

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

Holstein, IA

May 24, 2026

9:00 A.M.

Day of Pentecost

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship - Acts 2:1-21

We gather today to worship in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

Amen.

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

¹⁶ **No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.**

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ **'Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'** "

Let us worship with open hearts.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Opening Hymn

God Is Here!

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴ How manifold are your works, O Lord!

**In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

²⁵ Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.

²⁶ There go the ships to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

- ²⁷ All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.
- ²⁸ You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- ²⁹ When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
- ³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- ³¹ May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
O Lord, rejoice in all your works.
- ³² You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.
- ³³ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have being.
- ³⁴ May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- ^{35b} Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah!

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

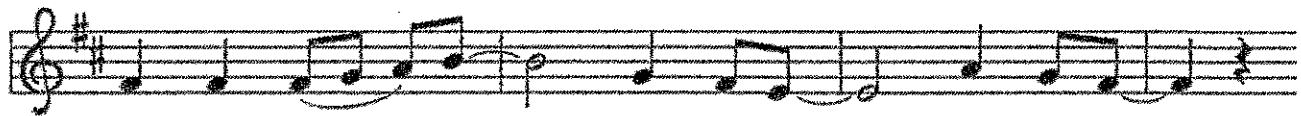
^{3b} No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

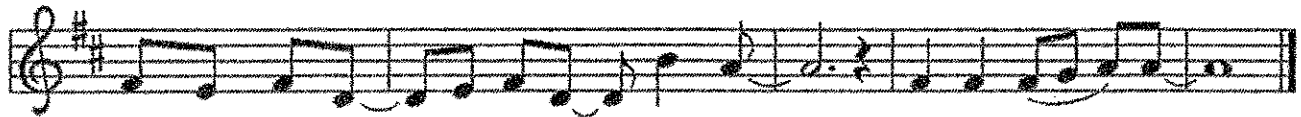
Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message Vicar Millie Anderson

Hymn of the Day *Spirit of Gentleness* st. 1-3 #396

Statement of Faith

We believe in God, the one who comes before us and goes behind us, creating life and opportunities to love and care for the world.

We believe in Jesus Christ who walks with us into real life each day. He is God, yet human like us and experienced all life's joys and pains and challenges like we do. But his love is so great that not sin nor suffering nor even death could stop it. Today the love of Jesus lives and continues to bring new life to the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who comes like the wind and blows in and through us to bring God's power and light to all the world.

The Spirit breathes life into us, the body of Christ we call the church, and enables us to follow the way of Christ.

We believe in God, who goes before and behind, with, in and through us, bringing hope and life and newness to the world.

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RESPONSE

Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Children's Offering / Offering

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You stand among us even now, speaking peace to our fears and casting away our doubts. Breathe your Holy Spirit into us and into these gifts, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

Prayers of the People

Sung response:

The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with
sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

End

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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.**

SENDING

Blessing

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
† bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Closing Song

Send Down the Fire

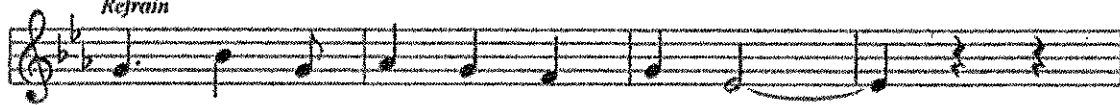
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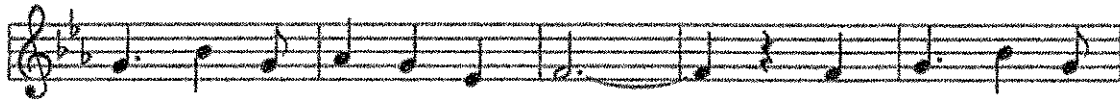
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Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Refrain



Send down the fire of your jus - tice,



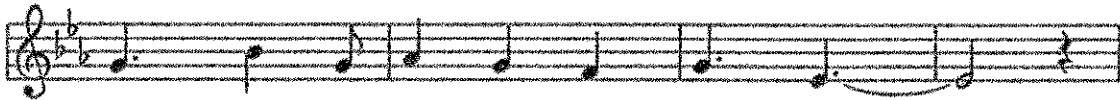
send down the rains of your love; come, send down the



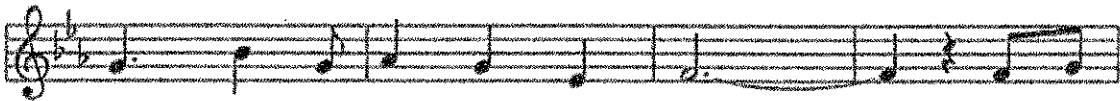
Spir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and we shall be



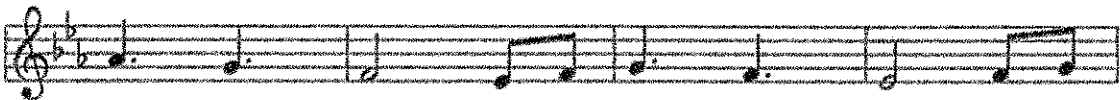
peo-ple of God.



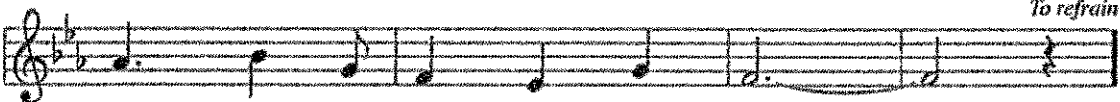
- 1 Call us to be your com - pas - sion,
- 2 Call us to learn of your mer - cy,
- 3 Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion,
- 4 Call us to wit - ness your king - dom,



teach	us	the song	of	your	love;	give	us
teach	us	the way	of	your	peace;	give	us
teach	us	the fire	of	your	truth;	give	us
give	us	the pres - ence	of	Christ;		may	your



hearts	that	sing,	give	us	deeds	that	ring,	make	us
hearts	that	feel,	give	us	hands	that	heal,	make	us
righ - teous		souls,	till	your	jus - tice	rolls,	make	us	
ho - ly		light	keep	us	shin - ing	bright,	ev - er		



ring	with	the song	of	your	love.
walk	in	the way	of	your	peace.
burn	with	the fire	of	your	truth.
shine	with	the pres - ence	of	Christ.	

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Worship Participants

Ministers:	All the members
Vicar:	Emily Anderson
DYME:	Jim & Kris Kistenmacher
Organist:	Sharen Borchers
Pianist:	Kris Kistenmacher
Lector:	Renee AuMiller
Deacons:	Reuben De La O and Marvin Todd
Greeter:	Jan Grell
Acolytes:	Mason Christiansen and Beau Butcher
Sound & Video:	Kyle and Kreighton Krager
Coffee Hour:	Vickie & Kevin Heck Lorraine & Marvin Todd

St. Paul Church Calendar

SUNDAY, May 24 ~ Day of Pentecost

9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Coffee & Fellowship

MONDAY, May 25

OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

THURSDAY, May 28

9:30 AM	Ida County Ministerial Association Meeting
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FRIDAY, May 29

10:00 AM	Frieda Vohs visitation here at St. Paul
11:00 AM	Frieda Vohs funeral

SUNDAY, May 31 ~ The Holy Trinity

9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Coffee & Fellowship



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