

FLC Bible Study
Ascension & Pentecost — 5.28.19

Apostles' Creed

- Which 4 Christian holidays/festivals are mentioned in the Apostles' Creed?

Ascension

- Jesus ascends—*rises up*—to God the Father in heaven.
- Occurs 39 days after Easter (40th day of Easter). The 6th Thursday after Easter.
 - This year: Thursday, May 30.

Old Testament ascensions

- Enoch
 - “Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.” — *Genesis 5:24*
- Elijah
 - “As [Elijah and Elisha] were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.” — *2 Kings 2:11*

Jesus' Ascension

- *Luke 24*
 - “On the first day of the week (Easter Sunday)... Now that same day two of them were going to a village (Emmaus)... While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’... When [Jesus] had led [the disciples] out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.”
- *Acts 1:1-4*
 - “In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.”

Pentecost

- From Greek, “50th”.
- The Festival of Weeks is the 50th day after Passover in Jewish tradition (Deuteronomy 16:10 and Leviticus 23:16).
 - The Festival of Weeks celebrates the wheat harvest.
- The Septuagint uses the word “Pentecost” to describe the Festival of Weeks.
 - *The Septuagint is the earliest full translation of the Hebrew scriptures into Greek.*
- Occurs 49 days after Easter (50th day of Easter). The 7th Sunday after Easter.
 - This year: Sunday, June 9.

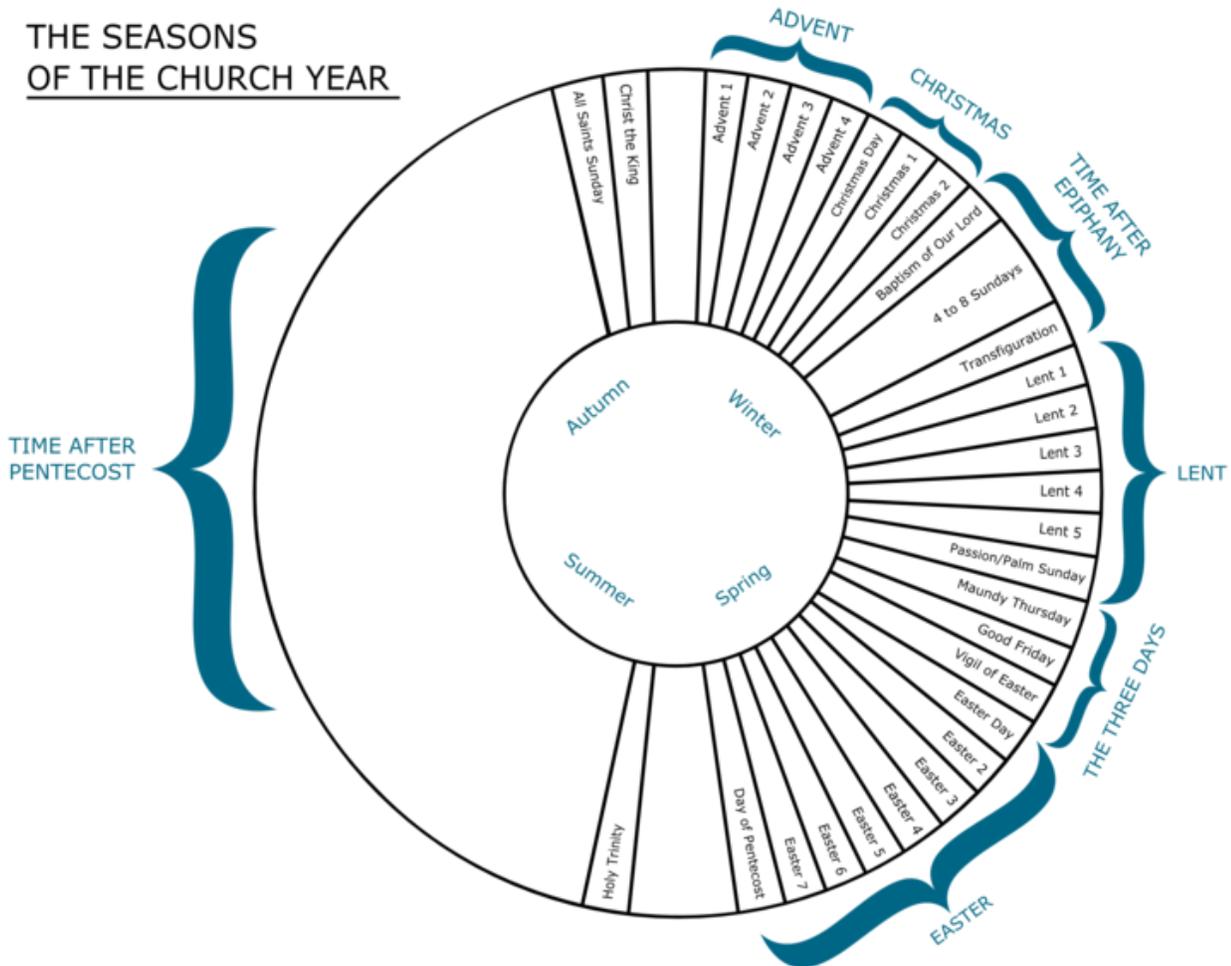
Day of Pentecost

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- *Acts 1:4-5*
 - “On one occasion, while [Jesus] was eating with [the disciples], he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”
- *Acts 2:1-4*
 - “When the day of Pentecost came, [the disciples] were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

Ordinary Time (Season after Pentecost)

- Longest church season—this year June 23 to November 24.



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- Which 4 Christian holidays/festivals are mentioned in the Apostles' Creed?
 - Christmas
 - Good Friday
 - Easter
 - Ascension

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, ← *Christmas*
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; ← *Good Friday*
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again; ← *Easter*
he ascended into heaven, ← *Ascension*
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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