

Lutheran FAQ: What Is Pentecost?

How does your congregation make worship on Pentecost special?

What other language would you like to speak? Why?

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What have you done that you never expected to do? _____

When have you shared the story of Jesus' love? When have you been afraid to? _____

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The disciples weren't perfect, but God chose them to spread the good news. Do you ever feel like you're not good enough to tell people about Jesus? _____

Written by the ELCA South Carolina Synod to accompany the video "Lutheran F.A.Q.: What is Pentecost?" found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RgEBscK0dbE>

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Deeper Dive:

- Read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2. Look on a map to see where the people present on Pentecost had traveled from.
- <https://elca.org/Our-Work/Global-Mission> shares how the ELCA is at work spreading the gospel around the world. How does your congregation take part in sharing the good news? (LWF quilts, mission support, praying for missionaries?)
- Read the explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism. What does Martin Luther say about the role of the Holy Spirit?
- How was your congregation founded? Where do you see God in the story?