

## After Easter: A Journey to Pentecost

# THE SPIRIT POURED OUT

Pentecost Sunday – Memorial Day weekend | May 24, 2026 – 9:30 AM

### AS WE GATHER

The waiting is over. In the upper room, the disciples had been praying and preparing, but now God moves. The Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus, is poured out in power, equipping the disciples to proclaim the Gospel in a way they never could on their own. The miracle of Pentecost isn't just about the signs and wonders—it's about God launching His Church into its mission. The same Spirit that fell on Pentecost is the Spirit that empowers us today. The Holy Spirit is at work through us!

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

### WE SING

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

LSB 650

COME, HOLY SPIRIT (from John 14:26 & 1 Cor. 12:3)

### CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Lord God, Heavenly Father,

C: **The emptiness of sin can be so evident in my life. I long to be filled, but tend to turn to places other than you for fulfillment. As a result, what so often flows from my life is that which comes from a world that does not follow You. I fail in my love for You; I fail in my love for others. Forgive me, dear Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Let Your Spirit come. By Your Holy Spirit, restore me to life. Fill me with Your Living Water and open up my heart that Your life may flow from me. Amen.**

### GOD FORGIVES OUR SINS

### WE SING

“Faithful God”

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 11:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. <sup>2</sup>As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup>They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. <sup>4</sup>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; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.” <sup>5</sup>But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”

<sup>8</sup>So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. <sup>9</sup>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.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**Acts 2:1-12**

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

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

**GOSPEL READING**

**John 14:25-27**

<sup>25</sup> "All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

**KIDS' TIME**

*DCE Hailey Miller*

**MESSAGE**

**"The Promise Fulfilled"**

*Pastor Doug Slavens*

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH - The Work Of The Holy Spirit**

Third Article Of Apostles 'Creed & Martin Luther's Explanation

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength 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 richly forgives all my sins and the sins of 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.

**WE PRAY TO OUR LORD**

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**PREPARING OUR HEARTS**

**SANCTUS – Holy, Holy, Holy**

**PRAYER**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING OF PEACE**

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

C: **And also with you.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**WE SING**

**“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”**

**LSB 915**

**“Goodness of God”**

**“Stir Up A Hunger”**

**COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

**CLOSING BLESSING**

**WE SING**

**“Yes He Can”**

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### **OUR OFFERINGS**

All that we have and all that we are, belong to the Lord. He fills us with what is good!

We pray: “Fill us, Lord, to overflowing, that others may receive blessed through the blessings we ourselves have received from You.”

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