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The Day of Pentecost

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Our mission:

*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,
honor God, serve others, and grow in faith.*

Welcome Message. On Pentecost Jesus fulfilled his promise to send us the Holy Spirit (John 15:26). Who is the Holy Spirit? You can think of Him as a divine delivery man. We've all seen the delivery vans that drive around dropping off packages at peoples' homes. The Holy Spirit's job is to deliver the gifts of Christ - like forgiveness, faith, and eternal life - into our hearts through the means of grace, and help us to bear spiritual fruit. "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your people and kindle in us the fire of Your love."

Welcome guests! We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon and fill out a green visitor card (in the pewback). The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cryroom is available at the back left of the sanctuary for families with young children if there is a need.

Communion Note: We believe that 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 his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. Because unworthy reception of the sacrament can be harmful, those who are not yet instructed, are uncertain or doubtful, or hold to a different confession should speak to the Pastor before participating.

Divine Service, Setting Four

LSB page 203

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Invocation, Confession and Absolution (page 203)

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: 913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Kyrie (page 204)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord...

C: **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

(The congregation sings this in response to each petition.)



Hymn of Praise To God on High Be Glory (page 204)



To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth.
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing –
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior; You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

Prayer of the Day (page 205)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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 (see back cover)

Psalm 25: 1-15



¹ To you, | O LORD,*
I lift | up my soul.

² O my God, in you I trust; let me not
be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.

³ Indeed, none who wait for you shall
be | put to shame;*
they shall be ashamed who are
wantonly | treacherous.

⁴ Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*
teach me | your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach
me, for you are the God of my
sal- | vation;*
for you I wait all the | day long.

⁶ Remember your mercy, O LORD, and
your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth or
my trans- | gressions;*
according to your steadfast love
remember me, for the sake of your
goodness, | O LORD!

⁸ Good and upright | is the LORD;*
therefore he instructs sinners | in the
way.

⁹ He leads the humble in | what is right,*
and teaches the humble | his way.

¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are steadfast
love and | faithfulness,*
for those who keep his covenant and
his testi- | monies.

¹¹ For your name's sake, | O LORD,*
pardon my guilt, for | it is great.

¹² Who is the man who | fears the LORD?*
Him will he instruct in the way
that | he should choose.

¹³ His soul shall abide in well- | being,*
and his offspring shall inher- | it the
land.

¹⁴ The friendship of the LORD is for those
who | fear him,*
and he makes known to them
his | covenant.

¹⁵ My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the
net.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21 (see back cover)

Triple Alleluia page 205 (*sung before and after the Verse of the Day*)

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse of the Day (Cantor): Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the / faithful*
and kindle in them the fire /of Your love (Liturgical text)

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

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

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

John 7:37-39

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Nicene Creed (see the inside back cover of the hymnal)

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day: 503 O Day Full of Grace

Sermon

Prayers After each petition of the prayer P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer Request List (Names are placed on the list by request only.)

For those in need of comfort:

Kianka family	death of Valerie	Kianka
Hammond/Loftus families	death of Gary Loftus	Hammond
McCann family	death of Pat	Farley
Logue family	death of Clyde	Teschke
Heebner/Eccleston families	death of Katherine (Jane's mom)	Heebner

For those with health concerns:

Harry Naylor	Neuza Smukler	Mark McCracken	Barbara Nixon	Jan
Rich Mount	Eric Teschke	Bill Hotaling	Robert Mason	Doug
Susan Miller	John O'Neill	Norma Runkle	Dawn R.	Claire
Don Hammond	Sue Bridenbough	Jeff Corelli	Zane	Beverly
Lucy Borden	Lorraine Van Hise	Pat Dietz	Grant	Sid
Judy Dito	John Tarlo	Asta Lynch	Noah	Brennan
Pete Seronew	Rick Wright	Frank Lynch	Rose	Carlie
Diane Pullen	Kay Compton	Tony Shiron	Susan	Penny
Jane Schroeder	Alli Watson	Marge Keen	Mara	

For those with cancer:

