

# MAY MAST



## The Day of **Pentecost**

Among Christians, Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Twelve Apostles and other followers of Jesus as described in the book of Acts 2:1–31. Pentecost is celebrated seven weeks (50 days) after Easter Sunday, hence its name. This year we will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 24.

**Red** symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Ministers wear red vestments, and in modern times, the custom has extended to congregation members wearing red clothing in celebration as well.

Red banners are often hung from walls or ceilings to symbolize the blowing of the "mighty wind" and the free movement of the Spirit.

Churches celebrate the affirmation of faith through the rite of confirmation with the symbol of the descending Holy Spirit.

Remember to wear **RED** on Sunday, May 24, and look up!

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we are moving past Easter and towards Pentecost, we often forget about another festival of the church. You ever heard of the “forgotten festival”. What am I speaking of? “The Ascension of our Lord”. Perhaps it’s because it usually falls on a Thursday. Perhaps it’s overshadowed by the grand festival of Easter. Whatever the reason, many simply overlook the importance of this Holy Day. For your reference, this year, the Ascension of our Lord falls on May 14th (but always occurs forty days after Easter). We may wonder at times why Jesus didn’t just stay on earth after His death and resurrection. One could make the argument that life would be so much better if only Jesus had stayed on earth to be our Shepherd and King. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could just call up Jesus on the phone and tell Him our troubles and ask for His counsel and blessing? That said, I assure you that because Jesus ascended into heaven, we can go to Him, and He will hear us and continuously give His blessings. Listen to what Jesus tells His disciples, *“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.” (John 16:7)*

In other words, it is for our good that He returns to His Father, because when Jesus leaves, He will send us the Holy Spirit. It is through the Spirit that we are guided and directed into God’s knowledge and truth. The Holy Spirit’s work is powerful, and it is just as real today as it was on the day of Pentecost (which, by the way, is observed ten days after the ascension of Jesus which means this year it will be on Sunday, May 24th). Ascension Day, however, is the coronation celebration of our Lord as He is proclaimed to be King of the universe. Jesus’ ascension to the Father is His entrance to the greater existence beyond the confines of time and space, being no longer bound by the limitations of His state of humiliation. Seated at the right hand of God, Jesus now intercedes on our behalf and for our good. Yet, our Lord remains present with us who remain bound by time and space. He is with us as true God and true man, exercising His rule in the Church through the means of grace which He established: His Word and His Sacraments. So, the Ascension of our Lord is a time of celebration and a source of comfort for all who trust in Jesus. He has the ability and authority to keep all His promises to you. And He will surely do it.

Your Brother in Christ,

*Pastor Bob*





## Mother's Day Reception

A reception will be held on the patio, following service, on Sunday, May 10,  
in honor of Mother's Day.

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*We Honor our Graduates  
Racie Zantow  
&  
Ronnie Perry  
With a Breakfast Reception  
Sunday, May 17th.  
8:45  
In the Front Garden.*

*In case of inclement weather, reception will be held in the Fellowship  
Hall lobby.*

*If you would like to help, please contact Cathy Erickson.*



# BINGO

FRIDAY, April 24



Winners and losers



## MANNA HOUSE



**Jesus prepared a meal for the multitudes to remind us that we feed people not because we believe they deserve it, but because they're hungry.**

johnpavlovitz.com

Lord of Life prepares and serves a meal each month on the second Thursday of the month.

If you plan to help prepare a lunch on May 14, please be at Manna House by 9:00 AM, or to help distribute the bagged lunches, come at 11:15 AM. Manna House is located at 1408 G Street, Brunswick, GA.

Please let Virginia Lensch know if you plan to participate this month.

*From the Music Director*

## **Mary Monroe**



Did you know that singing, humming, and whistling can all be signs of contentment? I can't tell you how many times I have had a choir member call me and say....."I have been singing the anthem for Sunday all week". I love hearing those comments. I love knowing that there are so many of you that find joy and contentment in what we sing together. There is nothing that brings me more joy than to sit at the organ console and listen to you respond with joy.....together.....at God's sung word!

As our choir season begins to wind down for the summer, I would encourage you to think about the possibility of offering a piece of music that is meaningful to you and your faith journey to our congregation. You may want to sing or play an instrument. I am also happy to get with you and rehearse anything that you may want to offer.

Music is a wonderful and powerful expression of thanks to our God! Don't miss the opportunity to show your gratitude and praise through song.



