



# St. John's Lutheran Church

A congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

## The Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

10:45 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.*

### "Better Is One Day"

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How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.  
For my soul longs and even faints for You.  
For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence,  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Chorus: Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts, than thousands elsewhere.  
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts, than thousands elsewhere.  
(Than thousands elsewhere.)

One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.  
One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells. (*Chorus*)

Bridge: My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God.  
Your Spirit's water to my soul.  
I've tasted and I've seen. Come once again to me.  
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You, to You.

Bridge 2: Better is one day, better is one day, better is one day  
Than thousands elsewhere.  
Better is one day, better is one day, better is one day  
Than thousands elsewhere.

Chorus

## Invocation

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

## Confession and Absolution

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

**C Almighty God, on this Pentecost Day we confess that at times we resist the work of Your Holy Spirit in our lives. We have spoken when we should have listened, acted in our own strength instead of relying on Your power, and failed to love others as You have first loved us. We have ignored Your prompting, neglected Your Word, and allowed fear or pride to silence our witness. Forgive us, renew us, and fill us afresh with Your Spirit, that we may live as Your faithful people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, has promised the gift of His Holy Spirit and has given His Son, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sins. Upon this your confession, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**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.

## Collect of the Day

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.

**C Amen.**

## 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.**

## **Holy Gospel**

*John 7:37-39*

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

C **Glory 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.**

## **Children's Message**

### **♪ “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”**

**(\*\* Music on pg. 8 \*\*)**

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Holy Spirit living Breath of God  
Breathe new life into my willing soul  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me  
Give me faith for what I cannot see  
Give me passion for Your purity  
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me  
Holy Spirit come abide within  
May Your joy be seen in all I do  
Love enough to cover every sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude  
Kindness to the greatest and the least  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace  
Turn my strivings into works of grace  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth  
Giving life to all that God has made  
Show Your power once again on earth  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see

## **Sermon**

## **Offering**

## **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 to thee.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and T give thee peace.  
**C** Amen.

## 🎵 “Build Your Kingdom Here”

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Come set Your rule, and reign... in our hearts again.  
Increase in us, we pray... Unveil why we're made.  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,  
Like wildfire in our very souls;  
Holy Spirit; come invade us now.  
We are Your church... We need Your pow'r... in us.

We seek Your kingdom first... We hunger and we thirst;  
Refuse to waste our lives... for You're our joy and prize.  
To see the captives' hearts released;  
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.  
We are Your church... We pray, revive... this earth.

Chorus: Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.  
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.  
Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.  
Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here... we pray.

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r... reaching the near and far.  
No force of hell can stop... Your beauty, changing hearts.  
You made us for much more than this;  
Awake the kingdom seed in us.  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.  
We are Your church... We are the hope... on earth.

(Chorus—Instrumental—Chorus)

# 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.**

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<p>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!</p>
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# Holy Spirit, Living Breath Of God

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1. Ho-ly Spi-rit, liv-ing Breath of God, breathe new life in-to my will-ing soul.  
 2. Ho-ly Spi-rit, come a-bide with-in, may Your joy be seen in all I do.  
 3. Ho-ly Spi-rit, from cre-a-tion's birth, giv-ing life to all that God has made.

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Bring the pre-sence of the Ri-sen Lord to re-new my heart and make me whole.  
 Love e-nough to co-ver ev-ry sin in each thought and deed and a-ti-tude.  
 Show Your pow-er once a-gain on earth, cause Your church to hun-ger for Your ways.

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Cause Your Word to come a-live in me, give me faith for what I can-not see.  
 Kind-ness to the great-est and the least, gen-tle-ness that sows the path of peace.  
 Let the frag-rance of our prayers a-rise, lead us on the road of sac-ri-fice,

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Give me pas-sion for Your pu-ri-ty, Ho-ly Spi-rit breathe new life in me.  
 Turn my striv-ing in-to works of grace, Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.  
 that in u-ni-ty the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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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/sjmidland](http://myvbs.org/sjmidland)

**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!