# Pentecost May 24 & 26, 2015



Welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you with us. We pray that your worship will be enriched and blessed by the Word of God. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the west side of the sanctuary. We also ask that you sign one of our Friendship Registers which are located in each of the pews. Please come and worship with us again!

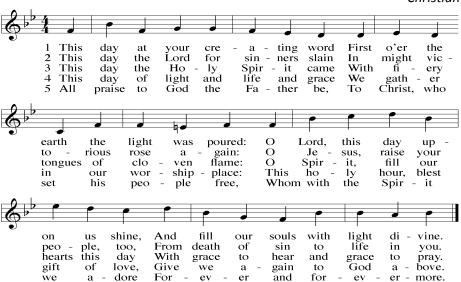
# **Our Worship Service**

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#### WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN ....."This Day at Your Creating Word"

Christian Worship #229



Text: William W. How, 1823-97, alt

Tune: Winchester New (LM) Musicalish Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien, Hamburg, 1690, alt

#### Please Stand

#### THE INVOCATION

- **P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

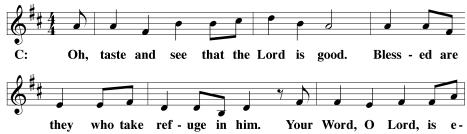
#### THE CONFESSION OF SINS

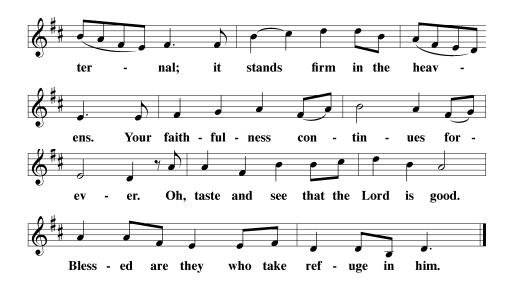
- **P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- **P:** God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: Amen.

#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## **OH, TASTE AND SEE**





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray: Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.



Please be Seated

THE FIRST LESSON..... Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Lord asks Ezekiel, "Son of man, can these bones live?" Without God's Spirit, though there may be physical life, there can be no spiritual life. With God's Spirit, what is dead is made alive.

<sup>37:1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the

LORD! 5 This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup> I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD." <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. 11 Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. <sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD."

THE PSALM OF THE DAY ...... Psalm 51b

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O Lord, open my lips,\*

and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would <u>bring</u> it;\* you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;\*

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

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Create in me a pure <u>heart</u>, O God,\* and renew a steadfast spirit with<u>in</u> me.

Do not cast me from your <u>presence</u>\* or take your Holy Spirit <u>from</u> me.

Restore to me the joy of your sal<u>vation</u>,\* and grant me a willing spirit, to sus<u>tain</u> me.

Then I will teach transgressors <u>your</u> ways,\* and sinners will turn <u>back</u> to you.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### Refrain

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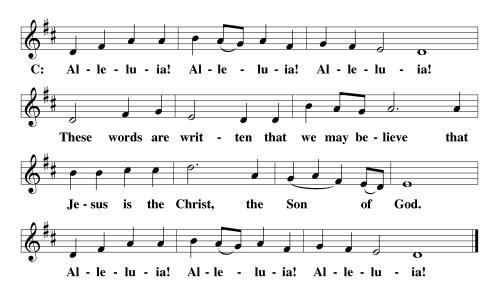
Luke records the spectacular outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Peter's stirring sermon proclaims that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

<sup>2:1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. <sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews

from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." <sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17" 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. <sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. <sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. <sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

#### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**P:** Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.



#### Please Stand

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Jesus tells the disciples not to be afraid, because he will send the Holy Spirit, the Counselor.

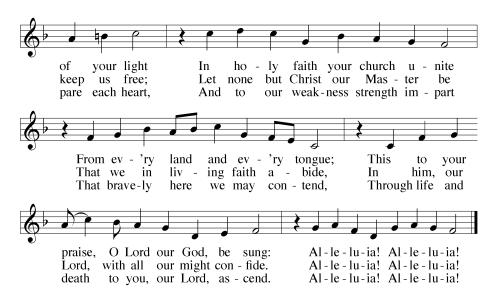
<sup>25</sup> "All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.



Please be Seated



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Text: German hymn, 15th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, st. 2-3; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt. Tune: KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT (78 88 88 8 10 8) *Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein*, Erfurt, 1524.

## The Holy Spirit: A Counselor We All Need

#### Please Stand

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

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#### THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

#### THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please Stand

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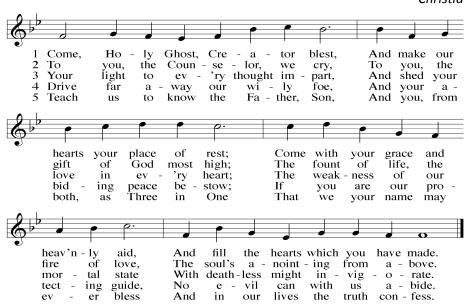
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### Please be Seated

CONGREGATION HYMN ......"Come , Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"

Christian Worship #177



6 Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One, And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt. Tune: Komm, Gott Schöpfer (LM) Klug, Geistliche lieder auffs new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1533.