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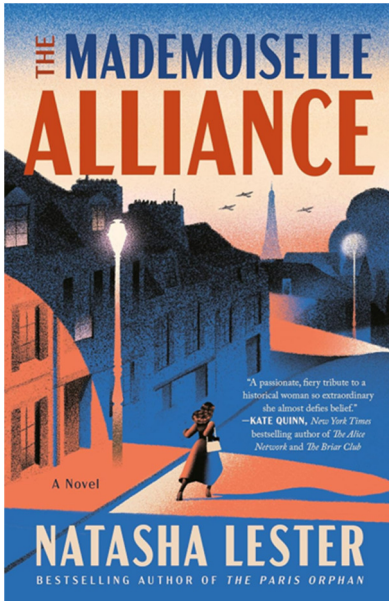
## BIRTHDAY

Grace Robertson, May 2  
 Gay Eubanks, May 7  
 Gayle Carpenter, May 7  
 Bebe Bonati, May 11  
 Anna Hammock, May 13  
 Dave Erickson, May 14

George Cressman, May 20  
 Maggie Alley, May 20  
 Rachel Aley, May 23  
 Mary K. Robertson, May 27  
 Diane Rancourt, May 27  
 Deborah Phillips, May 31

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  Pastor on Vacation until May 7	2
3 1st Sunday, Cinco de Mayo 9:30 am, Service	4. No Bible Study 10-12am, Tai Chi	5 10 am, Tai Chi	6. 9 am, Open Sewing	7 10 am, Tai Chi  Pastor Returns	8	9
10 MOTHERS' DAY 9:30 am, Service Reception on patio	11 10 am, Bible Study	12 10 am, Tai Chi	13 9 am, Open Sewing	14. Ascension of Our Lord  Manna House 10 am, Tai Chi	15	16 9 am-4 pm, Quilt Guild Meeting
17 Graduation Sunday Breakfast 9:30 am, Service Council Meeting	18 10 am, Bible Study	19 10 am, Tai Chi	20 9 am, Open Sewing	21 10 am, Tai Chi	22 9 am-3 pm, Heritage Oaks meeting	23
24 <b>Pentecost</b> 9:30 am, Service Wear Red	25 Memorial Day	26 10 am, Tai Chi	27 9 am, Open Sewing  Synod Assembly, Pastor leaves	28 10 am, Tai Chi Pastor at Assembly	29  Pastor at Assembly	30
31, Holy Trinity Sunday 9:30 am, Service				Barney and Joy Wehunt, May 23 James and Nancy DeLong, May 26 Robert and Pat Schwandy, May 27 Gale and Paul Speich, May 29		

## Lord of Life Literary Society



Our May discussion will be hosted by Mary Ellen Long, on Tuesday, May 26, at 10:00 AM, in the Council Room.

Mary Ellen's selection is *The Mademoiselle Alliance*, by Natasha Lester.

The book is available at local bookstores and/or online at Amazon.com and Thriftbooks.com. A Kindle edition is also available.

RSVP to Mary Ellen and join us for discussion and fellowship. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

***"Reading is an exercise in empathy;  
an exercise in walking in someone else's shoes for a while."***

- Malorie Blackman



### **"Come, Let Us Pray**

*Prayer is perfectly at home in the house of God. It is no stranger, no mere guest; it belongs there. It has a peculiar affinity for the place. It has a divine appointment to be there. ~ E.M. Bounds*

Please remember to pray each week for the names of our members, family and friends listed in the bulletin or for members listed in our church directory (directories are available in the church office).

When you don't know what else to do, prayer is always a good choice

*EASTER  
SUNDAY*





A big “THANK YOU” to everyone who helped make our Holy Week services so meaningful. It takes many willing volunteers and participants. I thank each of you for answering the call (or email) from Pastor, Mary or me.

A special *thank you* to Dona and Erika for all of the bulletins generated throughout Lent and Holy Week and to Pastor Bob who gave five sermons within four days.

Many hands prepared and served food for our Agape Feast and Easter Breakfast. A special thank you to the Erickson’s for flipping pancakes and serving sausages and ba

Thank You, to Mary Monroe, music director, and the Choir, for their countless hours of practice to provide music for our Good Friday cantata and Easter Sunday.

If I missed your name, God knows and is smiling on you.

Virginia Lensch,

Worship and Music Committee Chair

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