Pentecost Sunday:  Sunday, May 28, 2023

Lead Story Headline:  Peace Be With You

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“... we can all hear them telling in our own languages about the great things God has done.” Acts 2:11
Gospel: John 20:19-23
In the evening, the disciples were gathered in a room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood in the room and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. Jesus said again, “Peace be with you!” Then he breathed on the disciples and said to them, “I give you the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven. If you do not for give them, they are not forgiven.

This is the Good News of the Lord.

Now Act...
For Pentecost, wear colours of fire — red, yellow, orange and pink. This represents the fire of the Holy Spirit that came on Pentecost to the apostles. You can also celebrate by doing things that represent wind! Fly a kite, make some wind chimes, or hang a flag outside! When the Holy Spirit came there was fire and wind, so do these things to symbolize Pentecost! Decorate your house with green branches, plants and leave. Summer is coming and Pentecost is the perfect time to celebrate!

What Do You Think?
1. Do you know someone who needs God’s peace? Can you think of someone who needs your forgiveness? Who are they? What can they do to get God’s peace and your forgiveness?

2. Do you remember another time when Jesus appeared to the disciples and did the same thing as in today’s story?
Body Part Word Search:
All od our body parts are important to us. We are all important parts of the body of Christ (see 1 Corinthians 12:12–13). See how fast you can find and circle the names of these body parts. Look up, down, across, and diagonally.

By The Way...
Do you know what incense is? Have you notices in church sometimes when your priest uses something throughout the church that smells good and makes smoke? That is incense. Have you ever seen what it looks like? It looks like a bunch of chunks of rocks and glass. Incense is a mixture of dried sap from different kinds of trees that release a nice smell when they are heated up. At church, the incense is heated until it melts and begins to smoke. What do you think the incense, or the smoke, represents at Church? Why do you think we use it? Ask your priest or someone else at your church to show you the incense and how it works!

Inside Scoop...

After you have three of the sacraments, baptism, reconciliation and holy communion, you can get another sacrament called confirmation. After Jesus died and went to heaven, the Holy Spirit was sent to his apostles by God. It came to them in the form of a tongue of fire. This is the day that we call Pentecost. In doing this, the apostles all received the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they could reach others all about him and his life. When we are confirmed, we also receive the Holy Spirit. The gifts of the Holy Spirit that we receive when we are confirmed are wisdom, understanding, the ability to help other people, courage, knowledge, faithfulness and respect for God. Once we have these gifts, we need to try and pray so that we can learn how to use them. Once we are confirmed, we are kind of like the apostles at Pentecost and we can share our love for Jesus with others!


“Jesus came and stood in the room and said, “Peace be with you!”
John 20:19