

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday, May 23, 2026 5:00pm

Sunday, May 24, 2026 9:30am



Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of 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.

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PRELUDE: (5:00) “Spirit Song” -arr. J. Carter

(9:30) “Day by Day” -Wagner

Handbell Choir

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Breath of Life, raise us up.

C: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

P: Wind of Grace, carry us always.

C: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

P: Light of God, show us the way.

C: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

P: Spirit of God, make us one.

C: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

P: Flame of Love, send us forth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN: ELW #578 Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION & BLESSING

L: On this Day of Pentecost, we remember that the Holy Spirit was poured out on all people—filling ordinary disciples with courage, purpose, and gifts for ministry.

That same Spirit is alive and at work here, among us, calling each person into the life of the church. Today, we give thanks for the ways the Spirit moves through this congregation—through those who serve with willing hands and open hearts.

L: As I name areas of ministry, I invite those who serve in that way to stand where you are: *(Pause between each group)*

- Those who serve in worship leadership—ushers, readers, communion assistants, altar guild, musicians and choir.
- Those who serve in faith formation—teachers, youth leaders, and Bible study leaders.
- Those who serve in care ministries—those who visit, pray, prepare meals, and offer presence.

- Those who serve in service, outreach, quilt and school bag makers and human concerns—sharing Christ’s love in the community and working for justice.
- Those who serve in leadership and support—council members, organizers, and those behind the scenes.
- And those whose quiet acts of service may not be named, but are known to the Spirit

L: People of God, on that first Pentecost, the Spirit gave many gifts—but one mission: to share the good news of God’s love in Christ. You are part of that same story. In your serving, teaching, caring, leading, and giving, the Spirit is still moving—still calling, still sending.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, wind and fire of God, You breathe life into the church and awaken gifts within us. For those who proclaim your word and lead us in worship,

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: For those who teach and nurture faith across generation,

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: For those who bring comfort, healing, and compassion,

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: For those who serve neighbors and work for justice and peace

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: For those who lead, organize, and sustain this community

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: For every gift, spoken or quiet, visible or unseen

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on these your people. Stir up in them the gifts you have given. Renew their energy, deepen their joy, and strengthen them for the work you call them to do. When they are weary, be their rest. When they are uncertain, be their guide. When they are joyful, be their song. Send them out in the power of your Spirit, to be signs of your love in the world.

C: Amen.

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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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.’ ”

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another’s diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

^{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.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*please stand as you are able*)



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



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

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE “Windy”

Rev. Brian Hooper

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #399 O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

APOSTLE’S CREED: (*please stand as you are able*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with the words, "Merciful God." After each petition the congregation will respond, "**receive our prayer.**"

SHARING OF THE PEACE (please be seated after sharing the peace)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM: (9:30) "Invocation" -Courtney

OFFERINGS

Offerings can also be made electronically using the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app. More information can be found on our website ssmelca.org or use the QR codes listed here:



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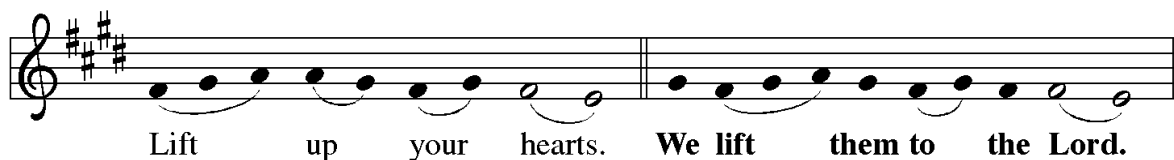
OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Please stand as able)



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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION: "In the night..."

