

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 24 & 27, 2026

As We Gather

On Pentecost, the disciples were waiting for power. What they received did not look like the kind of power the world expects. No armies, no influence, no spectacle to build a name for themselves. Instead, God gave them His Word. The Holy Spirit came, and with Him came the power to speak, to proclaim, and to bring life. Today we hear how that same Spirit continues to work through the Word—creating faith, forgiving sins, and sending God's people into the world so that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

✠ WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP ✠

Hymn Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord (LSB 497)

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences *Romans 8:16–17*

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
C **and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

P The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
C **and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.**

Confession and Absolution *John 16:7–8; Romans 10:13; 1 Corinthians 12:3*

P Jesus said, "I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you."

C **"And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment."**

P So we pray to the Spirit, our Helper and advocate, who intercedes on our behalf. Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, Your presence among us unifies us as one Body.

C **Yet, too often we neglect, belittle, or attack our brothers and sisters.**

P You have been poured out that we might bear witness to Christ, our Savior.

C **Yet, too often we remain speechless.**

P You were sent that You might produce in us the fruit of righteousness.

C **Yet, too often we display our pessimistic, discontented, selfish nature. We plead to God, our Father, to forgive us for the sake of Christ. Holy Spirit, grant us power to testify to our Savior, Jesus, in what we say and do. Bring to bear in us the fruit of righteousness and hold us united in faith unto life everlasting.**

P "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved," and "no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit." Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

WORD

Introit

Psalm 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 *LSB 204*

C **Lord, have mercy;**
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*

C **1 To God on high be glory**
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
Holy Spirit, gift through water and the Word, continue to build the church as You did on Pentecost, that we might grow in faith and unity along with the whole Body of Christ, here and around the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Numbers 11:24–30*

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Second 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.'"

L 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.**

Hymn Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest (LSB 498)

sts. 1, 4, 7

Sermon: The Power of the Word *Acts 2:1–21*

Catechism *The Third Article*

C **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 everlasting. Amen.**

P What does this mean?
C **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him;**

P but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.
C **In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

P In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

C **On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

Prayer of the Church (Lord Have Mercy)

P ... let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord have mercy.**

Offering

"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake (LSB 688)

1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake,
"All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate'er betide,
Take My example for your guide.

2 "I am the light, I light the way,
A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day;
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below.



✠ THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

We follow the liturgy on Pages 208-212 in the hymnal.

Preface *LSB 208*

Proper Preface

Sanctus *LSB 208*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei *LSB 210*

Distribution Hymns

Holy Spirit, Light Divine (LSB 496)
Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid (LSB 500)
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (LSB 901)
"How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard (LSB 831)

Sit

Lord's Supper Dismissal

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying (LSB 826)
sts. 1–2, 4

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