

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 24, 2026

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service is printed for you in this worship folder. Or you can follow the projections on the front wall.

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Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

THEME: THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Jesus ascended into heaven 40 days after His resurrection (Acts 1:3). 10 days later He sent the promised Holy Spirit to the disciples in a remarkable way. This day was called Pentecost (Acts 2:1). Pentecost (Greek for 50th day) was a Jewish harvest festival. The point of Pentecost is not merely to celebrate the fact of the Holy Spirit's existence, but that the Holy Spirit backs the preaching and teaching of His Word with Divine power to gather and nurture Christ's Church.

Without the Holy Spirit we could not know and trust in Jesus (see today's second reading). One reason He is the "*Holy Spirit*" is that He makes us holy through God's gift of faith in Christ that receives Jesus' forgiveness and the credit of Jesus' holy life lived for us.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR PRACTICE OF "CLOSE COMMUNION"

Christ says the Sacrament is an expression of unity (1 Co 10:16-17). We WANT to be unified with you on the basis of Christ and His doctrine! Honesty compels us to ask you to WAIT before communing with us: 1) until you've had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) until you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Regular classes are conducted for this purpose (837-5346). WELS & ELS guests please sign a Connection Card and give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

WHY RED?

Why are the pastors wearing a red stole? Red reminds us of the tongues of fire from the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

As a liturgical church we use colors to reflect the emphasis of the season:

Red – Can also mean the blood of the martyrs

White – Joy or holiness

Green – Spiritual growth

Blue – Hope / anticipation

Purple – Repentance

Black – death

Gold – Majesty

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S DELIGHT

Acts 2 records the long foretold day when the Holy Spirit was poured out in a special way upon the Church, just as Jesus promised. In one way, we could say Pentecost is the Holy Spirit's "big day" in the rhythm of the church year. That said, when you read the entirety of the Acts 2, you will find that although Peter notes the Spirit's work, his main point is to direct the people to repentance and faith in Jesus as the Savior. So on the Holy Spirit's "big day," the real focal point is Jesus! That is the Spirit's delight, to make Christ known. That is why He spoke through the Old Testament prophets, and still speaks through Word and Sacrament today.

THE CHURCH YEAR (NOT AN INNOVATION)

When in Christian freedom we follow the Church Year to focus our faith on Christ, we are following a pattern that takes us all the way back to the Old Testament. In the Old Testament, the festivals of Passover, First-fruits, Pentecost (aka Feast of Weeks), The Day of Atonement, the Feast of Tabernacles/Shelters (mentioned in today's Gospel) all pointed ahead to Jesus' coming. Our Church year from Advent through Pentecost, follows a similar Christ-centered focus, yearly recounting the key events of our Savior's life and work to rescue us.

OPENING HYMN

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling | CW 592



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the Church's



realms of light, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
 ver - y life, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
 min - is - try, teach - ing, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,



o'er a world of gloom and night, Ho - ly Spir - it,
 through us in a cease - less strife, Ho - ly Spir - it,
 set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free, Ho - ly Spir - it,



ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high, liv - ing,
 ev - er form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ, you we
 ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to soul in com -



life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 praise with end - less wor - ship for your gra - cious gifts un - priced.
 mun - ion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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 Tune: Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse . . . Contradanseu, Amsterdam, c. 1710
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Please stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.¹

Amen.

¹The Word of God used in Baptism, where: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior” (Titus 3:6-7)”

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Spoken)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold³ gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely baffled and said to one another, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God." ¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocked them and said, "They are full of new wine."

³ Drawn from Isaiah 11:2 which speaks of seven attributes/gifts of the Holy Spirit. Also note 7 is often used in Scripture to signify God (who created all in 7 days).

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them:
“Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words.¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷This is what God says will happen in the last days:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions.

Your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the sky above,

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.^{4”}

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

⁴ Peter quotes from the Old Testament: Joel 2:28-32. This is the introduction to his sermon and the Scripture it is based upon. Read the rest of Acts 2 at home to hear the rest of his sermon focusing on Christ who poured out the Spirit, that He is the Lord in whom we call and trust and are saved. The result: The Holy Spirit called 3,000 people to faith that day!

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3-11

³Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "A curse be upon Jesus," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are various kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord. ⁶There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone.

⁷Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one person a message of wisdom is given by the Spirit; to another, a message of knowledge, as the same Spirit provides it; ⁹by the same Spirit, faith is given to someone else; and to another, the same Spirit gives healing gifts.

⁵ This liturgical hymn *Create in Me* consists of Psalm 51:10-12, one of the appointed Psalms for the Festival of Pentecost.

¹⁰Another is given powers to do miracles; another, the gift of prophecy; another, the evaluating of spirits; someone else, different kinds of tongues; and another, the interpretation of tongues.

