



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.**

GATHERING RITE

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

THE WORD

First Lesson:

Joel 2:28-29

Joel prophesies the outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

"And afterward,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.
Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

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 16:5-11

On the night of his betrayal Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to his disciples.

"Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

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: The Counselor Comes To You

John 16:5-11

(Thursday)

For your good

For the world's good

Disciples Share the Kingdom

Mt 13:44-52

(Sunday)

With recognition of its value

With concern for the last day

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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Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Lord's Prayer

THE SACRAMENT

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:

African Sanctus

Choir

On Pentecost the gospel was proclaimed in many different languages. Today the choir will sing an African version of the Holy, Holy, Holy to remind us that the gospel is to be taken to all nations today. The Latin word for holy is sanctus. The choir begins by singing “Holy, Holy, Lord God” in Latin.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus. Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus.
Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus. Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus.
Heaven and earth are filled with Thy glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes from the Lord, Hosanna in the highest!

Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus, Hosanna! Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus.
Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus, Hosanna! Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus.

Heaven and earth are filled with Thy glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes from the Lord, Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in excelsis, Blessed is He who comes from the Lord!
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Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus. Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! 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

THANKSGIVING

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.**

BE SEATED

Benediction (sung by the choir)

May the Lord Bless You

Closing Hymn:

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

Hymn 281:3

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 284

Ascension: 189

Bible Study: 58 (7, 32, 9, 10)

Youth Study: 13

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study, school commons
	7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	4:45 p.m.	Confirmation & Bible History Class, school
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Worship
	8:30 p.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Preschool/Kindergarten Graduation
	11:00 a.m.	Play/Awards distribution
	12:00 p.m.	Meal, followed by games for all ages

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.

Thank You to our guest preacher Sunday morning, Jason Strong. Jason is a first year student at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon. Thank you for leading us in worship this morning! Check out the display of information about the ministry of our Seminary and ways that you can support it on the table in the church basement.

Red is the liturgical color that symbolizes the “fire of the Holy Spirit.” This week we are reminded of the Spirit in the red that is found on each side of the altar and on the geranium arrangements. If you purchased a geranium, please pick it up after the service on Sunday.

Bible Class will not meet on Monday or Tuesday this week. The Tuesday class will begin again in the fall. The Monday 7:00 a.m. Bible Study will begin again with the Adult Christ-Light materials the first Monday in June.

Council & Elders will meet on Monday this week, not Tuesday.

Adult Christ Light Bible Study Please join us as we study *The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace*. We will meet Thursday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement.

19-Minute Bible Study will begin the last weekend in May. Join us Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Bring the family!

Picnic Changes This year we are changing the times of events at the picnic. The times are listed in the calendar above. If you know of someone who is planning on attending please make them aware of the time changes!

Picnic Sign Up Sheets There are sign up sheets for the picnic on May 18 in the church basement. Please sign up if you would like to donate some of the food items. Thank you.

Pastor Ott will be out of town until late Sunday evening this week. Pastor Ott will be out of town Friday May 16-Sunday May 18. If you need pastoral care, contact Nancy Pantzlaff (864-7334).

The 2nd annual softball tournament at Wayside Firemen's Park information is available in the church basement. The tournament will be June 21. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Humann.

Calling All WELS Singles (ages 21-35) Join us for a picnic at Plamman Park, Appleton, Saturday, May 17, 1:00 pm. We will meet in the parking lot by the swimming hole! Please bring your own table setting, a piece of meat to grill, and a dish to pass. Also bring lawn chairs and picnic games. The following meeting will be a Bible study on Saturday, May 31 at 2:00 pm. at Bethel Lutheran Church, 829 Appleton Rd, Menasha. Please bring a Bible and something to munch on. Drinks will be provided. Questions? Call Amy Towner (920-915-6703) or Kory Betow (920-720-0146).

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