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Bulletin for Pentecost

**HYMNS:** 775 121 119 71 78 133

**INTROIT:** O LORD, listen to my prayer! Open Your ears to my pleas for favour! Answer me in Your faithfulness and in Your righteousness!

Do not bring Your servant into judgment! For **in Your sight there is no one alive who is righteous.**

For the enemy has been pursuing my life. He has crushed my life to the ground. He has been making me live in dark places, like those who have died long ago.

Therefore my spirit inside me has become faint. My heart inside me has been overcome with numbness.

I remember the days of long ago. I have been meditating on all that You have done. I am meditating on what Your hands have done.

I have been spreading out my hands to You. My soul is thirsting for You like a parched land.

Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit has been wasting away. Do not hide Your face from me, or I shall be like those who are going down into the pit!

Cause me to hear about Your mercy in the morning! For I trust in You. Cause me to know the way on which I should go! For I have been lifting up my soul to You.

Rescue me from my enemies, O LORD! I have come to You to conceal myself away.

Teach me to do what You desire! For You are my God. May Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In Your righteousness, bring my soul out of trouble!

In Your mercy You will silence my enemies, and destroy all who are hostile toward me! For I am Your servant.

Psalm 143

**COLLECT:** O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**READINGS:** Genesis 11:1-9 The Tower of Babel

Acts 2:1-21 The apostles receive the Holy Spirit on Pentecost

John 14:23-31 The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will teach you all things

**SERMON:** 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 What is True Wisdom?

<sup>6</sup> However, we speak wisdom to those who are mature, but not the wisdom of this age, or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup> No, we tell about the wisdom of God in a mystery, a wisdom that has been hidden, but that God ordained before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup> None of those who rule this world has known it. For, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> Rather, as Scripture has said, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has comprehended, what God has prepared for those who love Him." <sup>10</sup> Nevertheless, God has revealed it to us through His Spirit. The Spirit searches out all things, even the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For what human being knows the things that belong to the human being except the human being's spirit in him? In the same way, no one knows the things that belong to God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who comes from God, so that we may know the things that God has freely given to us. <sup>13</sup> We speak about these things in words not taught by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who have the Spirit. <sup>14</sup> However, an unspiritual person does not receive the things of the Spirit of God. For they are foolishness to him; and he cannot know them because they are discerned spiritually. <sup>15</sup> The spiritual person judges all things, but he himself is not judged by anyone. <sup>16</sup> For "who has known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct Him?" However, we have the mind of Christ.

The Lord's Supper has always been seen as a sign of unity between those who commune together at the Lord's table (1 Cor. 10:17). When Christians partake of the Lord's Supper in a church body that has a confession of faith, they thereby declare that they believe that they are one in faith with those who commune with them. Since people cannot honestly hold two differing confessions at the same time, they cannot honestly commune with those whose confession is in conflict with their own. If any do this nevertheless, they deny their own confession, and so deny Christ Himself (2 Cor. 6:14-18). **We ask visitors who are communicant members in a church not in fellowship with the AELC, or are not familiar with the AELC Statement of Faith, to refrain from communing today. If you have questions, please speak with the pastor after service.**

### The Church

We use the word church in a variety of ways. We speak of the building in which we conduct worship services as a church. We may speak for example, of St. Paul's Lutheran Church as the local church to which we belong. We may speak of the denomination or synod to which we belong as church. When Scripture speaks about the church (Greek: *ekklesia*), it refers to the assembly of believers brought together by the Holy Spirit through the means of grace (Acts 20:28; 1 Cor. 1:2; Acts 2:41). The church is also called "*the body of Christ*" (Eph. 1:22-23), "*the household of God*" (1 Peter 4:17), "*the family of faith*" (Gal 6:10), "*members of God's household... a holy temple in the Lord,*" (Eph. 2:19-21).

In his explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed in the Large Catechism, Luther gave this definition of the church: Some among our people, who understand neither Latin nor German, have rendered it "communion of saints," although no German would talk that way or understand it. To speak proper German, we ought to say "a community of saints," that is, a community that is composed only of saints, or, still more clearly, "a holy community."

This is the meaning and substance of this phrase: I believe that there is on earth a holy little flock and community of pure saints under one head, Christ. It is called together by the Holy Spirit in one faith, mind, and understanding. (LC Second Part: 49-51)

The church (the assembly of believers in Christ) is found wherever the gospel is proclaimed, and the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are administered. The prophet Isaiah once wrote, "For, as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and do not go back there without watering the earth and causing it to bring forth and to sprout, so that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> so My Word will be, which goes out of My mouth. It will not return to Me without results, but it will accomplish what I desire and be successful in what I have sent it to do," (Is. 55:10-11). When it rains, the water causes the planted seeds to grow into plants. The plants produce more seed to plant as well as food to feed the farmer and others. So also, the gospel will carry out God's purpose. God is always at work in and through His gospel, so that it is "the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes," (Rom. 1:16).

The church will be found wherever the gospel is proclaimed, and the sacraments are administered. On Pentecost, Peter baptised three thousand people. Luke wrote, "Those who received what he said were baptised; and that day about three thousand persons were added," (Acts 2:41). We also read of the early church, "They continued steadfastly in the teaching of the apostles and in the fellowship, in the breaking of the bread [a reference to the Lord's Supper] and in the prayers," (Acts 2:42). Baptism and the Lord's Supper were instrumental in the gathering and strengthening of the church.

*Welcome to all worshipping with us today! May God bless our worship of Him by His serving of us!*  
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**Please notify pastor of anyone who is unwell or in need of a visit.**

## COMING SERVICES

16 June Trinity Sunday	23 June 2 Pentecost	30 June 3 Pentecost
8.00am Bible Study & 9.00am HC TMBA 8.30am OAK LR 9.30am GRN LR 10.30am AUB HC	8.30am OAK HC 8.30am TMBA LR 9.30am AUB LR 10.00am GRN HC	10.30am AUB HC Parish Service
<b>Sunday, 16 June</b>		
READINGS: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; John 8:48-56		
HYMNS: 135 139 140 (136 325) 521		
<b>Sunday, 23 June</b>		
READINGS: Isaiah 65:1-9; Galatians 3:23-4:7; Luke 8:26-39		
HYMNS: 498 156 241 (848 375) 446 v.1 (tune 328)		

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, 11 June, 7.30pm. Men's Fellowship at Oakey. Opening devotion: John Ritter.

Wednesday, 12 June, 10.00am. Women's Guild at Oakey. Opening devotion: Carolyn.

Key Word: Judge. Item of Interest: Something beginning with "N".

Saturday, 15 June, 1.00pm. The youth group will meet at Zischke's, 480 Old Goombungee Rd, Cawdor. It will be either parlour games or a bonfire, depending on the weather.

### Bible Studies:

Friday, 14 June, Greenwood.

Sunday, 16 June, Toowoomba.

Friday, 21 June, Aubigny/Oakey.