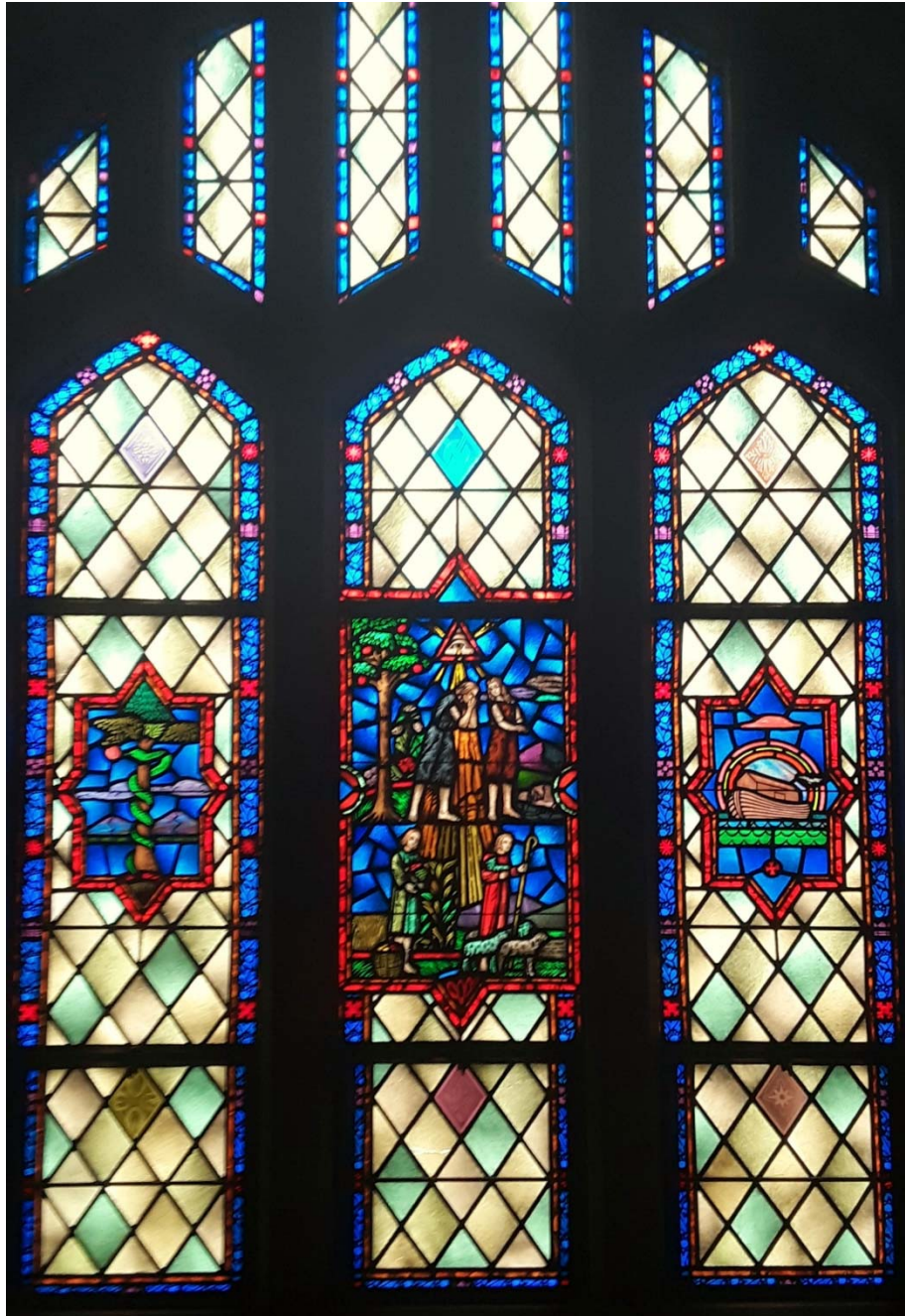
[A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles the 2nd chapter.](#)

Narrated by Max McLean.

[A Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.](#)

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In This Place...



