

The Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

For Your Gift of God the Spirit

For your gift of God the Spirit, power to make our lives a -
 He who in cre - a - tion's dawn - ing brood - ed on the life - less
 He, him - self the liv - ing Au - thor, wakes to life the sac - red
 He, the might - y God, in - dwells us; his to strength - en, help, em -
 Fa - ther, grant your Ho - ly Spir - it in our hearts may rule to -
 new, deep, Pledge of life and hope of glo - ry, Sav - iour,
 Still a - cross our na - ture's dark - ness moves to
 Word, reads with us its ho - ly pag - es and re -
 power; his to o - ver - come the temp - ter, ours to
 day, grieved not, quenched not, but un - hin - dered, work in
 we would wor - ship You. Crown - ing gift of res - ur -
 wake our souls from sleep, Moves to stir, to draw, to
 veals our ri - sen Lord. He it is who works with -
 call in dan - ger's hour. In his strength we dare to
 us his sov - erign way. Fill us with your ho - ly
 rec - tion sent from Your a - scen - ded throne, Full - ness
 qui - cken, thrusts us through with sense of sin; Brings to
 in us, teach - ing reb - el hearts to pray, he whose
 bat - tle all the rag - ing hosts of sin, and by
 full - ness, God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son; in us,
 of the ve - ry God - head, come to make your life our own.
 birth and seals and fills us, sa - ving Ad - vo - cate with - in.
 ho - ly in - ter - cess - ions rise for us both night and day.
 him a - lone we con - quer foes with - out and foes with - in.
 through us, then, for - e - ver, shall your per - fect will be done.

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Invocation

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Kyrie

- L** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

Exhortation

- L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**

- L** 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.**

- L** 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.

Confession and Absolution

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- L** Let us confess our sins to God our Father: Holy and merciful God,
- C** **in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

- L** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John: "I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of Jesus' name."
- C** **Amen.**

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

- L** God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
 - C** **Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.**

 - L** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.
 - C** **More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.**
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Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 25:1-15; antiphon v4

- L** To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
 - C** **O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**
 - L** Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
 - C** **Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**
 - L** Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.
 - C** **Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**
 - L** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!
 - C** **Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**
 - L** He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
 - C** **All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**
 - L** For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.
 - C** **Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.**
 - L** His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land.
 - C** **The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.**
 - L** My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.
 - C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**
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Gloria in Excelsis



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

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.”

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

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

C **Glory to You, 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.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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Sermon - Pastor Joel P. Fritsche

Offering

Please record your attendance in the Friendship Books located in each pew.

Prayer Response

- Lord, in Your mercy,
 - hear our prayer.
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Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- L** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- L** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

The Words of Our Lord

- L** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Agnus Dei



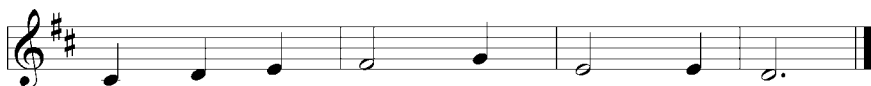
- C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

I Come to the Cross

I come to the cross seek-ing mer-cy and grace, I come to the cross where You died in my place. Out of my weak-ness and in-to Your strength, humb-ly, I come to the cross. Your arms are o-pen, You call me by name. You wel-come this child that was lost. You paid the price for my guilt and my shame. Je-sus, I come, Je-sus, I come, Je-sus, I come to the cross. *(Instrumental, then sing again)*

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496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine

1 Ho-ly Spir-it, light di-vine, Shine up-on this heart of mine;
2 Let me see my Sav-ior's face, Let me all His beau-ties trace;
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, pow'r di-vine, Cleanse this guilt-y heart of mine;
4 Ho-ly Spir-it, joy di-vine, Cheer this sad-dened heart of mine;
5 Ho-ly Spir-it, all di-vine, Dwell with-in this heart of mine;

Chase the shades of night a-way, Turn the dark-ness in-to day.
Show those glo-rious truths to me Which are on-ly known to Thee.
In Thy mer-cy pit-y me, From sin's bond-age set me free.
Yield a sa-cred, set-tled peace, Let it grow and still in-crease.
Cast down ev-'ry i-dol throne, Reign su-preme, and reign a-lone.

