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Sunday, May 24, 2026

Day of Pentecost

PRELUDE: ORGAN / CLAVINOVA
[*] REQUESTS YOUR RISING IF COMFORTABLE
GREETINGS



***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

(The ‘sign of the Cross’ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism)

***GATHERING SONG *God of Our Fathers* (LBW 567)**

God of Our Fathers

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;

leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
in this free land by you our lot is cast;
make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:
oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace

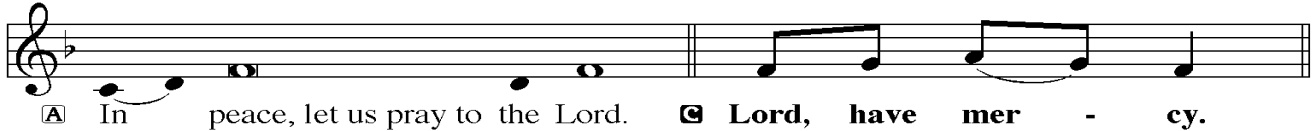
our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
your word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

***GREETING**

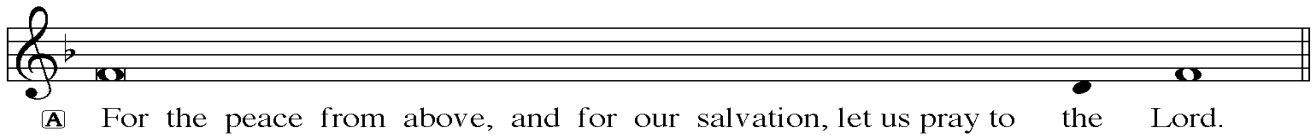
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

***KYRIE (LBW p. 57)**



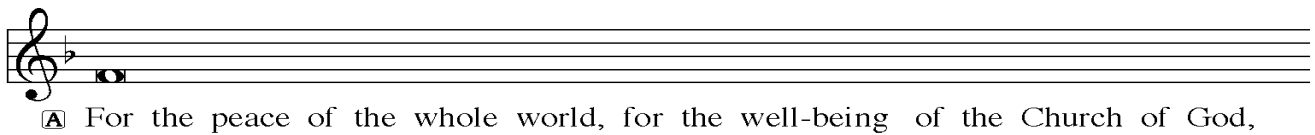
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



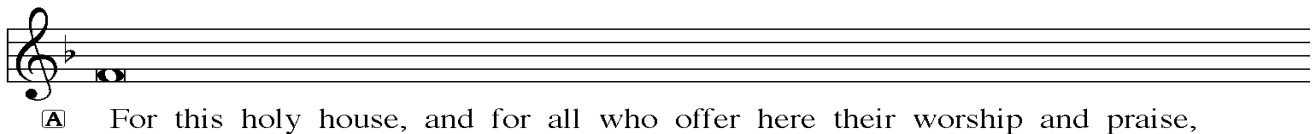
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



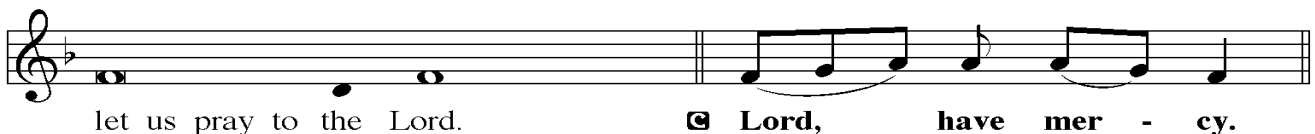
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.




C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

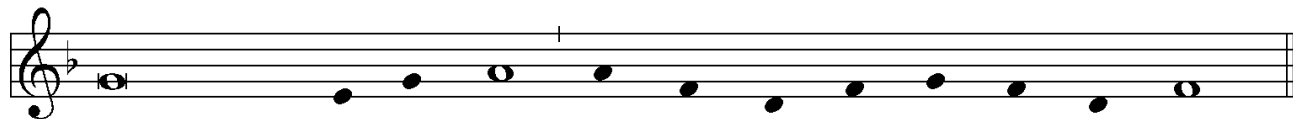


let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

***HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 58)**



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

LESSONS: LECTIONARY YEAR A

LECTOR: COLLEEN JURACO

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts.

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem.

⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

- ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.
- ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.
- ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
- ¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
- ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.
- ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
- ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

READER The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (*Ps. 104:31*)

²⁴ How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

²⁷ **All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season.**

²⁸ You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

³¹ **May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.**

³² You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³ **I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

³⁴ May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

^{35b} **Bless the LORD, | O my soul.
Hal- | lelujah!**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

^{3b} No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

READER The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*VERSE (LBW p. 62)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY: “THE LEADER OF EVERY CHURCH”



HYMN OF THE DAY *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* (LBW 566)

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty,

of thee I sing: land where my fa - thers died, land of the
thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and
sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake; let all that
to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with free - dom's

pil - grims' pride, from ev - 'ry moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.
tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our king.

Text: Samuel F. Smith, 1808–1895
Music: NATIONAL ANTHEM, *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, 1744

***CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,**

*THE PRAYERS

P Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

P O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name (*especially*). Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith (*especially scientists Nicolaus Copernicus and Leonard Euler*) whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.