Isla Brummel	Robert Miller	Gerry Campbell	Howard Zahn	Trudy
Carol Tezla	Steve Saumsiegle	Joe Campbell	Rich Knechel	Lance
Kim McCollough	Nancy Gilliland	Aunt Jean	Chris Legere	Joe
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Kaleigh Moore	Sally Ashmen	Rita Piratsky	Jerry
Rich deDufour	Logan Mattessich	Frank Cignus	Barbara Holzhauer	Frank
Aaron Kline	Brad Hoppe	Judy Bacorn	Hilda Summers	Lynn
Joan Rawls	Arlene Bodholt	Carol Storr	Dana	Dora
Jane Forder	Terry Dunbar	Keith Watson	Jason	Mary Anne
Elvis Rowsey	Debra Mueller	Dave Elison	Doris	Lynn J.

For those serving in the armed forces and their families:

LJ Lupinacci	Carrick Porter	Emily Arndt	Jake Grube	Jim Buckman
Daniel Gewecke	James Bannon	Harper Usiskin	Mike Bahney	Christopher Ryan Callahan

For those with needs around the world:

Persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ	For protection, strength, comfort, spread of Gospel
Government officials and people of our nation	For peace, unity, safety, and wisdom
Armed forces, especially those deployed	Safety and protection as they carry out their duties
Those with employment and career needs	For provision of wisdom and jobs
Conflicts throughout the world	For wisdom, guidance, peace, and forgiveness
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine	For health, safety, and provision

For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

For staff and families for '25-'26 school year

Anniversaries:

Andy and Carol Farley May 25 James and Elle Lauricella May 28

Offering

Instrumental Offertory

Order of Holy Communion (page 208)

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| P: The Lord be with you. | C: And also with you. |
| P: Lift up your hearts. | C: We lift them to the Lord. |
| P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise. |

P: It is truly good right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

- C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God... Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven...

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...

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

C: Amen.

**C: O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Post-Communion Collect p. 212

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen

Benedicamus and Benediction (page 212)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and...

C: Amen

Closing Hymn: 496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine

Announcements

Dismissal

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude





Announcements – Week of May 24, 2026
Need assistance? The Church Office is staffed each week
MON, TUES and WED from 1:00 - 3:00

Worship, Sunday School, and Bible Study

Welcome! Serving in worship today are Fred Grube (Communion Assistant and Reader), Sadie Bloom (acolyte), Joe Scheblein and Dave deDufour (Ushers), Lesley deDufour (Live-streaming), Judy Grube and Lesley deDufour (Communion and coffee set-up and clean-up)

Today’s service will be live streamed at this link <https://youtube.com/live/p3IJO5O6R7A>
If you miss the service live, watch it on YouTube! The services are also posted to the [church’s website](#).

Sunday 8:15 Bible Study This Sunday we will be discussing **James 3:1-12**. This section warns about the dangers of hypocritical speech. When we use our tongues both to bless and curse people, this is a poor witness to our faith in Christ. A Christian needs to be wise and gracious with their words. Join us!

Discussion Group today – come dig deeper into today’s readings after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday 7:00pm Zoom Bible Study This Wednesday we will study **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**. Paul addresses the question - pertinent to 1st century Christians - whether it is good to eat food that had been sacrificed on pagan altars. In his wisely balanced approach, Paul instructs that we need to consider not only our personal freedom in Christ, but also the spiritual maturity of our neighbor when deciding how to conduct ourselves. Join our conversation!

Men’s, Women’s, Senior’s, Youth and Family Ministry

Weekly Schedule:

TODAY (5/24)	8:15a Bible Study; 9:30a Worship; 11:00a Discussion Group
MONDAY (5/25)	Memorial Day
TUESDAY (5/26)	6:00a Men's Breakfast @ Orlando's; 5:30p Planning Council
WEDNESDAY (5/27)	7:30p Zoom Bible Study
THURSDAY (5/28)	9:45/11:15a Nursery School Chapels; 4:30p Confirmation
SATURDAY (5/30)	7:00p Outdoor Vespers Service & Ice cream (rescheduled)
SUNDAY (5/31)	8:15a Bible Study; 9:30a Worship; 11:00a Discussion Group; 6:30p IMPACT Youth Group @ St. Paul, Flemington

Saturday Outdoor Vespers Service rescheduled! On **Saturday, May 30th at 7pm** we'll have an outdoor vespers service on the parsonage lawn. Bring your own chair and join us as we set aside this special time of worship and fellowship to dedicate the spring season into God's hands with His beautiful creation. After the service we will enjoy ice cream!



