



**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. May the Holy Spirit bless you as you hear his Word! If you are a guest, please sign our guest register near the church's main entrance. Restrooms are located in the basement. We invite you to come and worship with us again!

**The life of the Church is empowered  
by the Spirit of God.**

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**GATHERING RITE**

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*STAND*

(sing) **From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: O God, you sent your Holy Spirit to kindle faith and ignite the continuous proclamation of the Gospel for all people, spanning the breadth of time and space.

**C: Pour out your Spirit upon us, we pray.**

M: By your Holy Spirit increase our commitment to be faith-filled followers of the risen Christ,

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M: Shape the Church's speech and song, that she may continually bear witness to the truth.

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M: Heavenly Father, through Baptism, you engraft us into the Body of Christ, beginning, nourishing, and sustaining our God-given faith.

**C: Pour out your Spirit upon us, we pray.**

M: May the witness of our lips and our lives give you, Lord, all glory, laud, and praise. Bring us to everlasting life, where with all the saints, angels, martyrs, and apostles, we will join the heavenly host, magnifying your holy name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

(sing) **All praise to God the Father be,  
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Whom with Spirit we adore  
Forever and forevermore. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Confession and Absolution

M: We come into the very presence of God, taking spiritual inventory, silently confessing our sins before God.

*Silence for personal reflection*

Through St. Paul, God exhorts us to “confess our sins to one another, forgiving one another, as God, in Christ, has forgiven us.”

**C: I confess to Almighty God, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own grievous fault, therefore I pray Almighty God to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.**

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake he forgives us our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. 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.

**C: Amen.**

M: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and peace, and will bring us to life everlasting.

**C: Pour out your Spirit upon us, we pray.**

(sing) **Eternal are your mercies, Lord;  
Eternal is your glorious Word. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore  
Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Prayer of the Day

M: 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.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

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## THE WORD

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### First Lesson:

**Genesis 11:1-9**

*God confused the languages of the people at Babel to frustrate their sinful plans.*

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel --because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

### **Psalm of the Day:**

**Psalm 51b** (page 87 of CW)

*The Spirit moves us to repentance and brings us forgiveness; he opens our lips and moves us to praise.*

### **Second Lesson**

**Acts 2:1-21**

*Luke records the spectacular outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Peter's stirring sermon proclaims that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

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

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

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

Then 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. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "'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. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'"

## Verse of the Day

(sung by the choir)

*Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.* (From the antiphon: Come, Holy Spirit)

STAND

## Gospel:

**John 15:26-27**

*The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. He testifies to the work of Jesus and brings us to faith.*

When the Counselor 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. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

BE SEATED

## Hymn of the Day:

***“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”***

Hymn 176

## Sermon:

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come!**

**John 15:26,27**

Testify to us about the truth  
Testify through us to the world

## Choir Anthem

*On This Day of Pentecost*

## Offering

STAND

## Prayer of the Church

M: Praise to you, Holy Spirit. We worship and glorify you as the Lord and the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to shed life on all created things, as you gave a new life of understanding to the disciples in your Pentecost baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word, you have made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord.

In thanksgiving for your gifts to us, we confess:

**C: 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.**

M: Holy Spirit, all-seeing Counselor and fountain of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful flesh. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus, where there is forgiveness for all.

**C: In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.**

M: Holy Spirit, highest comfort in every need, in these gray and last days of the world, strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, encourage our fearful hearts. Remind us of your Word and promises: “Be strong; do not fear. Your Lord will come again. He will come to save you.” And in your final, mighty, creative act, O Holy Spirit, raise up our bodies so that we, together with all the saints, may lift up our heads and with glorified eyes see our Savior drawing near.

**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. Amen.**

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## Lord’s Prayer

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### THE SACRAMENT

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#### Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: (sung) And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: (sung) We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: (sung) It is good and right so to do.**

#### Proper Preface

M: 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 (sung)

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### **Words of Institution**

M: 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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (sing) **Amen.**

### **O Christ, Lamb of God (sung)**

C: **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

**Distribution Hymns:** *Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*  
*Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit*

Hymn 309

Hymn 181

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## **THANKSGIVING**

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*STAND*

### **Song of Simeon (sung)**

C: **Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your Word.**

**For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: (sung) **And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. 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.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

### **Benediction**

M: 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.

C: (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

**Closing Hymn:**                      *God Has Spoken by His Prophets*                      Hymn 281:3

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**Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:**

**Worship:** 375                      **Ascension:** 155                      **Bible Study:** 81 (5, 5, 41, 5, 5, 11, 9, 2)

Sunday        5:30 p.m. New Life in Christ Class, church basement  
Thursday     7:00 p.m. 19-Minute Bible Study, church basement  
                  7:30 p.m. Festival of the Holy Trinity Worship  
Sunday        8:30 a.m. 19-Minute Bible Study, church basement  
                  9:00 a.m. Festival of the Holy Trinity Worship  
                  5:30 p.m. New Life in Christ Class, church basement  
                  6:30 a.m. His Word—My Life Bible Study, church basement

**Communion** is a part of worship today. Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

**His Word—My Life Bible Study** will not meet this week. Next week we will conclude our study of Jesus’ “*I Am*” *Statements*. Join us Sunday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement or Monday, June 4 at 7:00 a.m. at Crossroads Café.

**19-Minute Bible Study** Next week we will begin our 19-Minute Bible Studies. These classes meet a half hour before worship on Thursday and Sunday. Join us and keep discussing God’s Word with fellow Christians through the summer!

**God’s Great Exchange Workshop** God has told every Christian to always be ready to tell others about the Savior. Are you ready? Would you like to get ready? Join us on Saturday, June 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the God’s Great Exchange Workshop hosted by the Outreach Committee. At this workshop you will learn why and how to talk to others about Jesus through study and practice. Materials and resources are provided free of charge. Join us and become a weapon in the hand of the Holy Spirit!

**Addition Cleaning** On May 25 we ask families whose last name begins with H–K to please meet at school at 5:00 p.m. to help clean. Thanks!

**Adult Softball Tournament** Hand in your registration to Mr. Humann by May 27. Only 8 teams will be accepted.

**The Deadline** to sign up for the Timber Rattler Game is June 3. Sign up sheets are in the church basement or next to Mr. Humann's classroom. Bring along a friend or a relative!

**Cookbook Recipes** Do you have a favorite recipe for booyah or chili? Men, are you the "Master of the Grill" at your house? Is your grandma's coconut cream pie recipe the best? The Ladies Aid Cookbook committee is looking for ALL members of our congregation to submit recipes for the cookbook project. There is a pink box in the church basement for all recipe submissions, along with extra recipe forms next to the box. Thank you!

**All Aboard!** Soon we'll be *Making Tracks* at VBS, July 16-20. We need railroad riders of all ages to invite their friends, relatives, and neighbors to come learn about the one who powers them on the track of life—Jesus. We also need teens and adults to help with games, refreshments, crafts, and Bible stories. Sign-up forms are located in the church basement. If you have questions, speak with Paula Griepentrog (864-2539).

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