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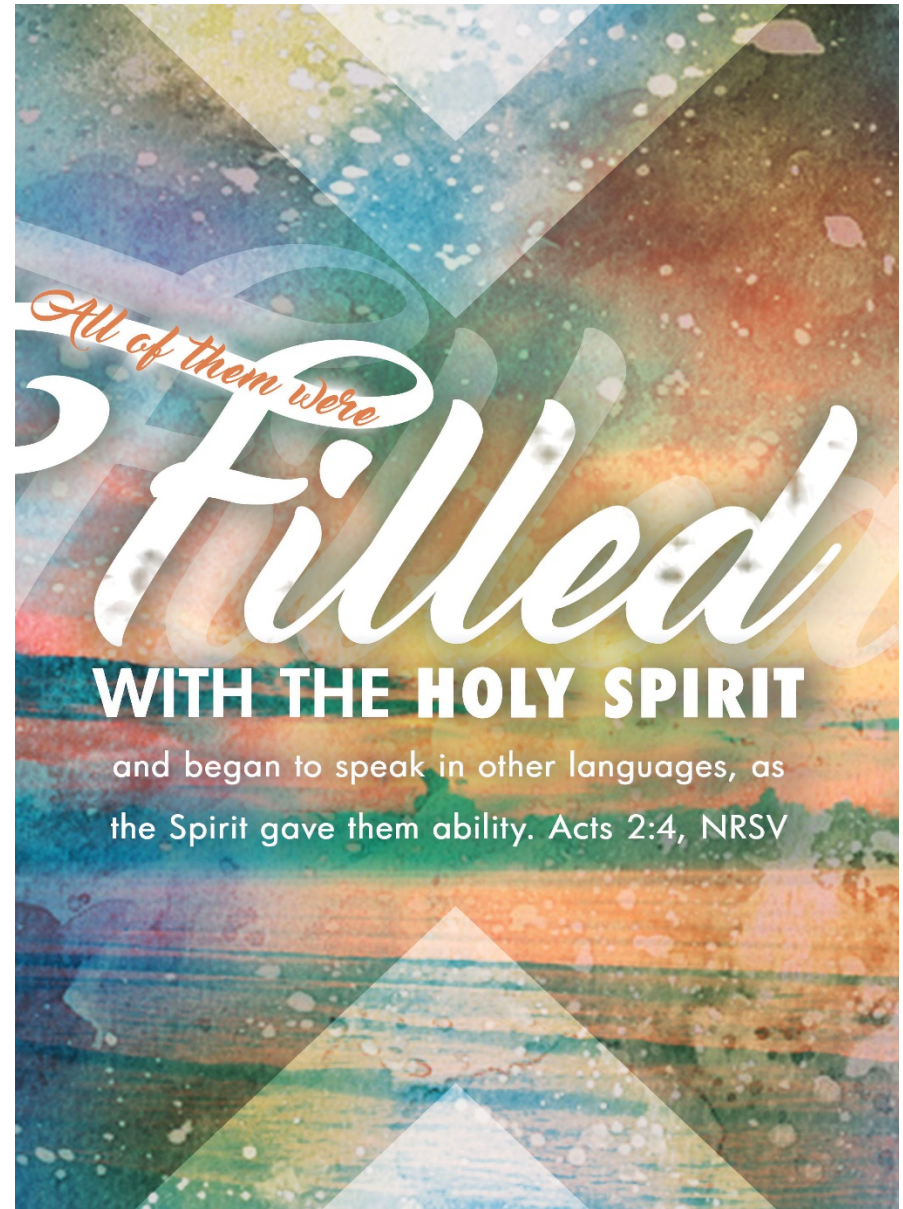
**PENTECOST** – God promised to send the Holy Spirit (i.e., the Counselor, Guide, Advocate, etc.) in the Name of Jesus of Nazareth to dwell in the hearts of his Chosen people, forever (Jeremiah 31:31-34). Fifty days after the Resurrection (ten days after the Ascension) on Pentecost (the Jewish Festival of Weeks) the Holy Spirit came upon the Early Church to dwell permanently (Acts 2). Pentecost Sunday begins the long liturgical season of General Time (twenty-three weeks) when worshipers focus on the spiritual and numerical growth of God’s people. The Season of Pentecost ends on Christ the King Sunday on November 24, 2019.

**BELIEVER’S BAPTISM** – The American Baptist churches practice “believer’s baptism” which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front of the church during the last song.

**THE LORD’S SUPPER** – West Side Baptist Church celebrates the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. We practice “open communion,” which means the Table of the Lord is open to all baptized Christians regardless of affiliation. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

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