

Children's Message for Families
Pentecost Year A
May 31, 2020

Yesterday was Pastor Jenn's birthday. She has always liked her birthday because her family calls her, and they send her birthday cards and presents. And she gets to eat cake and ice cream! And wear a birthday hat!

Do you like your birthday? Think about your favorite thing about your birthday! (Parents / Adults – encourage your child to share/talk)

Did you know that today, Pentecost Sunday, is the Church's birthday? Not just Grace Lutheran Church, but the whole Church. This is the day that God sent the Holy Spirit to us as a gift. The Holy Spirit helps us talk to God and to trust God. The Holy Spirit is with us when we might feel scared or worried or alone. And the Holy Spirit gives us gifts.

Not the kind of gifts that would be wrapped for you to open. No, these gifts are things like love – from others and for others. Gifts like kindness. Gifts like the things you're really good at – maybe it's math or art or science or building things or helping others (Parents / Adults – encourage them to name what they're good at). Gifts like happiness that we can share. Gifts like caring for someone when they are sad or hurting.

And when we use these gifts – when we love others and are kind to them; when we use what we are good at to fix something or to help someone; when we share our joy and are a friend to someone who is sad, then we are giving a gift back to God. God is happy that we are showing our love – and God's love – to other people. So we should try to do that as much as we can, each day, okay?

But before we get to that, we have something very important to do! It's the church's birthday, so shall we sing Happy Birthday?

Okay – so listen closely. We'll sing:

Happy Birthday to you.
Happy Birthday to you.
Happy Birthday dear church
Happy Birthday to you!

Ready? On three: one, two, three -