A TIME SET ASIDE FOR SILENT PRAYER

***PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us share God's peace with one another.

***OFFERTORY (WOV p. 50)**

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

P Let us pray.

P Gracious God,

C **in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**



***BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

REFLECTIONS

1. Can you see unity today amidst so much human diversity? What's it going to take to get people to follow the ways of God?
(Commandments...Jesus' teaching...Bible warnings)
2. The biblical narrative about Babel in Genesis 11 has a lot to say to us today. What do you think the people in Genesis 11 thought they could attain? What are we trying to attain personally... as a nation? In a certain way of looking at it, people's differences are a good thing, right? So then, what are our differences (diversities) good for? What does 'diversity' mean anyway?
3. What is the Holy Spirit saying to the Lutheran Church of today? Are we listening? And, how can the Spirit lead us here at St. Peter?

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank you for coming!



~ Strength & Healing Concerns~

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pam Rabe	Judy Livingston	Pat Janssen	Bill Juraco
Mary Lou Nannen	Judy Wyss	Virginia Mahan	Richard Sathoff
Carl Satterlee	Dave Kroepel	Linda Meyer	Grant Blaza
Doug Rabe	Alice Lopez	Marsha Shafer	Bobby Creamer
Becky Pfahl	Brenda Hyneman	Rita Scott	Karen Randle
Julie Scott			

And All Soldiers Serving Our Country

~ THANK YOU ~

Music: Alice Lopez
Reader: Colleen Juraco
Greeter: Volunteers

New Summer Worship Hours

Reminder – beginning June 7th, worship time will begin at 9am. The summer hours will go through the months of June, July and August. During the summer there will be no Sunday School classes.

Summertime Outdoor Services

Weather permitting, we will have outdoor services on June 14th, July 12th, and August 9th. Bring your comfortable lawn chairs and enjoy the beautiful country scenery that God has provided for us here at St. Peter. Services will begin at 9am with fellowship hour to follow.

~ ST. PETER HAPPENINGS ~

May 24th – Non-Communion Sunday

Day of Pentecost

May 25th – Memorial Day

May 31st – Communion Sunday

June 4th – 4H Logan Leaders – Basement Reserved

June 7th – Communion Sunday

9am Church Worship Service Begins!!

June 10th – 9am Sewing

6pm Council Meeting

June 14th – Non-Communion Service

9am Outdoor Worship Service – weather permitting

January thru May:

Non-Perishable food items for St. John's Food Pantry and Personal Care Kit Items:

- Light weight bath towels (dark color) (20"x40")
- Bars of Bath Soap
- Sturdy Combs
- Adult Toothbrushes
- Nail Clippers

If you would like, Sharon Benson will do the shopping for you if you would rather. Just let her know! Thanks!

There is a container in the Narthex to leave your items.

Audition for Arc Light Productions' summer show "Puffs", geared toward ages 16 and up. Whether it's your first time on stage since your high school production or you're a season veteran, we'd love for you to join our cast. Auditions are May 29th & 30th. Visit www.arclightpro.com for more information.



ARC LIGHT PRODUCTIONS
Auditions
May 29th | 6:00pm - 9:30pm
May 30th | 9:30am - 12:00pm
Illini Bluffs High School

Were you emotionally shaped by wizard books, sarcasm, and being the side character? Audition for "Puffs"—a fast, funny, deeply millennial comedy about the kids who definitely weren't the Chosen One.

Whether you're a seasoned stage veteran or haven't auditioned since your high school production of "The Crucible," we want YOU. "Puffs" is the ultimate ensemble show—hilarious, fast-paced, heart-warming, and packed with pop culture references that will make your inner 2000s teenager incredibly happy.



GOSPEL MESSAGE

May 24, 2026

DAY OF PENTECOST

Deep Breath

In the world of the Bible, the word *breath* is synonymous with “life.” Breath is necessary for a creature to be considered alive; where there isn’t breath, there isn’t life. Breath from God animates—brings to life—the creature formed from dust, the first human. When Jesus dies on the cross, three of the four gospels describe the moment using the phrase “breathed his last.”

In today’s gospel reading, Jesus appears to the disciples after the resurrection and offers his body to them for inspection. His scarred hands and side reveal that he is, in fact, Jesus, who was crucified. He is not an impostor. The disciples rejoice at the recognition. Next, Jesus breathes on them, a clear physical and symbolic assurance that he is not just a body but a *living* body. The breath that was once spent and gone has returned. He is not reanimated; he is *resurrected*. He has life in him again!

When Jesus breathes on his disciples, he also invites them to receive the Holy Spirit. This moment is extraordinary. Jesus animates the disciples in the same way God animated Adam: by bestowing divine breath, which brings not only physical life but spiritual life as well. Moreover, Jesus reveals that the Holy Spirit he promised to the disciples is, in fact, his own animating Spirit.

The earth-shaking wind of the Spirit at Pentecost is also an intimate breath of life. Through this divine exhale, there is the gift of life—body *and* spirit—and the enduring promise of resurrection.

Spend a few moments today doing some deep breathing as you give thanks for God’s gift of breath and for the Holy Spirit.

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