



The Festival of Pentecost
May 16 & 19, 2013

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

SERVICE OF GATHERING

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,

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

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

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

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.

**Morrison Zion
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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran
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*Our mission is to
Glorify God
as we help people*

Grow
in the
Gospel
and
Go
with the
Gospel

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Restrooms are located in the basement.

Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of all of our worship.



(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.

SERVICE OF LESSONS

M: On this most holy day, the Lord kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit on his people. Let us praise the Lord, for he truly keeps his word.

The Festival of Pentecost in the Old Testament

Leviticus 23:15-21

M: The Feast of Weeks was the second of the three major Jewish festivals (*the other two were Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles*). All adult males were required to travel to the sanctuary to take part. This festival was observed seven weeks from the second day of Passover, hence the name of the festival. On the second day of Passover was the offering of the barley sheaf. Later the Feast of Weeks was also known as Pentecost, the Greek for 50 days, because it falls on the 50th day after Passover.

The Feast of Weeks was observed after the Israel people settled in the Promised Land. On this day, no work was permitted. The people would gather at the Tabernacle to thank God for the harvest. It marked the time when the first fruits of the wheat harvest were gathered and offered to the Lord, and was also known as the Feast of the Ingathering. We hear God's commands for this festival in our first reading from Leviticus:

“From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, count off seven full weeks. ¹⁶Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath, and then present an offering of new grain to the LORD. ¹⁷From wherever you live, bring two loaves made of two-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour, baked with yeast, as a wave offering of firstfruits to the LORD. ¹⁸Present with this bread seven male lambs, each a year old and without defect, one young bull and two rams. They will be a burnt offering to the LORD, together with their grain offerings and drink offerings—a food offering, an aroma pleasing to the LORD. ¹⁹Then sacrifice one male goat for a sin offering and two lambs, each a year old, for a fellowship offering. ²⁰The priest is to wave the two lambs before the LORD as a wave offering, together with the bread of the firstfruits. They are a sacred offering to the LORD for the priest. ²¹On that same day you are to proclaim a sacred assembly and do no regular work. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you bless us with what we need for body and life. You used the physical harvest to remind your people of more than physical blessings. Help us to see your hand in all the blessings we enjoy. Move our faith to rejoice in the harvest of souls accomplished through your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

A Promise of the Holy Spirit from the Old Testament

Joel 2:28-32

M: A reading from Joel. God promises to send the Holy Spirit on all his people so that God's message of salvation may be proclaimed.

²⁸ “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.

²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

³⁰ I will show wonders in the heavens
and on the earth,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

³¹ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

³² And everyone who calls
on the name of the LORD will be saved;

for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem

there will be deliverance,

as the LORD has said,

even among the survivors

whom the LORD calls.

M: Let us pray.

O God, you once spoke through only a select few. In these latter days you have spoken through your Son. You have blessed us with the Holy Spirit so that we may speak your saving Gospel with confidence. Continue to pour out the Spirit on us through Word and Sacrament today so that we carry out the task you have entrusted to us.

C: Amen.

Psalm 51b

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A Promise of the Holy Spirit from Jesus

John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

M: A reading from John. Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit so that his people may testify about him. This leads to the harvest of souls for eternity.

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. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

¹² “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only

what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, when you speak you also act. You have kept your Word to the Apostles and to us. Move our hearts by your Spirit to continue to grow in the only truth that can save us and others. Move our lips to speak this truth in love.

C: Amen.

The Promise Kept: The Harvest of Souls

Acts 2:1-41

M: A reading from Acts. The Father and the Son keep their promise and send the Holy Spirit. The good news of forgiveness and life through Jesus is proclaimed. The Spirit works through Word and sacrament and the kingdom of God grows.

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

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia 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!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

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

¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, 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.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

²³ This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵ David said about him:

“‘I saw the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴ For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“‘The Lord said to my Lord:

“‘Sit at my right hand
³⁵ until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet.’”

³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, let all the world see that what has been cast down is raised up, what has grown old is made new, and the work you have begun in your faithful people is being brought to joyful fulfillment in

the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Grades 1-8

Holy, Holy Spirit

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refrain: Holy, Holy Spirit, holy, holy dove, holy, holy helper, holy fire of love, holy fire of love.

