



Pentecost

May 18th & 19th, 2024

The Season

We have entered the second half of the Church Year, the half that focuses on the teachings of the Christian faith. The Christian faith contains teachings that are so wonderful that we would never even believe them unless God himself revealed their truthfulness to us. God sent his Spirit from heaven to earth to empower his children to believe the totally unbelievable.

The Sunday

The Old Testament festival of Pentecost was held fifty days after the Passover. It was a time to thank God for the harvest. But on that day, through the Church at work, the Holy Spirit gathered another harvest, a harvest of souls. Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church, along with the Nativity (Christmas) and the Resurrection (Easter).

Prayer before Worship

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

Thank you, loving Lord, for cleansing me of my sins and adopting me into your family through the miracle of Holy Baptism. As I worship today, help me remember what my baptism means to me. Lead me to feel genuine sorrow for my sins and empower me to put down the sinful nature that still lives in me. Lift me up as I hear your promise of forgiveness and give me strength to live a life pleasing to you. Amen

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning Organist: Laura Schulz

Ushers: Mike Beyer (6 pm Saturday)

Matthew Stoltz (8 am Sunday) Steve Wolter (10:30 am Sunday)



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In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dialogue

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

The Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever."

O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in agony. Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

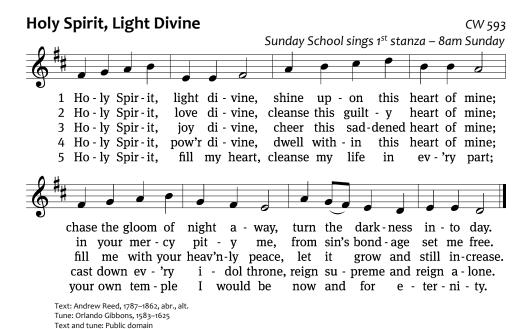
No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!



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 sevenfold 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.

Be seated

First Reading Ezekiel 37:1–14

The Lord allows Ezekiel to see that the Spirit would give that prophet's words the power to raise the dead to life.

¹The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' " ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

"Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. 14 I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.' "

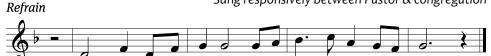
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lord, Send Out Your Spirit

Psalm 104A

Sung responsively between Pastor & congregation



LORD, send out your Spir-it and re-new the face of the earth.





How many are your / works, LORD!

In wisdom you / made them all.

All creatures / look to you

to give them their food at the / proper time.

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

when you open your hand, they are satisfied / with good things. Refrain

May the glory of the LORD endure for- / ever;

may the LORD rejoice / in his works—

he makes winds his / messengers,

flames of fire his / servants.

I will sing to the LORD / all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be-/ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrair

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The Day of Pentecost was the fulfillment of God's promise to pour out his Spirit.

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

"Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17" 'In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
18 Even 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 heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows 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 everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Antiphon for Pentecost

Alleluia!

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

Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-11

Jesus promised he would not leave us alone but would send us the Spirit of truth to give us the courage and power to testify to the world.

²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, 5but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. 7But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9about sin, because people do not believe in me; 10about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew



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Stand

The Third Article (Sanctification)

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing 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 fully forgives all sins to me and 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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, we thank you that you kept your promise and sent the Holy Spirit to your Church. Move us to celebrate the Day of Pentecost with special joy because you continue to send your Spirit to equip and empower us to be your witnesses in the world. Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

The signs of fire and wind accompanied the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. We seek no signs but rely on your promise that the energy of the Spirit will encourage us as we believe and proclaim the good news.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

You, Lord Jesus, received the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit to equip you for your mission. Send those blessings to us, we pray. Cause your Spirit to rest on us and enrich us with wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, and the knowledge and fear of the Lord. Guide us to seek these gifts and use them as we share the message of your love.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Through the power of the Spirit grant us a determined zeal to reach out to the lost. Give us courage to confess the truth clearly and compassion to confess the truth in love. Guide us as we encourage brothers and sisters to join us in your mission and enable us to work together to make disciples of all nations.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

We pray that your Spirit may raise up many more men and women who are willing to be our voices in our nation and around the world. Prepare these witnesses in their education and life experiences to be able to reach out to every nation, tribe, language, and people. Keep them in your care as they serve in our place and for your cause.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Restrain the evil of Satan as we proclaim your truth. Protect all your people from social and physical persecution. When we endure the cross for following you, provide courage and patience. Safeguard our economy and guide our political leaders so that we may proclaim the gospel freely to all.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

We pray each day that you keep in your care all who are enduring the troubles and tragedies of life: those whose bodies are racked with pain, those who struggle with depression and fear, those who endure the frustration of poverty, those who grieve because of a sudden loss, and those who are facing the reality of death. [We pray especially for...here name the person and the cause of the petition.] Let your Spirit bring their prayers and ours to your Father's throne of grace.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Lord Jesus, continue to pour out your Holy Spirit that he may renew us with his pentecostal power. May his love ignite our hearts and his breath impel our steps to preach the gospel to every creature.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.

Offering God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access www.stlucaswels.org/donate.





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Stand

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

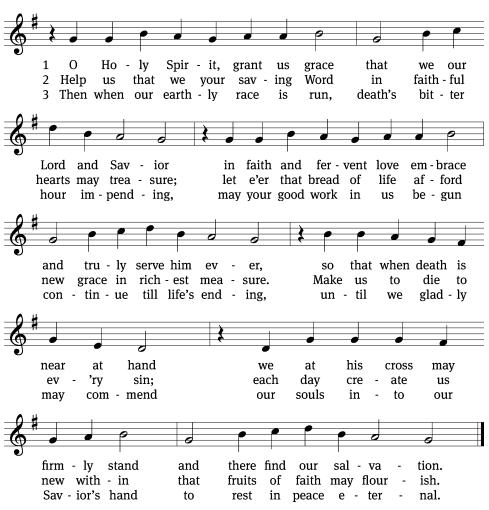
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

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.**



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Announcements

May 25 & 26 the Summer Worship Schedule Begins: Services will be held on Saturdays at 6:00 PM and Sundays at 9:00 AM (one Sunday service). The summer schedule runs through Labor Day weekend.

