



## June 8, 2025 - The Festival of Pentecost

### As We Gather

On Pentecost, God the Holy Spirit came down to earth in a most dramatic way, fulfilling the promise that Jesus had made to His disciples. The gift of the Holy Spirit has two different effects. On one hand, the gift is received by the faithful who have trusted in the Lord's promise and who have awaited the fulfillment of that promise. On the other, the gift manifests itself in a people who are sent with that promise to a world still in darkness of sin and death. It is a profound moment and yet it effects a profound change in the nature of the church. What we have been given is meant not to be hoarded but to be shared, not to be kept but to be given away, as the church proclaims the story of the salvation God has accomplished by the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ.

### Welcome

**Hymn:** LSB 500 "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

### Invocation

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

### Confession of Sins and Absolution

**Pastor:** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

*(Moment of silence for personal confession.)*

**All:** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**Pastor:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

### Responsive Reading with Hymn Verses For Pentecost John 7:37–39; 15:26–27; 16:12–16

**Pastor:** On 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."

**People:** "Whoever believes in Me as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

**Pastor:** Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive.

**People:** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

**All:** (Sing) {LSB 497}

- 1. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your graces now outpoured  
On each believer's mind and heart; Your fervent love to them impart.  
Lord by the brightness of Your light, In holy faith Your Church unite,  
From every land and every tongue This to Your praise, O Lord, our God be sung:  
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Pastor:** "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me.

**People:** **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

**Pastor:** And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning."

**People:** **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your Love.**

**All:** (Sing)

- 2. Come, Holy Light, guide divine, Now cause the Word of life to shine.  
Teach us to know our God aright And call Him Father with delight,  
From every error keep us free; Let none but Christ our master be  
That we in living faith abide, In Him our Lord, with all our might confide,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Pastor:** "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth.

**People:** **He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come.**

**Pastor:** He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.

**People:** **All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you."**

**All:** **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

**All:** (Sing)

- 3. Come, holy Fire, comfort true, Grant us the will Your work to do  
And in Your service to abide; Let trials turn us not aside.  
Lord, by Your power prepare each heart, And to our weakness strength impart  
That bravely here we may contend, Through life and death to You, our Lord ascend.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray:

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

**First Reading - Genesis 11:1-9** *(The account of the Tower of Babel when God caused the people to speak in different languages and scattered them.)*

<sup>1</sup> Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. <sup>2</sup> As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly. "They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup> But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. <sup>6</sup> The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." <sup>8</sup> So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. <sup>9</sup> That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading - Acts 2:1-21** *(Luke's account of what occurred in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost.)*

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 their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> 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! " <sup>12</sup> 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." Peter Addresses the Crowd <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 people 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: <sup>17</sup> "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 heavens 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.'

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading - John 14:23-31** *(On the night before His death, Jesus assures the disciples that the Father will send them the Holy Spirit.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fourteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup> "All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, 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. <sup>28</sup> "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. <sup>30</sup> I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, <sup>31</sup> but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me. "Come now; let us leave.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord,

**People: Praise be to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn:** LSB 498 "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"

**Sermon:** Acts 2:1-21 "A Powerful Force: Then and Now"

**Confession of Faith:** *(Third Article of the Apostles Creed and the Explanation)*

**All: 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.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

**All: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the 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 my sins and the sins of all believers.**

**On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

**Reception of New Member:** Cindy Swoyer

**Offerings**

**Prayers**

Pastor: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs.

Counselor Spirit, thank You for Your ministry among us through both the Law and the Gospel. Use them to convict us of all the ways we turn away from Your love and to comfort us with healing forgiveness through Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Fire of Love, pour out the love of Jesus into the hearts of Your people. Inspire all who speak Your Word among us with wisdom and faithfulness. Create receptive hearts and minds in all of us that we may hear and gladly follow Your voice. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**        **hear our prayer.**

Pastor:        Spirit of Peace, there is so much violence and turmoil in this world. Grant to the leaders of our community, state, and nation courage to serve all people; to listen to the voices of the voiceless; to protect life in all its forms; and to put an end to warfare and violence and discord; that all people live in peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**        **hear our prayer.**

Pastor:        Breath of God, breathe Your healing presence among all people who suffer any affliction of body, mind, or spirit, [*especially . . .*]. Lift up the downcast, restore the fallen, strengthen the weak, and fill the hungry with good things. Help all who suffer to trust in Your abiding presence and to rest in Your love that surrounds us all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**        **hear our prayer.**

Pastor:        Spirit of Unity, You call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the people of God in every tribe, kindred, nation, and language throughout the many diversities of this world. Help us to live with our families, neighbors, and co-workers with the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Keep us in the faith in Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life until that day when we dwell together under God's reign of love among all the saints in light. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**        **hear our prayer.**

*(Any special petitions will be included here.)*

Pastor:        Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:**        **Amen.**

**Hymn:** LSB 496 "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

### **Closing Prayer**

Pastor:        Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies of Your Word, and bestow on the Church, Your glorious peace through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:**        **Amen.**

### **Benediction**

Pastor:        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.