**P:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### THE BENEDICTION

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



Please be Seated

THE CLOSING HYMN ...... "May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

Christian Worship # 326



Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, st. 1-2, alt.; Carroll T. Andrews, b. 1918, st. 3, alt.

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## **Worship Participants**

Liturgist and Preacher	Pastor Bria	n Adams
Organist	Mrs. Mari	ie Beckei

#### **Announcements**

**2**<sup>nd</sup> **PASTOR CALL:** On Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, St. Paul's extended a Divine Call to Pastor Schutz, who is currently serving Hope Lutheran Church in Spearfish, South Dakota. We have received the following letter from him acknowledging receiving the Call from St. Paul's.

"Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, He is risen! May our Living Savior fill you with all joy and peace as you remain in him! I am writing to let you know that I have received the Divine Call you have extended to me to serve as the Associate Pastor of your congregation. I have begun the process of prayerfully considering where I will serve our gracious God and Savior. I trust he will guide me through his Word to make a decision that is both God-pleasing and for the benefit of his kingdom. During this time I ask that you would pray for me, my family, and your brothers and sisters in Christ at Hope in Spearfish, SD whose lives are also touched by this call. I thank you for your prayers. May the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ fill your hearts and overflow into your interactions with each other and your community. He is faithful and can do so much in the building of his kingdom through each and every one of you. I welcome your contacting me by mail (111 Union St. Spearfish, SD 57783, phone (605-722-3857), or e-mail (pastorschutz@hopelutheran.us) with any questions or comments you may have. May our gracious God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you as you trust the LORD to work all things for our eternal good. Yours in Christ, Pastor Mark Schutz."



From left to right: Natalie (4), Jonathan (17mo.), Jill, Mark, Lydia (6)

**BAPTISM:** Following the 9:30am service this morning, Madison Marie Stobbe will be received into the family of God through Holy Baptism. Madison's parents are Justin and Sarah Stobbe. Serving as godparents are Stephanie Vilgevac and Daniel Welch. May the Lord continue to bless this family as they grow together in Christ.

ST. PAUL'S 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY: We thank all who have volunteered to begin to plan this special anniversary celebration in our congregation. As they begin to meet and make plans, there will be more opportunities to get involved with this special celebration. We also thank the Milwaukee County Historical Society for recognizing us at their award dinner last week. Please see the insert in this week's bulletin the show the award and the receiving of that award. There are more pictures on our website and on our Facebook page. The award is also located in the narthex as well.

**MEMORIAL DAY WORSHIP:** There will be no worship service on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, due to the Memorial Day celebration. However, there will a worship service this week on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**ST. PAUL'S KINDERGARTEN AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATION:** There will be a special worship service on Friday, May 29th, at 6:30pm, to celebrate the graduation of our Kindergarten and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Anyone is invited to join us.

# "TOGETHER: A NEWSLETTER FROM WELS" (May 19, 2015): 2015 MLC graduate assignments

The synod's Assignment Committee met in New Ulm, Minn., last week (May 16<sup>th</sup>) to assign candidates for the teaching ministry and staff ministry to their places of service. Eighty-six candidates received calls into the teaching ministry. Some of these assignments were one-year assignments for a first or second year; others were previous one-year assignments that were made permanent. The remaining candidates were assigned permanently. No assignments of staff minister candidates were made.

All 2015 graduates from Martin Luther College who are able to serve anywhere were assigned. Some graduates have requested deferment for a year to pursue academic or cross-cultural opportunities. Others with marriage plans (and, therefore, limited in where they can serve) are eligible to be called directly by congregations near where they will be living. Two previous graduates await assignment in the future.

More than 40 requests for teacher assignments were not able to be filled, either because of the lack of candidates or because the training of candidates did not fit the needs of the specific call. We have great reason to be filled with thanks and joy that God

has provided well-trained and dedicated workers for his harvest field. Keep them in your prayers as they begin their service, and pray that God would continue to provide men and women to teach the Savior's lambs in our schools.

Assignment of vicars and pastors takes place this week at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis. Vicar assignment will be announced on Tuesday evening (May 19<sup>th</sup>), and the same will be done for pastoral candidates on Thursday morning (May 21<sup>st</sup>). Serving in Christ,

Rev. Mark Schroeder

#### **Update from Nepal:**

The WELS friendly counselor to Nepal and Pakistan arrived safely in Nepal last Wednesday, just a day after a second earthquake hit the country in less than a month. More than 8,000 people have been killed by the two earthquakes, the first of which hit April 25 about 85 miles east of Kathmandu.

"Fear grips many Nepalis because they had been told, 'There will not be another major earthquake for many years now—only aftershocks,'" says the friendly counselor. "When the second earthquake with a 7.3 magnitude hit on Tuesday, their 'confidence' disappeared."

The counselor had planned his trip to Nepal before the earthquakes struck to assist in conducting workshops for 15 seminary students of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Church of Nepal, our sister church body there.

