

**Day of Pentecost**  
Sunday May 24, 2026



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\* *Indicates please stand as you are able.*

**PRELUDE**    *The Holy Spirit*

Dennis Eliot

### **\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,  
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.  
You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **GATHERING**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**    *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

**ELW #400**

### **\*GREETING**

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

**People:**    *And also with you.*

**\*Kyrie**

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**\*Hymn of Praise**

This is the Feast.....

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### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:**    *Amen*

## **WORD**

### **First Reading: Acts 2:1-21**

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

<sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

<sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ‘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.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

Reader: Word of God; Word of Life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

*Read responsively*

<sup>24</sup> How manifold are your <sup>l</sup> works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full <sup>l</sup> of  
your creatures.

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

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships <sup>l</sup> to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the <sup>l</sup> sport of it.

<sup>27</sup> **All of them <sup>l</sup> look to you  
to give them their food <sup>l</sup> in due season.**

<sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they <sup>l</sup> gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled <sup>l</sup> with good things.

<sup>29</sup> **When you hide your face, <sup>l</sup> they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return <sup>l</sup>  
to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they <sup>l</sup> are created;

and so you renew the face<sup>1</sup> of the earth.  
<sup>31</sup> **May the glory of the LORD en-<sup>1</sup> dure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in<sup>1</sup> all your works.**  
<sup>32</sup> You look at the earth<sup>1</sup> and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains<sup>1</sup> and they smoke.  
<sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the LORD as long<sup>1</sup> as I live;  
I will praise my God while I<sup>1</sup> have my being.**  
<sup>34</sup> May these words of<sup>1</sup> mine please God.  
I will rejoice<sup>1</sup> in the LORD.  
<sup>35b</sup> **Bless the LORD,<sup>1</sup> O my soul.  
Hal-<sup>1</sup> lelujah!**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

<sup>3b</sup> No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.  
<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit,<sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord,<sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.<sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.<sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,<sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,<sup>10</sup> 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.<sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup> 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.<sup>13</sup> 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: Word of God; Word of Life.

**People: *Thanks be to God***

### **\*Gospel Acclamation**

**p. 142a**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John

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

## **Gospel: John 20:19-23**

<sup>19</sup> 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." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord  
**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**     *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*  
**ELW #403**

## **\*NICENE CREED**

Asst. Min.: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.  
***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into  
heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.***

***We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

### **PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*Between each petition the following is said:*

Asst. Min.: Merciful God,  
**People:** ***Receive our prayer.***

Asst. Min.: 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.

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

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Come, Holy Spirit*  
Chancel Choir; Ann Hossler, piano

Philip Kern

### **PREPARING THE TABLE**

**OFFERING PRAYER**                      Spoken in Unison

**Merciful God,**  
**accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.**  
**You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day**  
**when we will hunger and thirst no more.**  
**Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,**  
**that goodness and mercy may follow us**  
**and bless the world you love.**  
**In the name of Jesus,**  
***Amen.***

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**                      **p. 144a**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

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

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and  
join their unending hymn:

**\*Sanctus**

**p. 144b**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

**\*Eucharistic Prayer**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Spoken in Unison

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us.

***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.***

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.

**People: *Thanks be to God.***

**SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT**

**\*TABLE BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

***Amen.***

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Spoken in Unison

**Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new.  
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,**

**to love our enemies,  
and to bring your healing to the nations.  
In the name of Jesus,  
Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✚ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**     *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

**ELW #582**

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**     *Holy Spirit, We Welcome You*

Chris Bowater

***Celebrating Pride – All Are Welcome!***

This June, we joyfully celebrate **Pride Month**, honoring the dignity, worth, and love of our LGBTQ+ community. As a church committed to justice, compassion, and radical welcome, we believe that God's love knows no bounds — and neither should ours.

We're excited to participate in upcoming Pride events in our community and are looking for volunteers to help represent our congregation with love and hospitality. Whether it's helping with greeting visitors, handing out swag items or simply showing up to stand in solidarity — your presence matters.

Let's show up with joy, kindness, and open hearts—because **love is love, and God is love.**

**Lititz Pride: Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 6:00 PM.  
727 Furnace Hills Pike, Lititz**

**Lancaster Pride: Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 –6:00 PM.  
Penn Medicine Park, Lancaster**

**Volunteer sign-ups are in the Fellowship Hall.**



**St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
Statement of Welcome, Affirmation  
and Full Participation**



Welcome to St Matthew, the little church  
with a big heart.



We are a Reconciling in Christ  
(Open and Affirming)  
congregation, so when we say "all are welcome",  
we really mean it.

We strive to live that out in our actions as well as our words.  
We publicly and humbly commit to do what it takes to truly be  
a sanctuary filled with warmth, love, understanding, safety,  
respect and care for all who enter here.

*(Please see our Full Statement of Welcome, Affirmation and Full  
Participation on our website: [www.stmatthewelc.com](http://www.stmatthewelc.com). Copies of  
the Full Statement are also available in the Education  
and Resources Stand in the Fellowship Hall.)*



**MAY BIRTHDAYS!**

**5/4 Nancy Smith**  
**5/5 Bob Wimer**  
**5/9 Mimi Ruth**  
**5/19 Lunda Shaub**  
**5/22 Cynthia Longenecker**  
**5/24 Linda Tice**  
**5/24 Mark Smith**

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES!**

**5/2 Brad & Sheila Charles**  
**5/17 Paul & Donna Kilgore**  
**5/19 Erik & Sarah Teichmann**  
**5/28 Steve & Sue Feldmann**

**The Congregation**

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**5/23 Saturday**

5:00pm Pentecost Worship

**5/24 Sunday**

10:00am Pentecost Worship

**5/29 Tuesday**

3:00pm CPR Class \*

**5/30 Saturday**

5:00pm Worship

**5/31 Sunday**

10:00am Worship

***Scripture Readings—  
May 30-31, 2026***

**Genesis 1:1—2:4a**

**Psalm 8**

**2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

**Matthew 28:16-20**

*\*Events scheduled for outside groups that use our facility. You are welcome to attend or sign up for all other events on the calendar*