**People:**        **Amen.**

**Hymn:** "Shine, Jesus Shine"

**Lord, the light of Your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us, Set us free by the truth You now bring us; Shine on me, Shine on me.**

*Chorus:*

**Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance; By the blood I may enter Your brightness, Search me, try me, consume all my darkness; Shine on me, Shine on me. (Chorus)**

**As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, So our faces display Your likeness, Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story; Shine on me. Shine on me. (Chorus)**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of June 8, 2025**

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**Family for the Week: Jim & Donna Key**  
**Immanuel, Joplin - Rev. Christopher Ramstad**

**Prayers of Peace and Comfort:**  
**Family of Sheryl Holle on her passing**  
**Family of Gary Lampe on his passing**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving:**  
**Bryan Velasco – (friend of Bernie Thomas – on a successful surgery)**

**Prayers for Health and Healing:**  
**Sharon Crandall – (health and healing from a minor stroke)**  
**Carol Bresnick – (friend of Cathy Munden – health and healing from broken shoulder)**  
**Bill Parsons – (Joanne Michel's brother – health and healing from surgery)**

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## **Complete Prayer List:**

### **Temporary**

Pat Bricco – (friend of Grace – health and healing)  
Treaa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
Roger Harris – (Wendy's Dad – health and healing from flu)  
Ervin Jung – (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)  
Deborah Knotts – (our cleaning lady – health and healing)  
Wendy Koenig – (friend of Heidi Costello – health and healing)  
Pastor Clif Loman – (former Pastor at Grace – health and healing)

Alissa Loveland – (Bob & Rachel Sanford's daughter healing–accident)  
Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)  
Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)  
Robert Sick – (Ardella Frerich's granddaughter's husband)  
Bill Thompson – (health and healing)  
Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard's friend)

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### **Long Term**

Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer – health & healing)  
Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)  
Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing from surgery)  
Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin – health and healing)  
Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)  
Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)  
Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)  
Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)  
Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)  
Jan Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel – health and healing)  
Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)  
Gary Gardner – (health and healing)  
Betty Gordon – (Health and healing)  
Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)

Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health & healing cancer)  
Ron Hicks – (friend of Glenda Enlow – health and healing)  
Steve Hilton – (friend of Harold Lampe –health & healing, cancer)  
Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones' mother – health)  
Robbie Krueger – (friend of Kathy Holle)  
Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's Sister-In-Law – health & healing)  
Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)  
Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)  
Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing from cancer)  
Kooper Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer's Great-grandson healing)  
Barbara Jean Wilson – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

## THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Braille – 9:00 am & 1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study at Freistatt – 1:30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Pastor in Office
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Pastor in Office
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service with Communion Happy Father's Day!
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Braille – 9:00 am & 1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study at Freistatt – 1:30 pm

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**Birthdays:** Bob Sanford-June 9<sup>th</sup>; Dorothea Dennis-June 11<sup>th</sup>; Rick Thomas-June 12<sup>th</sup>; Amanda Weber-June 13<sup>th</sup>; Tara Martin-June 14<sup>th</sup>

**Anniversaries:** Byron & Tara Martin-June 12<sup>th</sup>; Rick & Bernie Thomas-June 14<sup>th</sup>

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### June

#### **Greeters**

**08: Bill & Joanne Michel**  
15: Cheryl Lile & Gladys Bauer  
22: Bob & Rachel Sanford  
29: Stan & Sharon Crandall

#### **Ushers**

**08: Charlie Chambers**  
15: Bill Michel  
22: Rob Springer  
29: Matt Miller

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**Pastor Daniel Heitshusen's ordination and installation at Grace** will be July 26 at 3:00 pm. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend! More details to follow – stay tuned!



**Trinity Lambs Cottage will be opening a daycare for kiddos ages 6 weeks to 5 years in July.** Information is available on our website:

[trinity1874.com/daycare](http://trinity1874.com/daycare)<<http://trinity1874.com/daycare>>. Spots are already filling up and we are in need of Part-Time Caregivers. We have a fabulous director, Sonya Johnson, who will be excited to train and coach anyone with a heart for our mission to raise up the kiddos in our community. Trinity Lambs Cottage is also on Facebook and Instagram. More information is available on the church bulletin board.

**Having trouble seeing?** Glasses not working anymore? Join us **Thursday, June 19th, at 1pm for education on age related vision loss at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lockwood, MO.** Audrey Schnelle Poore, a low vision occupational therapist, will be providing education on various tips and tricks to improve safety, independence, and make life less frustrating. Items such as magnifiers, lighting, glare control lenses, and technology devices will be available for trial. This is recommended to not only patients, but also to family members and medical providers, as vision loss affects 7.7 million people in the US. A flyer is on the bulletin board.