

PENTECOST - THE FEAST OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

50 days after Easter, i.e. 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, Christians celebrate Pentecost.

In the Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament, the miracle of Pentecost is described as follows (Acts 2: 1-4):



"And when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and sat upon every one of them; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

The story of the miracle of Pentecost conveys an astonishing and far-reaching message: The Holy Spirit eases the fear that must have lingered in the bones of Jesus' disciples after his death and resurrection. He fills them with strength and enables them to speak in different languages about the resurrection of Jesus, about God and his love for people. The Christian message is now spreading around the world.

The miracle of Pentecost means that people of all nations were now able to understand the apostles' sermons in their own language. The story of the miracle of Pentecost can therefore also be interpreted as a symbol of the diversity of Christians as well as the diversity of Christianity.

With bright colors the miracle of Pentecost resp. the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is illustrated in the beautiful stained glass window of the FIT chapel. How fitting – as the Hermansburg University of Intercultural Theology is a place where interreligious and intercultural diversity is lived and intercultural theology is rediscovered by people from all over the world.

Happy and blessed Pentecost to you all!