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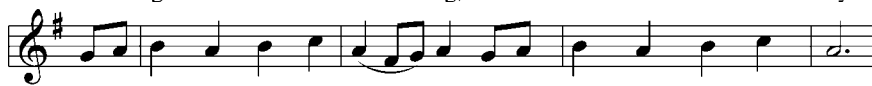
906 O Day of Rest and Gladness



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;
△ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.
And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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The Dismissal

- L** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
- C** Amen.

Call to Christian Community

- L** The apostle Paul calls us to care for each other in the difficult times and to celebrate with each other in the good times. He wrote, "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it" (1 Cor. 12:26-27). As the body of Christ, we are called to care for one another in Christian community. Please take time after the last song, to greet one another and introduce yourself to anyone you don't recognize. Now receive God's blessing.

Benediction

- L** Let us bless the Lord
C Thanks be to God
L 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.
C Amen.

Let the Nations Be Glad



1. Let the glo - ry of the Lord for - ev - er be our
2. Through the ag - es gone be - fore, through the tri - al and the
3. As Your ho - ly church goes forth in the Ho - ly Spir - it's



joy. May re - demp - tion be the theme of our song.
sword, man - y saints and mar - tyrs con - quered, though they died.
pow'r with the glo - ries of the gos - pel to ex - claim,



For by grace we have been saved, and by grace we shall pro -
Still we, hold - ing out the cross, cross - ing o - ceans, suf - fring
now we pray Your king - dom come, and we pray Your will be



claim to the corn - ers of the earth that Christ is come. Let the
loss, shall en - dure all things to win the crown of life.
done for the hon - or and the glo - ry of Your name.



na - tions be glad, let the peo - ple re - joice, for sal - va - tion be - longs to our



God. Let the whole earth be filled with the prais - es of the



Lord, for sal - va - tion be - longs to our God. Let the na - tions be glad.

This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service (Pastor Joel P. Fritsche) – 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- Discovering Christianity – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- Sunday School – 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)

Wednesday

- Men's Bible Study – 6:30 AM (Downstairs)

Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

Saturday

- Women's Bible Study – 10:00 AM (Downstairs)
- AA Meeting – 1:30 PM

Announcements

Summer Sunday School volunteers, please stay for a quick (5 minute) meeting immediately following worship at the front of the sanctuary today.

Join our **adult Bible study today** when Rev. Joel and Deaconess Clarion Fritsche will give a presentation about LCMS mission work in the Dominican Republic, emphasizing the role of Seminario Concordia in spreading the Gospel, planting Lutheran churches, and showing mercy throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The LCMS Southern Illinois District is a mission partner that supports the DR seminary. The Fritsches served as missionaries for the LCMS in the Dominican Republic from 2014-23. Rev. Fritsche served as Pastor of Iglesia Luterana de Pueblo Nuevo in Santiago and as Director of Seminario Concordia el Reformador. Clarion served as Deaconess at Iglesia Luterana de Pueblo Nuevo and regularly taught courses for Seminario Concordia's deaconess program. The Fritsches have three sons, Viktor (22), Max (20), and Andrei (17). Rev. Fritsche currently serves as Director of Vicarage and Deaconess Internships and the Buehner-Deusenberg Professor of Lutheran Missions at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Deaconess Clarion serves as Manager of Mobilization and Training for LCMS Office of International Mission, caring especially for missionary wives and children. The Fritsches stay connected to LCMS work in the DR and take groups of seminary students to visit the mission each year.

[Congregational Voters Meeting](#)

Please mark your calendars for a St. James Congregational Voters Meeting which will be held on June 14th immediately following service. The Agenda will be emailed to all members with emails on file and will be available in the narthex soon.

If you have any questions or would like to share a comment, please feel free to reach out to one of our St. James Elders at elders@stjamesglencarbon.org.

If you would like to submit a prayer request or join the Prayer Warriors Team please reach out to prayer-request@stjamesglencarbon.org or call the church office.

St. James offers a quarterly newsletter for our congregation. If you are not receiving the newsletter and would like to, please reach out to cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org or call the church office.



The Bible teaches that Jesus will come again. The event that coincides with his second coming is Judgment Day. What will that day be like? What does the Bible tell us about Judgment Day? Should Christians look forward to the last day, or should we dread its inevitability? It's the topic of conversation on the newest edition of **Craving Answers Craving God**.

St. James Guiding Statement

Together we have found healing and hope in Jesus Christ and welcome others to experience these same Gospel promises.

St. James Mission Pillars



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