Seminary Workshop at St. Peter. Coming up this summer, we are excited to welcome Rev. Dr. Joel Elowsky from the St. Louis Seminary. Dr. Elowsky, a Professor of Historical Theology, will lead a 3-day workshop on June 1-3, on the topic of *The Apostolic Fathers*. This event is intended for pastors, other church workers, and interested lay people. Cost is \$160. See our bulletin board for more info, or talk to Pastor Dunbar.

Guest Preacher on Sunday, June 7. We will be joined by the Reverend Dr Robert Hartwell who was formerly the Senior Pastor at Village Lutheran Church in Bronxville NY. In September 2025 he accepted a call to be the President of Lutheran Braille workers (LBW), but still resides in Bronxville, NY with his wife of 38 years, Sue.

As President of LBW, Rob commutes one week each month to the Southern California headquarters of LBW and travels extensively for visits with congregations, donors and to thank the over 3,000 + volunteers who staff the production and outreach centers that LBW runs. LBW is one of the largest providers of free Braille and large print Bibles and Christian resources in the world. They also produce specialized large print that has been approved for use in the prison system and works with chaplains to get large print copies of the Bible for the inmates who have low vision. To find out more go to their website at www.LBWLoveWorks.Org. President Hartwell will be talking about the mission of LBW in the fellowship hall after the service.

Gering Gift Suggestion Form & Church-wide Meeting. At the January Voters Assembly, St. Peter's leadership shared with the congregation that we are the beneficiaries of a generous bequest from Larry Gering. As we await the final disbursement of funds, the Planning Council is inviting input from the congregation on how this gift might be used. All are invited to fill out a suggestion form available on the round table in the narthex. These are due back to the church office by June 21. Additionally, a church-wide meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 14th** after the service to discuss ideas in person. Let's all consider together how this wonderful gift can be used for the greater glory of God!

Impact Youth Group Summer Party! On Sunday, June 15 youth from 6th – 12th grades are invited to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Flemington for food, games, and fellowship! Don't miss it!

Operation Christmas Child. On Sunday, July 26 we will hold our annual Operation Christmas Child "Christmas in July" event. We look forward to meeting after the service and filling shoeboxes for children around the world. They will be able to hear the Good News of Jesus as they receive a special Christmas gift from our congregation. We are especially looking for donations of toddler socks and toys (e.g. squeeze bath toys), costume jewelry, girls' hair bands and barrettes.

The Prayer Shawl/Lap Blanket Ministry. Join us in making special blankets to bless those in need of comfort or in celebration of a life event! Please speak with Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928.

Prayer Chain. The Prayer Chain is ready to receive your prayer requests. Simply call Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928 to start or update a prayer.

Service and Other

Faithfulness Report: 5/17 Attendance: 61 / 10 online Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$ 4618
Mortgage: \$75 Flowers:\$25
Weekly giving needed for budget: \$6890

Flowers. If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in honor of someone, in thanksgiving for God's grace, or for a special occasion, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to do so. Suggested donation is \$25. You may take the flowers home following the service on the day you select.

Flowers are placed on the altar this week in honor of the birthdays of Robert Van Hise and Elisabeth and Kylie Mullen.

Food Pantry. We support the Lambertville Food Pantry with donations of food and other needs. May's collection is **Personal Products** – soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, liquid hand soap, sanitary supplies etc. You can sign up on the bulletin board to deliver items by month as well. Any questions, please see Leslie Klesat.

Other Important web links:

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod	lcms.org
NJ District LCMS	njdistrict.org
LCMS World Relief and Human Care	lcms.org/ca/worldrelief
The "Lutheran Hour" Broadcast	lhm.org



THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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!” ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

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;

¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants

in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Holy Gospel: John 7:37–39

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.