According to the counselor, the WELS mission contact in Nepal already had traveled to the rural areas of the Dhading district to see the earthquake damage and distribute aid. WELS Christian Aid and Relief provided \$32,000 to the contact so he could bring blankets, medicine, sleeping mattresses, and food. The counselor shares, "The destruction is worse than we imagined. Thirty-nine of our members perished in the quake. Every one of our 10 churches in this area was destroyed. . . . Every home in every village was destroyed. People told [our mission contact] the land moved like a wave in one direction and then like a wave back in the other direction. Whatever it was, it could not have done a 'better' job of leveling the houses."

He adds that a large group of Christians, mainly members of WELS' sister churches, asked to be led in a worship service before aid was distributed. Further relief efforts are being assessed, including helping 40 families whose homes were destroyed in Sichuan in the Chitwan district and returning to the Dhading district to provide a medical clinic,

clothing, and tents for churches that were destroyed. To help support relief efforts, you can donate online or send checks to WELS, Re: Christian Aid and Relief, earthquake disaster relief fund, N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188-1108.

**BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS BEGINS:** On Thursday, June 4, we will begin a new Bible Information Class. The main purpose of this class is to teach the basic teachings of God's Word to those who wish to know more about God's Word before joining St. Paul's as a member. Anyone who wishes to review the basic teachings of God's Word is welcome to attend as well.

**PRESCHOOL AND JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION:** You are invited to join us for a "Rootin' Tootin' Hoedown" as 46 Preschoolers and Junior Kindergarteners will graduate on Wednesday, May 27. The show begins at 6:30 PM in the school gym. You are welcome to stay for root beer floats.

**WORSHIP SERVICE VIDEO ONLINE:** Just a reminder that video of our worship services can be found on our website, if you miss a week for worship. Please feel free to share that information with anyone who may wish to explore knowing more about St. Paul's.

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR VBC:** We are looking for donations of a few items for craft projects for Vacation Bible Camp. If there's anything you'd like to donate, please leave it in the multipurpose room. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Adams (423-1445 or njadams86@yahoo.com)

- 1) 1x6 pine boards in any length (they will be cut into smaller pieces) scrap pine wood of any size is ok as long as it is large enough to cut into 6x6 or 4x6 pieces (1 inch thick).
- 2) 1 1/4 inch finishing nails or brads
- 3) colored pencils (used are ok)

**GRASS CUTTING CREWS:** It once again is getting to be the time to setup the grass cutting crews for church. There are sign-up sheets on the counter in the back of church. If you have any questions, please contact Gordy Lesser (421-5687).

**KITCHEN REORGANIZATION:** Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> the school kitchen will undergo extensive reorganization. If you have any items stored in the kitchen at this time, please remove them prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>. If the items need to stay in the kitchen, please clearly label them. Any items not claimed will be donated to Southside Ministries.

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP:** Our Vacation Bible Camp program with the staff from Camp Phillip will be on July 6-10 from 9am – 3pm. Registration forms and help needed forms are in today's bulletin.

## **Volunteers**

#### **GREETERS THIS WEEK (May 24 & 26)**

**8:00 AM**-Josh & Allison Ebeling; Henry **9:30 AM**-Bob & Sue Dittrich **6:30 PM** -Richard & Kathy Hinz

## **GREETERS NEXT WEEK (May 31 & June 1)**

8:00 AM-Corine Mayer

9:30 AM-Dave & Cindy Wirtz; Brandon, Austin & Ian

**6:30 PM-**Joan Shevey

#### **USHERS FOR MAY:**

**8:00 AM** TEAM #1-Bob Hille, Larry Stujenski, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker **9:30 AM** TEAM#5-Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan

Mertz, Brett Abramowski

6:30 PM TEAM#9-Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

#### **USHERS FOR JUNE:**

**8:00 AM** TEAM #2-Bob Goelz, Todd Flunker, Scott Sievert, Tony Tripoli, Steve Mess **9:30 AM** TEAM#6-Andrew Goede, Reed Goede, Cooper Goede, Nolan Romeis, Zach Matthews

6:30 PM TEAM #9-Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

#### **ALTAR GUILD:**

May 13-May 26-TEAM #3; Jane Koplein, Carol Wilms
May 27-June 9- TEAM #4; Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

## The Weekly Schedule

## Sunday, May 24

Worship Service8:0	00 AM
Worship Service	30 AM

### Monday, May 25

Memorial Day NO Worship Service

Tuesday, May 26 Worship Service	6:30 PM
Wednesday, May 27 Preschool and Junior Kindergarten Graduation	6:30 PM
Thursday, May 28	
School Devotion	8:30 AM
Last Day of School (Noon Dismissal)	12:00 PM
Friday, May 29  Worship Service- Kindergarten and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation	6:30 PM
Sunday, May 31	
Worship Service	8:00 AM
Worship Service	

## Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 am-102, Communed-75; 10:00 am-Confirmation - 229, Communed-149; 6:30 pm-53, Communed-34; Total Attendance 384; Total Communed-258; Sunday School-n/a; Bible Class-n/a

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