If you haven't done so already, please listen to Genesis 3 and 4 by clicking on the links below:

[Genesis 3 & Genesis 4](#)

Then read Genesis 6-9:

[Genesis 6-9](#)

[In this Place... Creation, Fall and Flood*](#)

By Dennis J. Lauritsen, pastor at Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church, Riverside, Illinois. Be sure to click on the link above for an audio recording.

*For the title, I am gratefully indebted to my teacher, Dr. Terrence E. Fretheim, Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota.

[O Comforting Fire of Spirit](#)

By Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179).

Submitted by Charles Matthies.

Please listen and sing...

[Veni Sancte Spiritus](#)

Songs from Taize

["You Do Not Walk Alone"](#)

By Elaine Hagenberg

More from Rick and Ted...



Agnus Day is the creation of Pastor James Wetzstein, a Lutheran pastor. Jim serves as University Pastor at Valparaiso University, where his student charges keep him up late and his head full of big ideas. Jim lives with his wife Tracey and their son Gabriel. Tracey often helps with punch lines. She's a trial attorney who knows how to get a point across. Gabe, a growing humorist in his own right, provides the occasional zinger. There's a pair of dogs, a couple of cats, but no sheep.

Nun ruhen alle Wälder

By J. S. Bach

Performed by the Concordia College (Bronxville, New York) Alumni Virtual Choir,

Ralph Schultz, conductor; Jane Lauritsen, soprano.

Lord Jesus who dost love me,
Oh Spread thy wings above me
And shield me from all harm
Though satan would devour me
Let angel guards sing o'er me.
This Child of God shall meet no harm.

A very strong proof of this destruction of death and its conquest by the cross is supplied by a present fact, namely this. All the disciples of Christ despise death; they take the offensive against it and, instead of fearing it, by the sign of the cross and by faith in Christ trample on it as on something dead (St. Athanasius, fourth century).

Grief and the Pandemic (click on the folder below):

 [The Discomfort You're Feeling.pdf](#)

In This Place, Stained Glass Tour Series...