¹¹One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them to each one individually as he desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

John 7:37-39

³⁷On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and called out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink! ³⁸As the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from deep within the person who believes in me." ³⁹By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were going to receive. For the Holy Spirit had not yet come, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord | CW 585

SERMON

John 7:37-39

Streams of Living Water

Please stand

Please be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Litany of the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, who at the beginning moved upon the face of the waters:

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, by whose inspiration holy men spoke from God:

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, power of the highest, who overshadowed Mary,
through whom the holy Child Jesus grew in wisdom and stature:

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, who descended like a dove and lighted on Christ our Lord at his baptism,
by whom Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil:

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, by whose counsel and care Jesus endured the agony and purpose of the cross:

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, who on the day of Pentecost descended upon the apostles in the likeness of
fiery tongues:

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, by whom we were born to a new life in Baptism:

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, through whom we confess that Jesus Christ is Lord:

Have mercy on us.

By your life-giving power and might,

⁶ Why isn't the creed printed here in the worship folder? It's a not very subtle reminder that the text of the Small Catechism is included in the Hymnal. Here's an encouragement – take a few minutes before a service or if you have a hymnal at home to review portions of the Catechism as an excellent way to review key Biblical truths.

by your all-powerful intercession:

Deliver us, Holy Spirit.

By your continual presence in the Church:

Deliver us, Holy Spirit.

We beseech you to hear us, Holy Spirit, that it may please you to guide your holy Church into all truth and to fill it with your love:

Hear us, Holy Spirit.

That we may find joy in proclaiming the good news of salvation to all people, near and far:

Hear us, Holy Spirit.

That, as we live in the Spirit, we may also keep in step with the Spirit:

Hear us, Holy Spirit.

That we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

Hear us, Holy Spirit.

That we may have grace to persevere to the end:

Hear us, Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life:

We implore you to hear us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew the hearts of your faithful people

And kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

A musical offering follows for meditating on the sermon and signing Connection Cards.

As we worship God in word and song we also worship Him with our offerings. Everything belongs to God – our hearts, our voices, even our possessions. Offering plates are by the doors.

If you give electronically, when was the last time you re-evaluated and/or adjusted your offerings?



This QR code may be used to give an offering using your phone.

Please stand

The Sacrament

PREFACE (Spoken)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

CW 1026

Tune: EWING



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim. 7

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

⁷ The song *Hosanna* (Hebrew for "save us" was used by the Palm Sunday worshippers. We use it now because just as Christ really entered Jerusalem on a donkey so He really comes into our midst now with His body and blood in the Lord's Supper.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD⁸

CW 1032

Tune: SUANTRAI



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled



cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you took our
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will nev - er



place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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Please be seated

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest | CW 586

Come, O Come, Life-Giving Spirit | CW 588

⁸ The whole service is the saving life of Christ in prose and poetry, made ours in Baptism (The Invocation). We heard of his birth (*Glory to God*), key events and teachings in Scripture lessons and sermon, Palm Sunday (*Sanctus*), Maundy Thursday (Words of Institution) and now Good Friday as we sing *O Christ, Lamb of God*. Easter is the distribution where Jesus risen’ body and blood touches our lips and hearts in the Lord’s Supper.

COMMUNION DISMISSAL

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go † in peace.

Amen.

Please stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.⁹

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.¹⁰

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING¹¹

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

⁹ With these words we note how the Lord has come to us in the Supper (vertical relationship with the Lord).

¹⁰ With these words from 1 Corinthians we acknowledge how we are united together in one faith and doctrine as we have communed together (horizontal relationship of the Church).

¹¹ In the blessing we are reminded of Ascension (where Jesus' hands were raised in blessing), Pentecost (as Jesus kept His promise to pour out the Spirit) and the Last Day when Christ will visibly return as He went at Ascension.

CLOSING HYMN

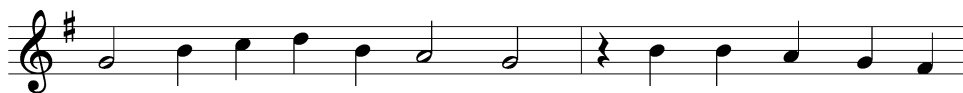
O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace | CW 591



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace that we our
 2 Help us that we your sav - ing Word in faith - ful
 3 Then when our earth - ly race is run, death's bit - ter



Lord and Sav - ior in faith and fer - vent love em - brace
 hearts may trea - sure; let e'er that bread of life af - ford
 hour im - pend - ing, may your good work in us be - gun



and tru - ly serve him ev - er, so that when death is
 new grace in rich - est mea - sure. Make us to die to
 con - tin - ue till life's end - ing, un - til we glad - ly



near at hand we at his cross may
 ev - 'ry sin; each day cre - ate us
 may com - mend our souls in - to our



firm - ly stand and there find our sal - va - tion.
 new with - in that fruits of faith may flour - ish.
 Sav - ior's hand to rest in peace e - ter - nal.

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