



# St. John's Lutheran Church

A congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

**The Day of Pentecost**

**May 24, 2026**

**8 a.m. Worship**



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## Filled with the Holy Spirit

*On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church and the power of God at work among His people. The same Spirit who came upon the disciples with wind and fire continues to gather, strengthen, and send believers into the world with the good news of Jesus Christ. As we worship today, may the Holy Spirit fill our hearts with faith, kindle in us a deeper love for God and neighbor, and empower us to live boldly as witnesses to the risen Lord.*

## Preparation for Worship and Welcome

### Hymn

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

LSB 913

- 1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,  
And in our hearts Your work begin,  
Your dwelling place now make us.  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine,  
To joy and gladness wake us  
That we may be  
Truly living,  
To You giving  
Prayer unceasing  
And in love be still increasing.
- 2 Give to Your Word impressive pow’r,  
That in our hearts from this good hour  
As fire it may be glowing,  
That in true Christian unity  
We faithful witnesses may be,  
Your glory ever showing.  
Hear us, cheer us  
By Your teaching;  
Let our preaching  
And our labor  
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.
- 3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,  
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,  
In us be strongly burning  
That we be faithful unto death  
And live in love and holy faith,

From You true wisdom learning,  
Your grace and peace  
On us shower;  
By Your power  
Christ confessing,  
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

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## Invocation and Exhortation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

## Confession and Absolution

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

## Introit

*Ps. 104:24, 27-28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,  
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

**O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;**

**the earth is full of your creatures.**

These all look to you,

to give them their food in due season.

**When you give it to them, they gather it up;**

**when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,

and you renew the face of the ground.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

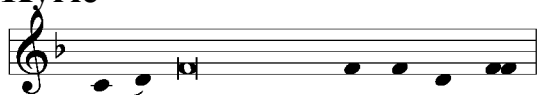
**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

## Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



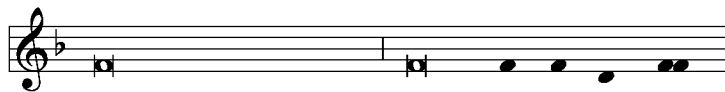
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



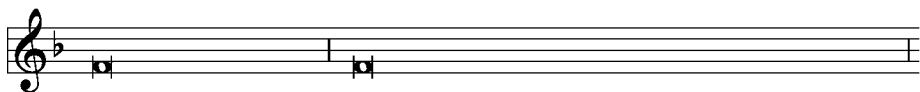
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



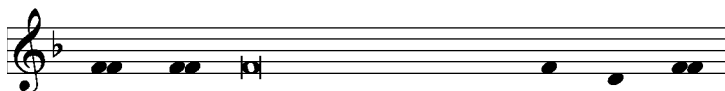
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



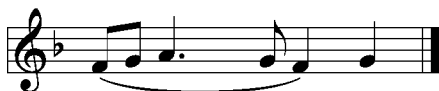
let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 11:24-30*

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

*Acts 2:1-21*

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

““And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.””

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Common Alleluia and Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 7:37-39*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life T everlasting. Amen.**

## Hymn

“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

*LSB 497*

1 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,  
With all Your graces now outpoured  
On each believer’s mind and heart;  
Your fervent love to them impart.  
Lord, by the brightness of Your light  
In holy faith Your Church unite;  
From ev’ry land and ev’ry tongue  
This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:  
Alleluia, alleluia!

