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The Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

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The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Statement on Close Communion:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor.

(CTCR, *Admission to the Lord's Supper*, Nov 1999)

Life Thoughts: May 24 – The Day of Pentecost – The Holy Spirit, like streams of living water (John 37: 38), flows forth from Christ, just as the blood and water flowed forth from His side when He was pierced on the cross. The Spirit brings life. The Spirit gives birth to the New Testament Church, which proclaims the message of abundant and eternal life in Christ crucified and risen (Acts 2: 1-4). The Spirit makes us to know God's ways and teaches us His paths. He leads the humble in what is right (Psalm 25: 4-5, 9). He enables us to share the Good News of Life with those who are troubled or afraid, that they may know that they do not face life's crises alone. As the Spirit rested on Eldad and Medad (Numbers 11: 26) and rested on the heads of the apostles on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2: 1-4), so the Holy Spirit emboldens us to be Gospel-motivated voices for Life in an otherwise dark and frightening world.

Life Quotes: May 24 “In grief, the world often feels empty. The absence of loved ones weighs heavily, leaving our days feeling hollow and incomplete without their presence. And yet, Scripture tells us that in these moments of deep sorrow, God draws near. He does not stand at a distance, waiting for us to be strong enough to move on with our life. He comes to us, holds us in our brokenness, and carries us when we cannot stand.” *Rev. M.L. Smith, Director of International Missions of Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

LCMS National Mission: May 24 – The Day of Pentecost Acts 2:1 – **“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.”** Pentecost is the Old Testament harvest festival, taking place around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. Of course, this was an image and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to carry out through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest. From first to last, in things temporal and things eternal, we stand only by His grace. bringing more of God's grace to more of God's people. That's what it means to be a steward!

Divine Service III

Hymn: "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"

LSB 498

Confession and Absolution

Invocation and Exhortation (p.184)

Corporate Confession (p.184)

Service of the Word

Psalm 25:1-15

Kyrie (p.186)

Gloria in Excelsis (p.187)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Numbers 11:24–30*

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's

people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!”³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.
With the heart one believes and is justified,
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Second Reading

Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men

shall dream dreams; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Alleluia (p.190)

Holy Gospel *John 7:37-39*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord**

³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed (p.191)

Office Hymn: “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

LSB 497

Sermon

Offertory (p.192)

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

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Pax Domini (p. 197)

Agnus Dei (p.198)

Distribution of the Sacrament

Distribution Hymns:

“Your Table I Approach”	LSB 628
“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”	LSB 500
“To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray”	LSB 768

Nunc Dimittis: (p.199)
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 Post Communion Collect (p.201)
 Salutation and Benedicamus (p.201)
 Benediction (p.202)

Hymn: “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” LSB 650

Announcements

Prayers

- Remember in our prayers our Shut-ins
- Remember God’s work in His Church as you pray: that God would continue to raise up faithful servants for His Church in locations around the world.

This Week at Bethlehem and St. John

Mon. May 25	Memorial Day Church office closed	
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Next SUNDAY at Bethlehem and St. John

Beth:	Sun.	May 31	Worship Service	8: 00 am
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Next SUNDAY Acolytes and Greeters

Beth:	Sun.	May 24	Acolyte: Isaac Kosik
			Greeters: Matt Anderson & Family
STJ:	Sun.	May 24	Acolyte: Isabelle Kramp

Presentation by Paul and Courtney Mroczenski on Sunday, May 31st in-between services. Please attend and hear about their service in Puerto Rico.

Bethlehem Members: Dorean is collecting money for the flowers. Please place your donation in the basket on the table.

Bethlehem and St. John LWML Plant Sale was a success! \$1264.00 Thanks to everyone who donated and helped out!



Save the Date The Edgar parade! Sunday, June 21 at 1:00 pm

Looking for volunteers to help with the float decorating and being in the parade. Contact Mary Schultz, Mel Niemann, or Traci Pehlke.



Bethlehem LWML Ladies will be hosting Undie Sunday

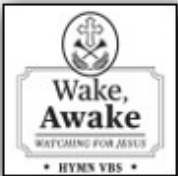
Destitute people around the world need basic necessities.

Thousands of people helped by The Grain Train do not have good underwear or socks. For Undie Sunday, please bring NEW underwear (all sizes, men's women's, girl's and boy's) and socks to church. Arlette will be collecting at Bethlehem and Jeff W. will collect at St. John. Undies and socks will be collected through Sunday, June 14th.



SAVE THE DATE: Bethlehem VBS Shipwrecked - Rescued by God July 13th and 14th from 4: 30-7: 00.

Join us for two fun-filled days of Vacation Bible School where kids will learn to trust God through life's storms. Enjoy Bible stories, music, crafts, and games in an exciting, shipwrecked adventure! Anyone willing to help, please contact Janessa, Tammi, Beth or Patti.



St. John VBS:

Wake, Awake, Watching for Jesus Hymn VBS

is July 20-24, 9:00am- Noon. Please contact Traci if you can help, would like to register a child, or if you have any questions.

Karen Loch recently had a fall and broke her hip. If you wish to visit her, she is at Marshfield Medical Center in Room 707.

Kwik Trip Gift Card available at Bethlehem. When you purchase a Kwik Trip gift card through us, you will be donating 5-15% back to our church. There are multiple cards on hand, but if you would like to order card(s), please fill out a pre-order form located on the table.



The Edgar area 2026 Memorial Day Services

will be conducted by the Edgar Sawyer-Drumm American Legion Post 393 and Edgar Memorial VFW Post 10187. They will pay tribute at the following cemeteries on Monday, May 25, 2026.



MEMORIAL DAY
★ REMEMBER AND HONOR ★

8: 30 am	Holy Family Church	Poniatowski
9: 00 am	<i>St. John Lutheran Church (High Steeple)</i>	<i>Town of Wien</i>
9: 20 am	Hope Lutheran	Hwy 97
9: 40 am	St. John Lutheran	Hwy N
9: 50 am	Joint Township	Town of Wein
10: 05 am	Village of Fenwood	Fenwood
11: 00 am	Edgar Veterans Memorial	Oak St. Park

After the ceremony at the Edgar Veterans Memorial, a parade in Edgar will start at the Oak Street Park and we will march to the Scotch Creek Bridge for a service from there we will proceed to the Edgar cemetery.

Newsletter or Weekly Bulletin Announcements and Corrections

Announcements for the weekly bulletin are due on Wednesday by noon.

If you see a need for a correction, please let me know. I am more than happy to correct and change it for the future. The best way to let me know is:



1. call the office (715-352-2888) Tues. – Fri. from 9 am to noon or leave a voicemail message
 2. send an email to secretary@stjbeth.org
 3. drop a note in the “Tidbits for Tabitha” baskets located at Bethlehem above the mailboxes (black mesh tray) or at St. John in the office on the desk.
- Thanks Tabitha

Community Events:

Join the Stratford community for **IN THE PARK 2026!!**

All events are held at Klemme Park, downtown Stratford from 6: 00 pm to 8: 00 pm. Music and snacks are free to all who attend.

Donations are accepted to help these events continue. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy great music and snacks. See bulletin board for more information



PENTECOST SUNDAY