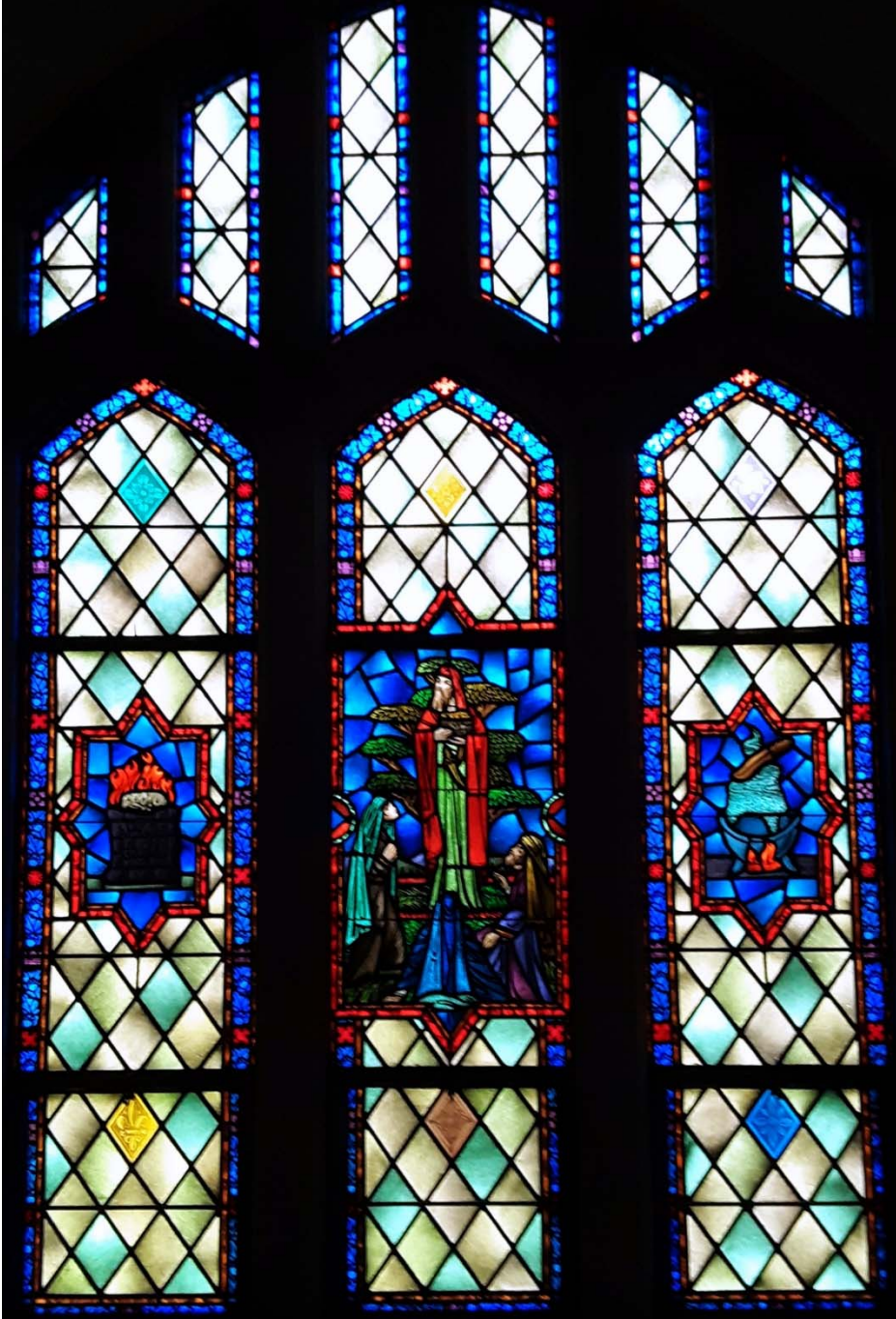


[Introduction and Overview](#)

*A Narrated Tour of the Stained Glass Windows
at Sts. Peter and Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Riverside,
presented by Dennis Lauritsen, pastor.
(Please click on the link beneath the pews.)*

Next Week:

**On a Wild and Windy Mountain:
The Story of Abraham and Isaac**



In preparation, please listen to Genesis 22 by clicking on the link:
[Genesis 22](#)

Please listen to conclude the meditation...[In This Place](#)

*Composed by Will Todd. Performed by Tenebrae, Nigel Short, Conductor.
From Lux Et Veritas, Music for Peace and Reflection.*

[A Story in Every Stained Glass Window](#)

For a more in-depth look at stained glass and its history see:

[History of Stained Glass](#) from the Stained Glass Association of America.

Resources for Re-Engaging the Congregation in Public Worship:

From the CDC: [Interim Guidance for Communities of Faith](#)

From the ELCA:

■ [ELCA Considerations for Returning to In person ...](#)

■ [Restoring Metropolitan Chicago Synod .pdf](#)

From Citizens for Community Values: [Guidelines for Churches Resuming Public Worship Services](#)

From St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Palmetto Bay, Florida:

■ [St Thomas NEXT STEP for Partial Reopen \(3\).docx](#)

[What Churches Really Think About Opening Up](#)