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.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #396 Spirit of Gentleness

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be sure to read the printed announcements.)*

BLESSING

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW #401 Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: (5:00) “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” -arr. W. Held
(9:30) “Variation on Veni Creator” -Maurice Durufle

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THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: (5:00) Jerry Deroka, Patti Nelson

(9:30) Dan Resterhouse, Mason Resterhouse, Jonah Miller

Reader: (5:00) Pam Maschke **(9:30)** Julie Starks

Communion: (5:00) Set Up Bonnie Court Server Patti Nelson

(9:30) Diane Moraza, Julie Starks

Streaming Technician: (9:30) Eric Sanders

<i>This Week at SSM</i>			
Monday, 5/25	Memorial Day – Office Closed		
Wednesday, 5/27	10:15am	Women’s Bible Study	
	12 noon	Loose Ends Lunch – Lychee Gardens	
<i>Holy Trinity</i>			
Saturday, 5/30	5:00pm	Worship	Ushers: Larry & Sue Stasiewski
			Reader: John Rech
			Communion Set Up: Betty Kroll
			Communion Server: Heidi Hennessy
Sunday, 5/31	9:30am	Worship	Jack Kalman, Shelly Rosenstock, Adam & Andrea Woerpel
			Bonnie Zimmermann
			Cheryl & Dan Stefanski
			Sunday School
	10:45am		Coffee Hour

KEEP THESE SSM MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Sharon Behling, Pastor Gail Brodersen-Heins, Jay Chadwick, Diana Gastrau, Sue Jarchow, Ken & Carolyn Kahl, Joy Kilimann, Sally Kowalewski, Dick Kroll, Carol Kucharski, Billie Jo Kunesh, Shirley Lieske, Carol Manning, Larry Petricek, Joan Retzlaff, Stephanie Rodenkirch, Eleanor Salb, Richard Sontvedt

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Brent, grandson of Dennis & Geri Lucchesi
Carol, sister of Heidi Hennessy
Cheryl, sister-in-law of Larry & Sue Stasiewski
Helen, mother of Jenny Koeff
Pam Baranowski, friend of Kelly and Greg Sachse
Irene Bonnert, mother of Deb Perl
Evelyn Buck, cousin of Pastor Maren
Arlene Cich, cousin of Don Manning
Corstan Court, son of Bonnie Court
Jennifer F and her family, friends of Kelly Sachse
Julie Francis, daughter-in-law of Sally Kowalewski
Marcia Gabriel, friend of Nancy Mineau & Marion Walton
Mimi Garcia, former administrative assistant at SSM
Karen Gastrau, daughter-in-law of Diana Gastrau
Liane Guthrie, daughter of Dianne Niese
Tim Ingram, grandson of Ron Ropel
Robert Koenen, friend of Don & Carol Manning

Beth Klosinski, daughter of Linda Schmidt
Jon Kowalewski, husband of Sally Kowalewski
Tim Lingen, nephew of Nancy & Bruce Mineau
Ted & Ellen P., family of Gail Jakus
Paul R, friend of Shelly Rosenstock
Leroy Robinson, father of Linda Schmidt
Deb Rusch, friend of Kelly & Greg Sachse
Sue Seidemann, friend of Karen Hoffman and former SWO president
Gloria Simley, sister of Dave and Rae Ann Simley
Richard Sorenson, friend of Jim & Heidi Hennessy
Barb Starks, mother of Julie Starks
Lynne Turnquist, friend of Carol Manning
David Vento, friend of Al Behling
Billy Waters, Stepdad of Lori Salas
Chrissy White, daughter of Sue Herman
Susan White, sister of Sally Kowalewski
Irene Yung - daughter-in-law of Jay and Sally Chadwick
Cohen Zettle, family of Pam Young

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Kid Friendly Summer Food Collection Suggestions

June, July & August, 2026

- cereals
- fruit cups, applesauce cups
- granola bars
- microwavable macaroni and cheese
- microwavable canned pasta meals
- peanut butter and jelly
- canned tuna or chicken
- flavored tuna pouches
- Shelf stable milk
- Healthy snack packs



Announcements

Save the date. The SSM spring rummage sale is now a fall rummage sale. We are hoping to make the 2026 sale bigger and better than the last. So, start saving items to donate for the event. We will combine this with a lemonade sale and brat fry. Let us know if you have any additional ideas for the event. This will be a fundraiser for both the church and local charities. We appreciate your thoughts and ideas, willingness to donate items and volunteer your time to help make this event a success. Much thanks. The rummage committee.