May 30 Coffee Corner Conversations: Thursdays during the summer, 6:15-7:00 am, We will gather on the patio at the Coffee Corner in downtown Kewaskum, weather permitting. Otherwise we will gather inside. We will discuss "Important Chapters of the Bible."

Church/School Secretary Out of Office: Mrs. Jana Baumann will be out of the office from May 18th-27th, returning on Tuesday, May 28th.

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Join us each day, July 8th-12th from 9:00 am -11:00 am, for VBS with the theme "Gone Fishin". Children age 3 years old through 6th grade are welcome to join us. Adults and teens are encouraged to volunteer to make this a fun week. We are looking for volunteers to help with Bible stories, snacks, games, crafts or music. Registration for both children and volunteers is now available. Please visit our website, www.stlucaswels.org, to register children for VBS and to sign up to volunteer. Links for both registration and volunteer signup are located on the right hand side of the home page.

National Night Out: We will be hosting National Night Out on August 5th from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm. The Kewaskum Big Band will provide entertainment 6:30-7:30 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help with food, games, set up and take down. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit our website, www.stlucaswels.org, to sign up. A link to sign up to volunteer is located on the right hand side of the home page.

Bible Information Class: A new round of Bible Information Class will start Saturday, May 11, 9:00 - noon. This class will meet for three hours on three Saturdays. The other two Saturdays will be scheduled after the first class. This class reviews the basic teachings of Scripture. If you know someone who is interested in joining our congregation, or you would like a quick review of your Catechism instruction, feel free to attend this class. Let Pastor Henning know if your are planning to attend.

Annual Pig Roast: You are invited to Crown of LIfe's annual Community Pig Roast on Saturday, June 8, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon filled with delicious food, fun, and music by *Unworthy*. Crown of Life is located at 1292 Tally Ho in Hubertus.

Disney's *Frozen Jr.*: "In summer..." come and see Frozen *Jr.*, a musical production with rehearsals at Redeemer Lutheran in Cedarburg and performances at the KML Performing Arts Center. This musical is presented by the talented students from: Peace, Hartford; David's Star and Morning Star, Jackson; Crown of Life, Hubertus; Trinity (Pleasant Valley), West Bend; Christ Alone, Thiensville; Christ the Lord, Brookfield; St. John's, Lannon, St. John's, Newburg; and Bethlehem, Menomonee Falls.

Performances are on Thursday, June 20, at 7:00 PM; Friday, June 21, at 7:00 PM; Saturday, June 22, at 1 PM and 7:00 PM, and Sunday, June 23 at 1 PM.

Tickets will be sold at the door at KML beginning 30 minutes before each performance. All tickets are general admission and \$10 each.

MLC Open Positions: Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a full-time Early Childhood Assistant Teacher, a full-time Accountant, a full-time Resource Development Counselor, a full-time Administrative Assistant for Mission Advancement, a regular part-time Administrative Assistant for Academic Deans, a part-time Athletics Equipment Manager, a part-time Men's Basketball Assistant Coach, and a part-time Women's Basketball Assistant Coach.

Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

LWMS Convention 2026 1st meeting: The first meeting to start planning and organizing the 2026 convention will be held at Luther Prep on Saturday, June 1st, 2024 at 1:00 pm. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to come.

Taste of Missions: Taste of Missions is back! Join us in person at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis., OR online on Sat., June 15, 2024, to get a "taste of missions" no matter where you might be around the world. We're looking forward to a fun day of commissioning new missionaries in worship, trying ethnic bites, and family-friendly fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Find all the details at <u>tasteofmissions.com</u>.

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES

 Pat Moye - 5/19
 Norman Kempf - 5/21

 Angel Ruhnke - 5/20
 Chad Krueger - 5/22

 Jaxson Voit - 5/20
 Parker Belger - 5/23

 Kim Wolter - 5/20
 Olivia Zagorski - 5/24

Dennis & Lynn Garvey – 5/21 Norman & Rosemary Kempf – 5/24

CALENDAR

Readings for May 19th - May 26th 2024



Sunday

Numbers 21:10-35 Luke 21:20-38

Worship 8 am Bible Study - 9:15 am Sunday School - 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am

Monday

Numbers 22:1-20 Luke 22:1-23

Tuesday

Numbers 22:21-23:3 Luke 22:24-46

Wednesday

Numbers 23:4-28 Luke 22:47-71

Thursday

Numbers 24:1-25 Luke 23:1-25

Graduation - 6:30 pm

Friday

Numbers 27:12-23 Luke 23:26-56

MAY 25

Saturday

Numbers 32:1-6, 16-27 Luke 24:1-27

Worship w/Communion 6:00 pm

Sunday

Numbers 35:9-30 Acts 1:1-7:60 Luke 24:28-53

Worship w/Communion 9 am

Ushers for 5/25 & 5/26

Sat. 5/25 6 pm - Kempf

Sun. 5/26 9 am - Schacht Strack

Ushers for 6/1 & 5/2

Sat. 6/1 6 pm - Butzke

Sun. 6/2 9 am - Koch Zuehlke St. Lucas Lutheran Church strives to be a congregation that is always inviting, always edifying, and always equipping. www.stlucaswels.org

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