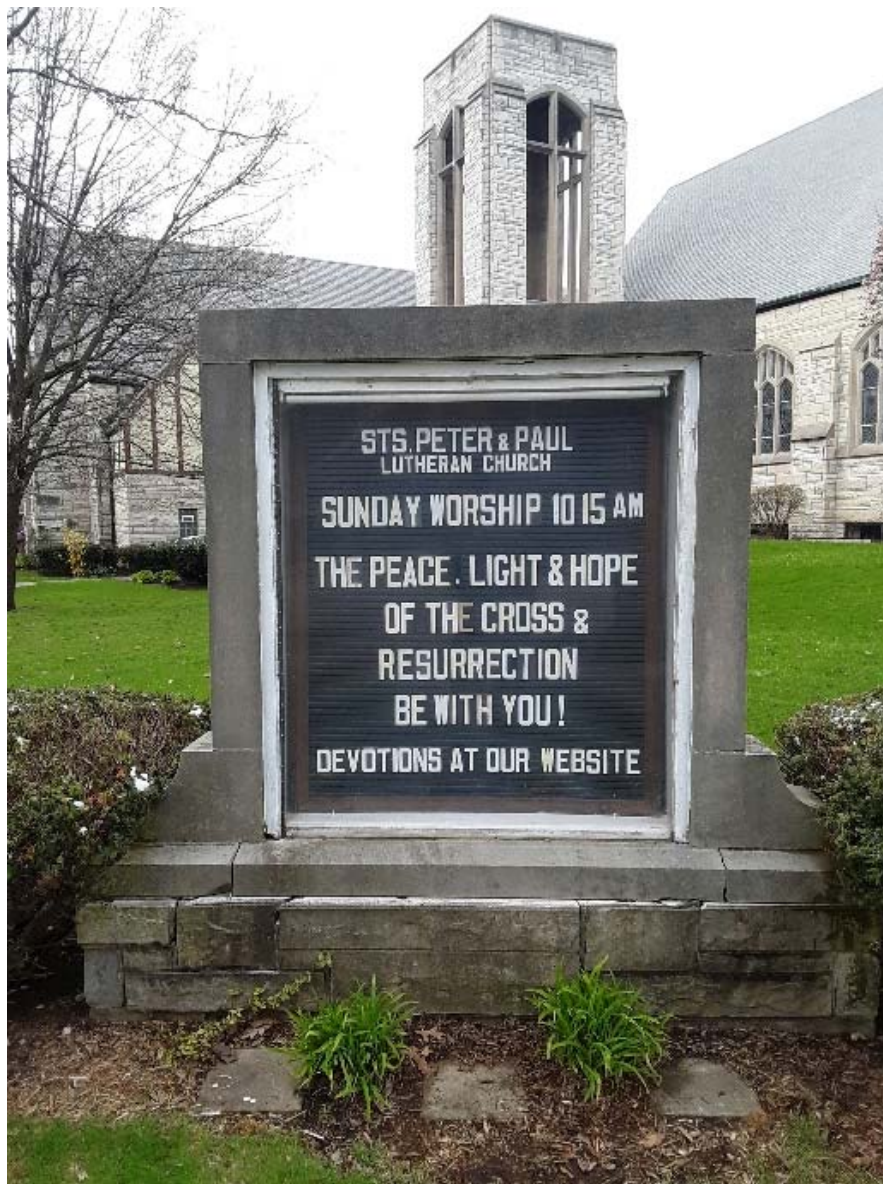
by Alan Cross, a Southern Baptist pastor in California.

I invite you to give your attention to the above resources for re-engaging the congregation at Sts. Peter and Paul in public worship. As you will see, this restart will call for the time and energies of many of us and the cooperation of everyone over an extended period of time. **When** the congregation re-engages in public worship will depend almost entirely upon **how** the congregation re-engages---*meaning the safest possible means of reopening*. Please be willing to offer your assistance and services as our congregational leadership develops an agreed upon plan as well as executing that plan weekly and even monthly for some time to come. As some have said, this will be more like turning on a dimmer switch than an ordinary light switch. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide all in safety and faithfulness during the days ahead.---*djl*

June Parish Newsletter...

Please download and print for those who do not have access to electronic communication.

 [June 2020 Parish Newsletter.pdf](#)





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A Ray of Light in Our Darkness:

[Sts. Peter and Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Riverside](#)

...for sermons, worship folders, recent news, newsletters, videos and more.

“Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. O Christ, hear us. In mercy hear us. God, the Father in heaven, have mercy on us. God, the Son, redeemer of the world, have mercy on us. God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us. Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us. Be gracious to us. Spare us, good Lord...” (from the opening verses of The Litany, *Lutheran Book of Worship*, pages 168ff).

Please consider praying (and singing) [The Litany](#) in your homes during the evening hours.