

# The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,[b] 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 "In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

18 Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

19 I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

20 The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.[c]

22 "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. 23 This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men,[d] put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. 25 David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest in hope,

27 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,

you will not let your holy one see decay.

28 You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence.[e]

29 "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay.



32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. 34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

"The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand

35 until I make your enemies

a footstool for your feet."[f]

36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41 Those who accepted his message were

baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

The Fellowship of the Believers

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

## Once in a blue moon

Yes, I know, I keep writing about the planets in the western sky and I'm going to start this column with that focus yet again. It gets interesting in the next week as Venus gains more altitude, approaching Jupiter. Tonight the two planets make a nice triangle with the star Procyon, to the left of the pair. By next week, Venus and

## Pastor Stahl's Weekly Message of Faith



Hello, Everyone!

I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend. I was privileged to speak at the Memorial Day commemoration at Ogden, and there were many other events that day as well. It is a good thing when we can come together as various communities of faith and thank God for the men and women who served our nation. Some of them paid the ultimate sacrifice and laid their lives on the Altar of Freedom. They teach us the eternal message that Freedom isn't free.

Sooner or later in all of our lives, we are going to have a heavy responsibility put upon us. It could be our family, our job, our health. Something monumental will happen in our lives and we will be tested on how we handle it. At that moment, in Whom do you put your trust?

The phone call came at about 4:45 PM. Vice President Harry Truman was over in the office of House Speaker Sam Rayburn. He had been Franklin Roosevelt's Vice President for just 82 days, on this 12th day of April, 1945. Truman and FDR had spoken last Summer at the Democratic Convention, and Harry had lunch with the President a few weeks ago. Harry noticed how much his hands shook as he was pouring the coffee.

As Harry entered Rayburn's office, the phone rang. "Mr. Vice President, please come to the White House immediately."

So Harry got his hat and took a cab over to the White House. He was greeted by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. "Harry, the President is dead; you're the President now." Harry was stunned, like a load of hay had fallen upon him. "Mrs. Roosevelt, is there anything I can do for you?" She replied, "No, Harry, but is there anything we can do for you? For you are the one in trouble now." That evening at 7:00 P, Harry Truman took the Oath of Office as the 33rd President of the United States. He was absolutely scared to death. "I feel as though the sun, the moon, the stars, and all the planets have fallen upon me." And the next morning, he found out about the plans for the Atomic Bomb. Before that, he knew nothing about it. That's how the mantle of leadership was passed on from one President to another. Truman had to make a lot of decisions instantly. World War II was still raging with Germany and Japan, and this farmer's son from Missouri had been entrusted with the leadership of the most powerful nation on earth. He said to the press, "Boys, if you ever pray, pray for me now."

Heavy responsibility can be thrust on any of us at any time. The Blessing of our faith is that God Is With us in all things. God has a leader for every crisis. He Is never left without a witness. All of us are called to serve in various ways, to be a good soldier for the Lord. To Love God

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## In the night sky

By David Leake



Jupiter are nearly side-by-side with Venus the brighter of the two. Mercury is below and to the right. The planets are closest on the evening of June 7th when they'll be a bit more than two degrees in separation. What a fantastic view! And above are the stars Castor and Pollux, mocking the planets, but at nearly double the separation. Mercury

tries to keep up but, on the 13th of June, it'll give up and head back sunward while Venus and Jupiter flip-flop their spots in the western sky. On May 31, the night of a full Moon, Venus reaches its greatest altitude. By the way, that full Moon is the second one of the month, which some have called a "blue Moon." Of course the Moon won't turn blue.

## OSF Peace Meal Menu

Here is the Sidney, Homer, Philo, Tolono, Sadorus, and Pesotum Peace Meal menu for Thursday, May 28 through Wednesday, June 3.

**Thursday, 5/28/26** – Tuna salad wrap with celery and lettuce, diced beets, vanilla pudding, fruit cup, and a half pint of milk.

**Friday, 5/29/26** – Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, fruit cup, wheat bread served with butter or margarine, and a half pint of milk.

**Saturday, 5/30/26** – Ham salad, baby carrots, cantaloupe, wheat bread served with butter or margarine, and a half pint of milk.

**Sunday, 5/31/26** – OSF Peace Meal is closed.

**Monday, 6/1/26** – No menu available.

**Tuesday, 6/2/26** – No menu available.

**Wednesday, 6/3/26** – OSF Peace Meal is closed.

OSF Peace Meal provides seniors, age 60 and older, with

a nutritious lunch Monday through Saturday and are closed on Sunday and Wednesday. There is a suggested donation of \$4.00 for each meal, however, no senior will be denied a meal because of an inability to financially contribute. The Illinois Link Card is an accepted form of payment. For more information, please go to <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/osf-peace-meal/> or call 1-309-665-5900.

The Homer Peace Meal congregate site is at the Homer Village Hall located at 500 East Second Street. It is currently carry-out only. For reservations, please call 1-309-665-5900. Home delivery in southern Champaign County is currently available in Sidney, Homer, Philo, Tolono, Sadorus, and Pesotum.

Menu substitutions may occur due to global supply chain shortages, but a nutritious meal is still guaranteed.

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