



Festival of Pentecost – May 24, 2026

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Welcome to
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado

A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests. It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States, in Canada, and throughout the continent of Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All our churches confess that the Bible is the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come and worship with us again. Questions? Please speak with one of the ushers. They will happy to assist 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 paraments, reminiscent of the tongues of fire by which the Spirit revealed His presence to the disciples.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is being administered today to *Theodore Karl Mess*, the son of Scott and Carly (nee Meyer) Mess. Theodore was born on April 25, 2026. The baptismal sponsors are Lily Meyer and Rachel Kalblinger.

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PENTECOST FESTIVAL ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Hymn

LSB 593 – *"See This Wonder in the Making"*

The Invocation

P: Welcome ... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

Baptism Ceremony

Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness

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. (spoken)

Lord, Have Mercy *The Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest *The Gloria in Excelsis*

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray ...

C: Amen. (spoken)

First Lesson – Acts 2:1-21

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.'"

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 51

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.

Second Lesson – John 16:5-11

5 "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in C major, 4/4 time. The first staff is the Alleluia chorus: 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff contains the text: 'These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that'. The third staff contains the text: 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.'. The fourth staff is another Alleluia chorus: 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'.

Confession of Faith

Luther's Explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles Creed
(On the work of God the Holy Spirit: Sanctification)

I believe that I cannot by my own reasoning or effort believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, nor come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 500 – *"Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"*

Sermon, based on Joel 2:28-29

Praise God for His Gift of the Holy Spirit!

1. He opens our eyes to see like prophets.
2. He opens our lips to speak like prophets.



28 "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. 29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days."

Offertory



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Special Petitions / Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

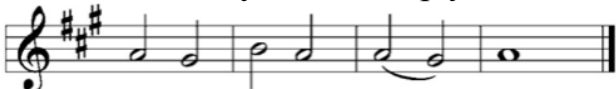
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

LSB 503 (1-4) – "O Day Full of Grace"

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you . . .

C: 

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

LSB 503 (5)

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (5/24)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Theodore Mess Baptism Reception
	11:15 am	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday (5/31)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Lisa Chiappetti Graduation Reception
	11:15 am	Choir Rehearsal

Choir Members, please note that rehearsals are planned for the following days and times:

- Next Sunday, May 31, 11:15 am
- Sunday, June 7, 10:45 am
- Sunday, June 14, 10:45 am

We will practice the song to be sung by the joint choir at the Annual Front Range Mission Service in Loveland.

Front Range Mission Festival

Hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland

Date: Sunday, June 14; Time: 3:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Missionary Bruce Naumann

Mission Presentation: 2:00 pm

Meal to follow the service



Upcoming In June

Elders Zoom Meeting: Thursday, June 11, 6:30 pm

37th CLC Delegates Convention, Eau Claire, WI: Thu-Sun, June 25-28

In Our Prayers: Tracy Brethauer, daughter of Fred and Bobbie, who was recently hospitalized with a heart ailment. May the Lord grant her patience and strength according to His gracious will.

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Holy Spirit, hear us on this sacred day;
come to us with blessing, come with us to stay.

Come as once Thou camest to the faithful few
patiently awaiting Jesus' promise true.

Up to heaven ascending, our dear Lord has gone;
yet His little children leaves He not alone.

To His blessed promise now in faith we cling.
Comforter, most holy, spread o'er us Thy wing.

Lighten Thou our darkness, be Thyself our Light;
strengthen Thou our weakness, Spirit of all might.



Spirit of Adoption,
make us overflow
with Thy sevenfold blessing
and in grace to grow.

Into Christ baptized grant that we may be
day and night, dear Spirit, perfected by Thee.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

May 25-30

Mon Acts 2:1-13 Many things happened on Pentecost: the sound like wind, the tongues like fire, even mockery (v13). But the Spirit's gift was each one hearing the wonderful works of God in his own language.

Tues John 14:23-31 It is so important that we hold on to Jesus' word! That is why He sends the gift of the Holy Spirit: to remind His disciples of everything that He had told them and so to give them peace with God.

Wed Joel 2:28-32 The pouring out of God's Spirit was promised long ago through the prophet Joel. This gift would be not just for the leaders but for young and old, male and female, looking to the day of the Lord.

Thurs Psalm 104:1-4 With the psalmist we ponder the glory of God as revealed in His creation of the world. On the first two days the light and sky remind us that there is no darkness in Him who is over all.

Fri Psalm 104:5-23 On days three and four, God made the dry land appear so that plants might grow to feed the coming animals. The sun, moon, and stars mark the days and nights, months and seasons for all.

Sat Psalm 104:24-35 Days five and six saw the creation of animals as well as people to praise God in psalms. On the seventh day the Lord rejoiced to see that His creation was very good (v31). Hallelujah!