

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

May 21, 2026



Worship with us on Wednesday at 12:05 p.m., Saturday at 5:15 pm or Sunday at 11 a.m.

Our next joint worship will be on May 31st, at 9 a.m. at St, John. This service will not include Communion as Canon Melinda is away. She will preside at eucharist on Saturday May 23 at 5:15. Our joint Summer worship begins June 14 at 10 a.m. at St. John

Don't Forget To Wear Red for the Feast of Pentecost THIS Sunday. We will either renew our baptismal vows (Saturday) or welcome into the household of God on Sunday, Cecelia Wren Davenport and Holden Adler Davenport. Parents are Abby and Leo Davenport; Godparents are Eri Davenport & Chelsea Zorn.



Thank you to Diane Siebecker for hosting coffee time last Sunday.

Lessons for the Day of Pentecost

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Psalm: 104:25-35, 37

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Welcome Back Jim Ford

This Sunday we welcome back Jim Ford as our substitute organist while Marcella is away.





PENTECOST

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit spread and moved among and within the people. But Pentecost is not just an ancient story, it is about us, here and now. It is about the ongoing life of the followers of Jesus.

The Holy Spirit, one part of the Trinity, is offered in Scripture as a life-sustaining, energizing force, which not only guides us, but pushes us into all we are meant to be as people of God. The many symbols of Pentecost remind us that the Holy Spirit takes many forms, speaks many languages, moves in many ways, and offers unexpected gifts.

Symbols of the Holy Spirit and Pentecost include:

- **Dove:** The Holy Spirit descended "like a dove" at Jesus' baptism.
- **Wind:** Representing God's breath, which is the core of our Great Story from the very beginning, when God blew into the darkness, shaping the chaos and breathing all creation into life. It is God's breath that is our life force.
- **Fire:** Representing the all-consuming presence the Holy Spirit offers, filling our ancestors then, and us today, with passion and verve, power, strength, and beauty.
- **Wild Goose:** The Holy Spirit cannot be contained or controlled, it is free and wild.
- **Female ethos:** The Holy Spirit is often referred to as "she"; sometimes "Lady Wisdom".
- **Red:** The color red represents the zest and life of the Holy Spirit and the fire that burns in our hearts when we open ourselves to all the Spirit offers.

The people present at the original Pentecost felt a holy sense of unity, despite the differences between them. They came from different geographical areas and spoke different languages, yet they all experienced the same powerful presence of God and all could understand the message of the Spirit as it blew and danced among them.



READ:

Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV, adapted): When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout people from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? All in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" Others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter raised his voice and addressed them, "Listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: `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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

WONDER:

Wear red on Pentecost Day! If able, stand outside and feel the wind on your face. Imagine that wind as the Holy Spirit. How does it feel? Choose your favorite symbols of Pentecost to share among the people of your neighborhood. Create a representation of that symbol with supplies you have at home like markers, sidewalk chalk, old magazines, or leaves and flowers from your yard. Share that image by posting it on your door, in your yard, on your sidewalk, and/or social media. How does it feel to share Spirit with others?

PRAY:

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength, now and always.
Amen.

(Book of Common Worship (1993), p. 340)

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May Birthdays



Gabriel Felt	5/24
Michael Felt	5/24
Julian Shay	5/30
Jillian Shay	5/30

May Anniversaries

Donald & Dawn McCutcheon	5/27
James & Alice Bennett	5/29



Memorial Day

In observance of memorial Day, the Church office will be closed on Monday, May 25. We will reopen during normal hours on Tuesday, May 27th.



Scripture Reflection

What prophetic word for the community has God given to you? In what ways do you struggle with conflicts between your way of life and the prophetic word of God would have you proclaim to others? How are the acts of God manifest in your life and witness?

Flowers

Altar flowers for this Sunday are given by St. Mary's Guild to the Glory of God and in loving memory of all deceased members of the guild.



Interested in placing flowers on the altar? There is a sign-up sheet in the church on the information board. Flowers can be given in memory or honor of a family member or friend. They can be given in celebration of birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, births, etc. If you would like more information, please call the church office and Jerry will help you out.



JUNE 13, 2026 PARISH PARK FAIR

Join us for Family Fun and Community Party!

Lots of food to eat, vendors to enjoy, games to play, and new friends to meet at **Howard Elmer Park** in Sayre! Our parishes are hosting an event to celebrate our lives here in the Valley. Whether you're young or young at heart, join us for a day of family fun, activities, entertainment, and good food. Admission, games, entertainment, and fun are free. Blessings and family fun are without price. Delicious BBQ Chicken, Pulled Pork and grilled hotdogs are available for sale. Raffle tickets are also on sale for a chance to win a basket.