In a room his foll'wers waited saddened by their Savior's loss
It was early in the morning on the day called Pentecost *refrain*

Then a rushing wind came blowing, and they saw the flames aglow.
Then they fest the Spirit's power resting on their heads below. *refrain*

Then they spoke and all who listened, heard the gospel story told.
Then three thousand strong were baptized and the church of Christ was born! *refrain*

Break our quiet, fearful silence, with the Spirit's wind and fire.
Flame our hearts to greater service; mold our faith as you desire. *refrain*

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

The minister conducts the Service of Baptism from the font.

M: On the holy day of Pentecost, the Lord used the sacrament of Baptism to bring the blessings of the gospel to three thousand people. Today we recall how the Holy Spirit works in Baptism using words from Luther's Small Catechism.

During the following words, water is poured into the font.

Baptism makes use of plain water. The water has no extraordinary qualities in and of itself. But it is not plain water alone. It is water used by God's command and connected to God's Word. Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew:

“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

M: What does Baptism do for us?

C: **Baptism works forgiveness of sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**

M: What are these words and promises of God?

C: **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark,**

“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

Hymn 299

All Who Believe And Are Baptized

M: How can water do such great things?

C: It is certainly not the water that does such things, but God's Word which is in and with the water and faith which trusts this Word used with the water.

For without God's Word the water is just plain water and not Baptism. But with this Word it is Baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a washing of rebirth by the Holy Spirit.

M: Where is this written?

C: Saint Paul writes in Titus, chapter 3,

“God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.”

STAND

M: In Holy Baptism, God takes away our sins and gives us new life in Christ our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I ask you: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

C: Yes, and I ask God to help me.

M: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**C: Yes, I believe in God the father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

M: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

**C: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

M: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C: Yes, 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.**

M: Do you intend to continue in this faith, to be diligent in the use of Word and sacrament and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

C: Yes, and I ask God to help me.

M: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

SERVICE OF SENDING

Offering

Musical Offering Megan Laabs & Erin Krueger

Shout to the Lord

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 176

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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: Hymn 281:3

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Ascension: 87 Communion: 64 Bible Study: 30
Worship: 360 Communion: 187

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Priority in Ministry Meeting, church
	10:30 a.m.	School Picnic, gym
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Class
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Worship, Grade School Graduation
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	End Times Bible Class, commons
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study, chapter 11

Thank You to Rick Muchka for leading us in worship today. Pastor Ott will return from South Dakota on Monday.

Geraniums If you signed up to purchase geraniums this year, please take them with you after worship on Sunday. Thanks!

Everyone is Invited to join us at the school picnic in the gym on Sunday. We will begin serving the meal at 10:30 a.m. After the meal there will be an all school play. Please join us!

Book Study will meet at 7:00 p.m. next Sunday and discuss chapter 11. We will not meet this Sunday.

End Times Bible Class Next Sunday, May 26 we will meet at 8:00 a.m. in the commons. We will look at "The Judgment." Join us and bring the family!

Adult Christ Light will not meet again until Fall. Thank you to Dennis Griepentrog for leading this bible Class!

Priority In Ministry Meetings If you did not attend any of the Priority in Ministry Meetings in April please join us after worship on Sunday. You can attend the meeting and then go enjoy the pot luck meal in the gym afterwards. Over 160 people did share their thoughts on the Gospel ministry of our congregation. Thank you to everyone who took the time. These meetings are open to all communicant members of our congregation.

You Are Cordially Invited to join the members of St. John-St. James Lutheran, Reedsville, in celebrating the ministry of Norman Pantzlaff. Mr. Pantzlaff is retiring after serving 43 years as a teacher at St. John-St. James. The celebration will be Sunday, May 26 in the 10:00 a.m. service. A dinner will be served at 11:45 in the school basement. If you plan to attend the meal please contact the church (920-754-4568 or sjjchurch@yahoo.com) by Sunday, May 19.

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church will hold a dedication celebration for its new addition on Sunday, June 2 during the 9:00 a.m. service. Our guest preacher that day will be Pastor Paul Schleis. A catered dinner will follow at 11:00 a.m. Tickets for the dinner will be on sale beginning May 12. Any questions can be directed to the office at 755-4555.

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