

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024
DAY OF PENTECOST

a little about the Scripture readings today
and the saints of the Church we remember
this week...

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING **Acts 2:1-21**
Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

SECOND READING **Romans 8:22-27**
By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

GOSPEL **John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**
While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

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COMMEMORATIONS
FOR THE WEEK

Helena, mother of Constantine, died around 330 May 21
Influenced by her son to become Christian, Helena (or Helen) lived an exemplary life of faith. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine building churches on the sites she believed to be associated with Christ's life.
Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543; Leonhard Euler, died 1783; scientists May 24
These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.



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Festive Worship Liturgy
for
Day of Pentecost
May 19, 2024

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Confirmation Sunday

Day of Pentecost
Confirmation Sunday
Dedication of Choir Robes
May 19, 2024
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

The Sanctus Bells proclaim the advent of worship and Christ’s presence with us. Please rise as the bells are rung.
During the 50 days of Easter, we stand for portions of the Liturgy for which we usually kneel,
witnessing to the confidence we have in the victory Christ has won for us through His resurrection.

Dedication of Choir Robes

Thanksgiving for Baptism [the faithful stand] Insert

Hymn Come Down, O Love Divine ELW 804

Greeting

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

Canticle of Praise This is the Feast ELW pages 149-150

Prayer of the Day

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in Bible reading, preaching, and song.

Children’s Message [10:00]

First Reading Acts 2:1-21

Psalm: 104:24-34, 35b [sung responsively, indented verses by the gathered] found in the Hymnal

Second Reading Romans 8:22-27

Holy Gospel John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Spoken response at the announcement of the Gospel: Glory to you, O Lord.
After the reading of the Gospel: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon Pastor Heagy

Hymn of the Day Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart ELW 800

Public Affirmation of Baptism [10:00] ELW pages 234-236

Apostles’ Creed [8:30] ELW page 105

Prayers of the Faithful [Response to each petition: Hear our prayer.]

Exchange of Peace

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Anthem Built on a Rock, The Church Shall Stand Dale Wood

Doxology [the faithful stand] ELW 884

Offertory Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

The Lord be with you. / And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. / We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. / It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Insert

Sanctus ELW page 153

Verba [the faithful stand]

Lord’s Prayer ELW page 154

Invitation to the Table

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God’s table.

*Gluten free wafers available

Agnus Dei [the faithful stand] ELW page 154

Distribution

Hymn “There is No Greater Love” is sung during distribution of the Eucharist.

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Hymn What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine ELW 774

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Soli Deo Gloria