BBQ Chicken, Pulled

Pork, Hot Dogs

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Lots of Games

Bake Sale

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White Elephant &
Other Vendors

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Raffle

Baskets

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Live Music

CHURCH OF THE
REDEEMER
(EPISCOPAL)
AND
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Sayre PA

10 am to 3 pm

2026 Parish Park Faire

It's that time of year again. On Saturday, June 13th from 10am to 3pm we, The Church of the Redeemer and St. John's Lutheran, will come together to meet the community at our annual Parish Park Faire in Howard Elmer Park. We will offer delicious food including Pulled pork, BBQ chicken, Hotdogs, and an array of homemade baked goods. We will have local musicians providing live music for us to enjoy. We will have Lisa Cole, a local author and member here to read from her book and introduce us to the book's hero. We will have baby lambs to hold, along with goats and miniature donkeys to meet and pet. All sorts of activities and games for the kids to enjoy at no cost, including prizes. And everyone enjoys shopping at all of the different vendor booths.

It's always so wonderful to see everyone pull together to put this event on. Everyone pitches in, and there is always smiles and laughter, regardless of the weather or our falling behind in getting ready. We show our community just who we are. And that is the whole purpose of this faire.

I encourage everyone to come and be a part of this event. If you are able to lend a hand please just let me know 😊. You can't be too old or too young. There is no age discrimination here!! But you don't **have** to work. Just come. Bring your friends and families. Have something to eat. Enjoy the music, which promises to be special. Watch the kids as they play all of the games put on by the members of St. John's. Listen to the squeals and giggles as they win prizes!! Listen to a story about a very brave donkey. Come and visit Pastor Melinda and receive a FREE blessing and share a prayer on our community prayer board. (There might even be a little gift for you there). Come feel good about who we are and what we represent... a close knit community of believers.

And all Thanks be to God!!

Margaret Cole

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PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 30, 2026

9:00 to NOON

Valley United Presbyterian Church

459 Park Avenue

Waverly, N. Y.



Flowering and Vegetable Plants
Garden tools, pots, lawn decorations

Puzzles

Gardening books and Magazines



ALL Proceeds to Benefit

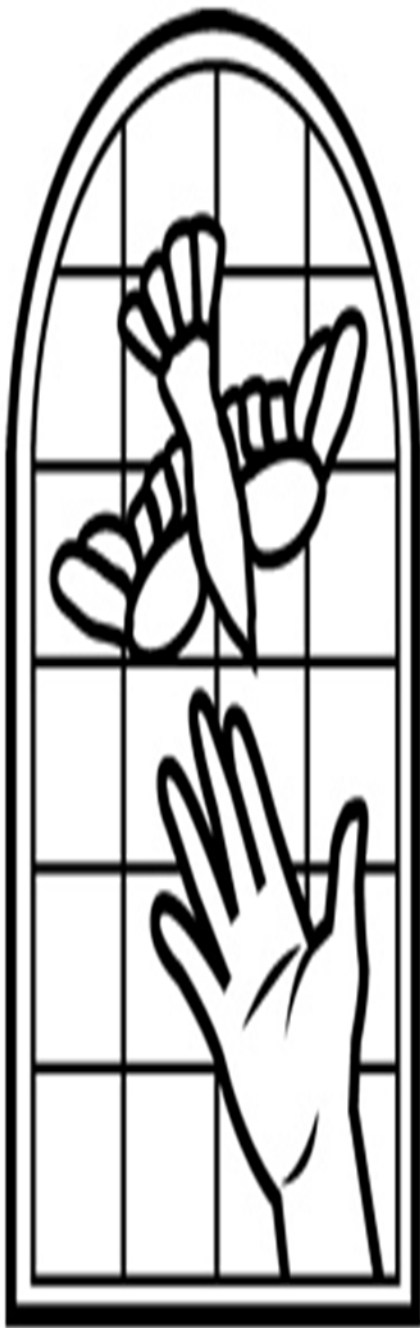
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When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:1-4).



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Filled with the Holy Spirit

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

Answers can be found in Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)



- ___ 1. Make something to be full
A. fill B. sound C. fire D. spirit
- ___ 2. To say words, to use the voice
A. amazed B. speak C. sound D. language
- ___ 3. A destructive burning
A. flood B. sound C. wind D. fire
- ___ 4. A building which people live in
A. house B. temple C. spirit D. holy
- ___ 5. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
A. wind B. fire C. fill D. speak
- ___ 6. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
A. fire B. holy C. wind D. amazed
- ___ 7. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
A. language B. speak C. sound D. fill
- ___ 8. To be totally surprised
A. spirit B. fire C. amazed D. holy
- ___ 9. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
A. spirit B. person C. holy D. amazed
- ___ 10. Something that can be heard
A. spirit B. speak C. sound D. amazed