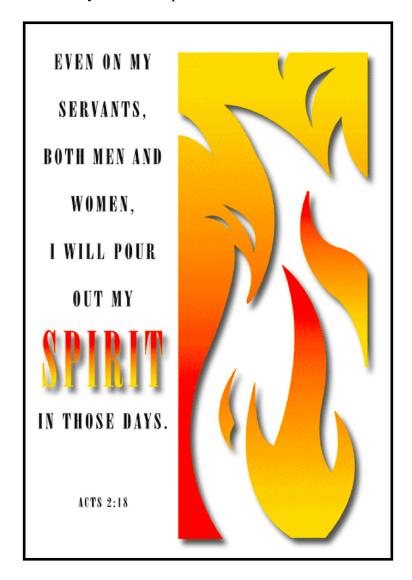
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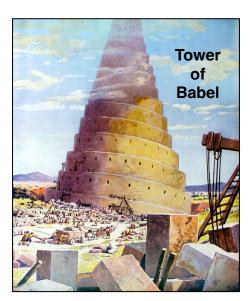
The Coming of the Holy Spirit Festival of Pentecost, June 8, 2025

A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests! The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word in the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

Today's Order of Worship is "Divine Worship Setting 2" as printed in the liturgy pamphlet distributed by the ushers. This service is based on pages 5-14 in *The Lutheran Hymnal*. Please leave your copy of the liturgy pamphlet in the pew after the service concludes, or drop it into the designated box in the foyer so that it may be used in future services. Thank you.

Liturgical Notes for the Festival of Pentecost

Pentecost, fifty days after the celebration of our Lord's resurrection, was originally a Jewish feast, known also as the Feast of Weeks. It was a celebration of the grain harvest. Bread made from the new grain was offered in the temple. As the day Christ's promise concerning the coming of the Spirit was fulfilled, it has become in a sense the birthday celebration of the New Testament Church. Early Christians connected the old celebration of the fruits of the earth's harvest with the fruits of the Spirit's blessing. Red, the popular color of fire, is the color of the altar paraments, reminiscent of the tongues of fire by which the Spirit revealed His presence to the disciples.



Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." Genesis 11:3-4.

Serving Us Today Organist Carly Mess Ushers Mike Sprengeler, John Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 51 (pew bible, page 507)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 906, 496, 231 (printed on p.7), 805
- ♦ Responsive Reading: Psalm 51
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Sermon



Text – Genesis 11:1-9

Theme – "On Pentecost the Holy Spirit Ended the Babble at Babel"

The Scripture Lessons, Psalm of the Day, and Sermon Text are printed on the following pages.

Today's Scriptures

Responsive Reading from Psalm 51

(read responsively after the Confession of Sins and Words of Absolution)

- P O Lord, open my lips:
- C And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.
- P For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it:
- C You do not delight in burnt offering.
- P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
- C A broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise.
- P Create in me a clean heart, O God:
- C And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- P Do not cast me away from Your presence:
- C And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
- P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation:
- C And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.
- P Then I will teach transgressors Your ways:
- C And sinners shall be converted to You.

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First Lesson – Acts 2:1-2

The Coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost
The Crowd's Reaction / Peter's Sermon

1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this

sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. 7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." 12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" 13 Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine." 14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. 15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 "And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. 18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood and fire and vapor of smoke. 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. 21 And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

Second Lesson – John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

The Coming Helper, the Holy Spirit, Will Bear Witness to Jesus

15:26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. | 16:12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will

speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

Sermon Text – Genesis 11:1-9

The Tower of Babel

1 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. 3 Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. 4 And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." 5 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. 6 And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. 7 Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." 8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. 9 Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (6/8)	9:30 am	Festival of Pentecost Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time (downstairs)
Sun (6/15)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time

July Meetings: Mary/Martha Ladies – Sunday July 13 Church Council – Sunday July 20 Quarterly Voters – Sunday July 27

Special Events Up-Coming in June:

- Camp Koyquin Youth Camp at Pillager, MN: June 8-14
- CLC General Pastoral Conference: Tues-Thurs, June 17-19, on the campus of ILC, Eau Claire
- Christ's Explorers Young Adult Retreat, Bryson City, NC: June 19-22

Vacation Bible School for children entering grades K-6 is planned tentatively for Tuesday-Thursday, July 15-17, here at St. Paul. Time: 9:00 am to noon. More information to be shared soon.

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions June 9-14

Mon John 14:15-20 Jesus promises another Counselor, the Spirit of truth, to be with them always. The Spirit will bring them into a family relationship with Jesus and with the Father.

Tues Acts 2:1-21 The sounds and sights and languages got peoples' attention, but left them baffled. To learn what it all meant, they needed the Spirit-filled preaching of Peter, who stood up with the Eleven.

Wed Exodus 19:16 – 20:20 When the Lord gave the Ten Commandments to His people, both the thunder and lightning, the horn and the message left them trembling with fear. Without His mercy no one can stand.

Thurs Joel 3:1-5 The Lord promises that a time of restoration is coming for His people, and a time of judgement is coming for all the nations and people who have opposed Him by abusing His people.

Fri John 15:1-8 Jesus and His disciples are like a vine and its branches. As the vine produces fruit through the branches, so Christ will produce fruit through His disciples, and God the Father will be glorified.

Sat Acts 2:36-41 Some 3,000 people heard Peter's preaching on Pentecost and received God's gift of repentance and Baptism for the forgiveness of their sins! This was the Holy Spirit's harvest!

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