

# Getting to know the New Apostolic Church

The New Apostolic Church is an international Christian church. The basis of its teachings is Holy Scripture. In 1863 it emerged from the Catholic Apostolic Church and is led by Apostles, just like the early Christian congregations.

The core of the New Apostolic doctrine is the return of Christ to take home those who have been prepared for this event. The New Apostolic Church places great value on the personal responsibility of its members. The individual is accountable to God for his conduct. The gospel of Christ and the system of values resulting from the Ten Commandments provide clear orientation for this.

The New Apostolic Church is fully independent and politically neutral. It is financed by the voluntary contributions of its members.

At present, over ten million Christians around the world profess the New Apostolic faith.

## Pentecost







## Welcome!

### Dear guest, we welcome you warmly to our Pentecost divine service.

Perhaps this is your first time with us as a guest. For this reason we would like to briefly introduce you to the New Apostolic Church and explain this holy day as well as the sequence of this divine service.

We wish you a blessed Pentecost. You are always warmly welcome to join us.

## What is the significance of Pentecost?

Christendom celebrates Pentecost 50 days after Easter. This event commemorates the day when the believers were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ promised this to His Apostles before His ascension: "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high" (Luke 24: 49).

After the believers were filled with the Holy Spirit, Apostle Peter delivered a sermon which was so impressive that around 3,000 people came to believe, were baptised, and were thereby incorporated into the congregation. Thus Pentecost is also an example of the power of sermons inspired by the Spirit.

### Divine service

#### Sequence

- Congregational hymn
- Invocation of the triune God
- Prayer of the minister at the altar
- Reading of the Bible text for the sermon
- Musical selection
- Bible reading
- Sermon by one or more ministers
- Congregational hymn (hymn of repentance)
- Congregation joins in the Lord's Prayer
- Proclamation of the forgiveness of sins and prayer
- Celebration of Holy Communion\*
- Closing prayer and benediction

#### **General information**

We happily invite you to our divine services. You can find the divine service times of the congregation nearest you at www.nak.org.

\* All baptised individuals who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord, and who profess His death, resurrection, and return, are invited to participate as guests.