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The Day of Pentecost May 24, 2026



AS WE GATHER

Where the Spirit Flows, Life Grows

The arrival of the Holy Spirit is a day of celebration. This is a day to rejoice in promises kept and anticipate greater things to come. Today's festival is a bridge for the church. It connects the commemoration of the life of Christ (through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter) to the season centered on our life in Christ, beginning with Pentecost. The festival's signature red color reminds us of the fiery arrival of the Spirit, the Spirit's ongoing work as the heartbeat of Christ's church, and the blood shed by believers past and present as they proclaim the crucified, risen, and ascended Christ.

PRELUDE

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart," arranged by Mark Roberts

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" #913

Please stand as you are able.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Romans 8:16-17*

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

Pastor: The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

People: and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

John 16:7–8; Romans 10:13; 1 Corinthians 12:3

Pastor: Jesus said, "I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you."

People: "And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment."

Pastor: So we pray to the Spirit, our Helper and advocate, who intercedes on our behalf. Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, Your presence among us unifies us as one Body.

People: Yet, too often we neglect, belittle, or attack our brothers and sisters.

Pastor: You have been poured out that we might bear witness to Christ, our Savior.

People: Yet, too often we remain speechless.

Pastor: You were sent that You might produce in us the fruit of righteousness.

People: Yet, too often we display our pessimistic, discontented, selfish nature. We plead to God, our Father, to forgive us for the sake of Christ. Holy Spirit, grant us power to testify to our Savior, Jesus, in what we say and do. Bring to bear in us the fruit of righteousness and hold us united in faith unto life everlasting.

Pastor: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,” and “no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit.” Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

ANTIPHON

Pastor: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord.

People: ♪ For He is our maker.

VENITE *hymnal page 220-221*

♪ **O come, let us sing unto the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.**

**For the LORD is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
In His hand are the deep places of the earth;
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, and He made it,
and His hands form-ed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our maker.
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture
and the sheep of His hand.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son ✕ and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Numbers 11:24-30
(Moses and the Israelites anticipate the day when the Lord pours out His Spirit on all His people.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEOND REAING Acts 2:1-21
(Promises come to pass and the Spirit ignites the church)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE *Romans 6:9; John 16:33b*

People: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 7:37-39

(The festival-going Christ points to the life that flows from the Spirit.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 7th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED *Found on the last page of your pew hymnal.*

Please be seated.

HYMN "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" #497

SERMON Pr. Mark Croucher

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

"Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire," arranged by Lyndell Leatherman

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN "We Give Thee But Thine Own" #781 v1-2

**We give Thee but Thine own,
What e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee,**

**May we Thy bounties thus,
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Gathered from many tribes and nations, but made to drink of one Spirit, we pray for the whole Christian Church on earth, and for all people according to their needs:

Spirit of power and life,

People: **ignite our hearts with holy fire. Compel us to speak of Your mighty deeds and display Your heart for the nations.**

Pastor: Spirit of power and truth,

People: **drive Your church to where unchanging truth can be found, that we might drink deeply of Scripture's message.**

Pastor: Spirit of power and peace,

People: **extinguish the hidden hatreds that turn us against one another, and kindle brotherly concern within all people.**

Pastor: Spirit of power and justice,

People: **shape our legal system with fairness and look with compassion on everyone impacted by crime.**

Pastor: Spirit of power and consolation,

People: **we lift up those struggling with sickness or grief, especially Liz, Betty, Karla, Dan, Ian and Luetta,**

Pastor: Spirit of power and encouragement,

People: **grant patience and faith to all who wait for direction, reconciliation, or healing.**

Pastor: Spirit of power and wisdom,

People: guide parents, teachers, and those in earthly authority to speak kindly and act responsibly.

Pastor: Spirit of power and gentleness,

People: pursue the hearts that are far from You and bring home Your lost lambs.

Pastor: Spirit of power and holiness,

People: set Your church apart for service, and raise up new servants who teach, preach, and lead Your people.

Pastor: Faithful God, as Your people awaited the day of the Spirit's outpouring, by the same Spirit, hold us in faith as we await the day of Christ's return, for He lives and reigns with You and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ And with thy spirit.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: ♪ Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: ♪ Amen.

HYMN "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" #650

POSTLUDE

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," arranged by Jonathan A. Noel

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THE MESSENGER

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WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

SERVING US TODAY: Rev. Mark Croucher
Linda Rayburn, Organist

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, Dan and Ian Henggeler, and Luetta Buchholz

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE: 16 total

CHOIR CONCERT NEXT SUNDAY: On Sunday, May 31st at 3:00 pm, Musica Vocale will be holding a free concert at Immanuel called *Unsung – Celebrating America's Hidden Musical Heroes*. Included are works from a panoply of overlooked music by American women, Black Americans, Immigrants, and Native Americans, and many other identities. Visit their website to learn more at www.musicavocale.org



THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, May 31st "**A Friendly Recommendation**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
What happens when you find out that acquiring everything you've ever wanted... still isn't enough? Genesis 1:26 is Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.