



THE DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 24, 2026 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen! During the Easter Season, we celebrate resurrection—the resurrection of Jesus as well as our own. We are God's new creation, filled with the undying life of our Savior. As the Spirit fills the Church on Pentecost, this life invigorates God's people for mission and ministry. *This is Part 5 of a year-long series, "A Year in Matthew."*

P Pastor **C** Congregation/All

✠ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.



Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather for worship.
We are prepared for worship through Confession and Absolution.

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT | Entrance *Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

- P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
C and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.
P O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;
C the earth is full of your creatures.
P These all look to you,
C to give them their food in due season.
P When you give it to them, they gather it up;
C when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
P When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
C and you renew the face of the ground.
C 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.
P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
C and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 501 *"Come Down, O Love Divine"*

CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS *1 John 1:8–9*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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. ▶

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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “*This Is the Feast*”

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9; for text and tune, see page 155.

Refrain: (sing) **This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.** *Refrain*

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing and glory are His.** *Refrain*

**Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.** *Refrain*

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.
Alleluia.** *Refrain*

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P 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.



VERSE OF THE MONTH *Psalm 95:1–2*

C Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!



We hear God's Word read and proclaimed,
and we respond with our prayers and praise, tithes and offerings.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Numbers 11:24–30*

The Holy Spirit rests on seventy elders of Israel who shared leadership responsibilities with Moses. Two men, Eldad and Medad, were not at the consecration ceremony, but they too had the Spirit and began to prophesy. When someone complains about this, Moses says he wished all people were prophets and received the Holy Spirit.

²⁴Moses 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. ²⁵Then 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.

²⁶Now 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. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” ²⁹But 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!” ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Acts 2:1–21*

On the day of Pentecost, fifty days after Easter, the promised Holy Spirit fills Jesus’ followers.

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound

like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared

to them and rested on each one of them.

⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“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; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And 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.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *John 6:68; for text and tune, see page 156.*

C (sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 12:22–37*

With the power of the Holy Spirit, we will produce good spiritual fruit.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twelfth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²²Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to [Jesus], and he healed him, so that the man

spoke and saw. ²³And all the people were amazed, and said, “Can this be the Son of David?” ²⁴But when the Pharisees

heard it, they said, “It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.”²⁵ Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand.²⁶ And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?²⁷ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.²⁸ But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.²⁹ Or how can someone enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house.³⁰ Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.³¹ Therefore I tell you, every sin and

blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.³² And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.³³ “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit.³⁴ You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.³⁵ The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.³⁶ I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak,³⁷ for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN 834 “O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth”

SERMON *Called to Live: “Living in the Spirit”*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Martin Luther’s explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed

G I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. 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. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. 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.

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
G hear our prayer.



We receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation
as we share the Sacrament of the Altar.

The service continues with the Preface on page 160 in the hymnal.

We believe that in the Lord's Supper our Lord gives to us His true body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27–28 that those who come to receive the Lord's Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession, we ask that only members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations receive the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more about what our congregation teaches, to inquire about becoming a member or have questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors. Adults and children who have not yet been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith are invited to come forward and receive a spoken blessing at the altar rail; please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

For those who require it, diluted wine is found in the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups; gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Music during distribution:

HYMN 498 "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" (You may remain seated for v. 7.)

HYMN 496 "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

HYMN 503 "O Day Full of Grace"



Even as this time of worship ends, we go out of the church into the worship of our everyday lives, ready to be God's witnesses and do His will.

The service concludes with the Post-Communion Canticle (“Thank the Lord”), Post-Communion Collect, and Benediction on pages 164–166.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 500 “*Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid*”

SENDING & POSTLUDE

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

This week’s takeaway: Only by living in the Holy Spirit are we truly alive. The Spirit connects us to Jesus and produces good and godly fruit in our life. When this spiritual fruit is lacking, we return to the “roots” of our faith—the Holy Christian Church, Holy Baptism, the Holy Bible, and Holy Communion—where the Spirit forgives our sins and strengthens our connection to our Savior.



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SERVING IN THIS SERVICE

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Liturgist*

Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Preacher*

Katie Drefs, *Organist*

Claira Martens, Rachel Martens, *Trumpet*

Michael Heins, *Crucifer (8:00 am)*

Eian Grass, *Crucifer (10:30 am)*

Truman Eckhoff, Jace Heins, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*

Eden Beissenherz, Amelia Shafer, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*

Deb Robinson, *Greeter (8:00 am)*

Harland & Phyllis Mieser, *Greeters (10:30 am)*

John Beerman, Andy Jones, Mark Schelp, *Elders on Duty*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.

Our pastor "on call" number in case of emergency is (660) 580-5483.

New: Joe Connell, Bridget Kageman, Addie Ziegelbein, Rollie Beerman, Virgil Gramenz, Hudson Kloos, Nicole Maxwell, Alan Luebbert, Lisa Arnett, Ron Roepe, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos, Susan Reeves

Ongoing: Donald Dedeke, Richard Cordes, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Diane Stumpenhuis, Ken Wodrich, Les Bruns, Wilmer Bredehoeft, Melba Poese, Paul Brackman, Baby Felix, Gene Virus, Harry Rehkop, Nolan Kirby, Jon Spells, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue Brandt, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Donnie Fiene, Rev. Perry Copus, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerdts, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Lari Huntze, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

Wedding: Jordan Schlueter and Sydnee Yancy, May 30

Nation and World: the people of Tanzania

Partners in Mission: Bethany Lutheran Church; Eldon, MO and Rev. Peter Lange; Lutheran Braille Workers

Birthdays: (5/24) Mark Patschke, Brett Roepe, David Walker; (5/25) Chloe Andrejic; (5/26) Emalie Denton, Alea Frerking, Stephanie Frerking, Timberlyn Hemme, Morgan Mieser; (5/27) Janet Schlueter; (5/28) Ezra Brandt, Roger Fuchs, Bryan Nierman; (5/29) Jayme Burman; (5/30) Lillianna Burrow, Erica Heimsoth, Debra Johnson, Joanne Reinke

Anniversaries: (5/4) Brad & Michelle Tatmeyer; (5/25) Jim & KarenKay Summer-ville; (5/28) Marvin & Mary Moss; (5/29) Wilmer & Shirley Ziegelbein

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a; Acts 2:14a, 22–36; Matthew 28:16–20
Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 507 (*My First Hymnal* 78),
835, 830, 940, 822, 831, 506



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