FALL RUMMAGE

Friday and Saturday the 18th & 19th of September

Tippecanoe is starting a pilot project to help the unhoused do their laundry this summer. If successful, it will run all year round. SSM CAN HELP by collecting quarters and dollar bills and donating items such as laundry soap, socks and personal care items. Washer fees are approximately \$4 to \$7 per load! The coin jar and blue bin are located on the bench in the Narthex. Also we can occasionally provide a bag lunch SSM's first Sunday to provide a bag lunch is Sunday June 7. The Program starts May 24th and will be the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month this summer. This is a great way to get to know and help many in our community who are struggling. Checks or money can also be put in an envelope marked Tippecanoe Laundry and placed in the offering plate. **If anyone is interested in helping please contact Nancy Mineau.** Thank you.

Faith Santa Fe congregation's new pastor, Rev. Germán Novelli Angrisano will be installed on Sunday May 24th at 12:00 noon at Faith Santa Fe. Please consider joining them in their celebration.

SSM is again marching in this year's Milwaukee Pride Parade on June 7th at 2pm. Meeting place and time to be determined to march with the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Sign up in the narthex if you are planning to march and if you want to carpool. Please indicate where you live so we can group nearby folks with each other. If you can't march in the parade, but still want to be involved, come make signs after church on June 7 for the marchers to carry in the parade. Or donate a bag of candy for the marchers to throw out to the crowd. Contact Keri Whitmore at kerisumill@gmail.com or 414-737-0379 with any questions.

HYMN ELW #578 Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove,
 2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry;
 3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold,
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part,
 5 Keep far from us our cru - el foe,
 6 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son,



de - scend up - on us from a - bove;
 to you, the gift of God most high,
 we God's al - might - y hand be - hold;
 and shed your love in ev - 'ry heart;
 and peace from your own hand be - stow;
 and you, of both, to be but one;



with grac - es man - i - fold re - store
 true fount of life, the fire of love,
 while you with tongues of fire pro - claim
 your own un - fail - ing might sup - ply
 up - held by you, our strength and guide,
 that through the a - ges all a - long



your crea - tures as they were be - fore.
 the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 to all the world God's ho - ly name.
 to strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.
 no e - vil can our steps be - tide.
 your praise may be our end - less song.



7 Praise to your e - ter - nal mer - it,



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men.

Text: Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. composite
 Music: VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS, Sarum plainsong, mode VIII

HYMN ELW #399 O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

The image shows a three-part musical score for the hymn 'O Holy Spirit, Root of Life'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are arranged in three parts, with the first part having three verses. The music features a simple, hymnal style with block chords and moving lines. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second system covers the next two lines. The third system covers the final two lines and ends with a double bar line.

1 O - Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -

a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -

wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

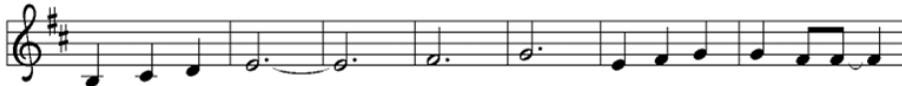
Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098–1179
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621; arr. hymnal version
Text © 1991 Jean Janzen, admin. Augsburg Fortress.
Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

HYMN ELW #396 Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940
Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley
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HYMN ELW #401 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
 nor rootless liberty;
 turn disquiet to contentment,
 doubt into certainty.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
 unswayed by earth's allure.
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,
 which you alone assure.

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922
 Music: NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA, Wilson Niwagila; arr. Egil Hovland, b. 1924
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