2 Come, holy Light, guide divine,  
Now cause the Word of life to shine.

Teach us to know our God aright  
And call Him Father with delight.  
From ev'ry error keep us free;  
Let none but Christ our master be  
That we in living faith abide,  
In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 Come, holy Fire, comfort true,  
Grant us the will Your work to do  
And in Your service to abide;  
Let trials turn us not aside.  
Lord, by Your pow'r prepare each heart,  
And to our weakness strength impart  
That bravely here we may contend,  
Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

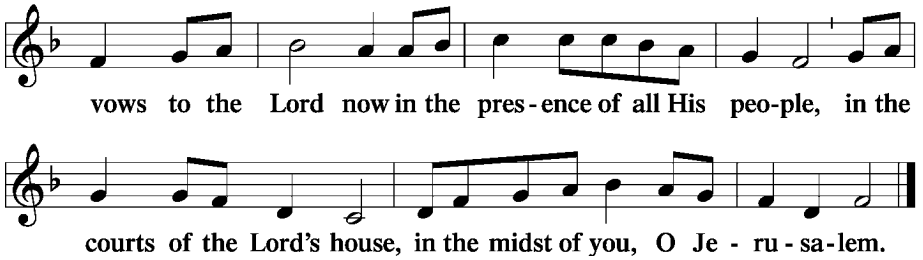
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## Sermon

### Offertory



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Offering

### Hymn

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

*LSB 501*

- 1 Come down, O Love divine;  
Seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near;  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2 O let it freely burn,  
Till worldly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let Thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- 3 Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be  
And lowliness become mine inner clothing—  
True lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
- 4 And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;  
No soul can guess His grace  
Till it become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

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# Prayer of the Church

## The Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless thee and keep thee.  
The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and T give thee peace.



## Hymn

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

*LSB 662*

**1** Onward, Christian soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before.  
Christ, the royal master,  
Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle  
See His banners go! Refrain

**ref** Onward, Christian soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before.

**2** Like a mighty army  
Moves the Church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading  
Where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided,  
All one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine,  
One in charity. Refrain

3 Crowns and thrones may perish,  
Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus  
Constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never  
'Gainst that Church prevail;  
We have Christ's own promise,  
And that cannot fail. Refrain

4 Onward, then, ye faithful,  
Join our happy throng,  
Blend with ours your voices  
In the triumph song:  
Glory, laud, and honor  
Unto Christ, the king;  
This through countless ages  
Men and angels sing. Refrain

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## Announcements

### Blessing and Dismissal

**P** May the Holy Spirit who has been poured out upon you fill you with faith, courage, and joy in Christ Jesus. As you go from this place, may God empower your words, guide your steps, and make your life a witness to the risen Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

As we conclude, please feel free to stay for a few minutes if you would like to connect or chat with people Jesus has brought together today. Remember that we are all in this together!

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## Announcements



**Missionaries Needed** Are you interested in learning more about outreach opportunities at the Midland Co. fair this year? Scan the QR code to find out more and to volunteer!

**Graduation Breakfast** Sunday, May 30, Graduation Breakfast will take place at 9am in the Lounge. Sunday morning bible study will be moved to the sanctuary to accommodate.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Have you heard? "Illumination Station: Shining a Light on Who Jesus Really Is" is coming to St. John's Monday, June 15- Thursday, June 18. Program runs from 6:00-8:00pm, family meals served at 5:30pm. Children age 3 (must be potty trained) through grade 5 are invited to attend. Register today at [myvbs.org/sjlmidland](http://myvbs.org/sjlmidland)

**Family Fun Meetups** Join us this summer at St. John's playground for Family Fun Meetups! This open-house style event invites caregivers and children to enjoy time together, build relationships, and end the morning with a short devotional. More information to come!

**4th - 6th Grade Game Nights** Join us this summer for 4th & 5th Grade Game Nights in the St. John's gym! These evenings are open to students entering 4th through 6th grade for the 2026–2027 school year. Come enjoy a night of games, fun, fellowship, and pizza. Game Nights will take place on **July 1 and August 5 from 6:00–7:30 PM**. We hope to see you there!

**Young Adult Summer Meet Ups** We're excited to offer monthly events for mid-20s to mid-30s young adults this summer. We'll host a game night here at church in June, enjoy live music downtown Midland in July, and catch a Loons game in August. Please consider those in your life who might be blessed by these events and share an invite with them!