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MAY 24th, 2026, 9:30 am + PENTECOST SUNDAY

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you.

Be with us today, and empower us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen.

Come, Holy Spirit! Let the fire of your love consume us.

GATHERING HYMN

“Hail Thee, Festival Day!”

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS(*please rise in body or spirit)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

“ Now the Feast and Celebration”

ELW 167

GREETING

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

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. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

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.' "

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

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (read responsively)

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 many 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 endure 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. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION(*please rise in body or spirit)

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The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

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."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"

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NICENE CREED(*please rise in body or spirit)

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*Each petition concludes: "God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**"*

The final petition:

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING

(offering plates are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. The offering plates are brought forward during the singing of our offering hymn.)

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Blessing, Honor, and Glory”

#433

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

p. 129

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.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast! **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lamb of God”

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“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind” #400

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” #752

BLESSING FROM THE TABLE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

BLESSING(*please rise in body or spirit)

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit ”

(see insert)

DISMISSAL

This worship is ended; Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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GIVE ONLINE

We, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, welcome all to share Christ's love, grow in faith, and to live a life of service glorifying God.

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Don & Jan Olafson in honor of all veterans for their service to our country.

Summer Youth Trip July 20-21 - OSLC youth and friends in grades 7-12! Sign up now! Join Kyla on a two-day trip to Minneapolis and enjoy time volunteering at Global Health Ministries and Feed My Starving Children as well as Valleyfair! Sign up on the youth bulletin board today!

Red Willow Bible Camp Sponsorship Code Forms are now available and located on both youth bulletin boards! If your child plans to attend camp this summer, simply grab a form, complete it, and get it back to Kyla or the church office and then Kyla will be in touch with the OSLC code to register for camp. Contact Kyla with any questions!

Faith Lutheran Church in Valley City is having a Rummage Sale Friday, May 29th 9-5 and Saturday, May 30th 8-1. Be sure to stop by and see what deals there are to be had!

Peggy Lee Concert: Peggy Lee Day in Valley City is Friday, June 19th. Congregation member, Myron Sommerfeld, and his band, along with Miss Bonnie Lynn and other special guests will be presenting a free concert at 7:00pm at the VCSU Larry J Robinson Fine Arts Center. There will be a free floral raffle along with refreshments of ice cream and coffee. Please bring food items for the Barnes County Food Pantry. Call 701-845-1777 for more information.

Radio Broadcasts: There are currently many Sundays open to sponsor. Please contact Ann in the office if you would like to help with this important outreach ministry. If you have a special Sunday in mind, please reserve it as soon as possible to ensure it is available. The cost to sponsor each Sunday broadcast is \$100.

The Summer Grocery Store through The Bridges Backpack Program will be open again this year. It will be open every Wednesday evening from June 4 through August 6, 5-7pm. Enter the High School through door #W6 and watch for the OPEN sign by the door. This is a free program open to everyone during the summer when school lunches are not available. The program receives some food from the Great Plains Food Bank but is also supported by local churches and organizations. Donations can be put in the bin in the Gathering Area. Perishable items such as fresh fruits and veggies, and refrigerated or frozen items, can be dropped off at Faith Lutheran Church and they will make sure they are given to the Store. Suggested donation items include: canned chicken or tuna, soup, fruit, ravioli, Spaghetti O's, boxed cereal, pasta and mac & cheese, Hamberger Helper, potato chips, syrup, baking items and rice. These items can be left in the tote in the Gathering Area here at OSLC. **Donation checks can be made out to and mailed to:**

Bridges Backpack Program, Inc, 674 10th Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072. If you would like to volunteer on one of these Wednesdays, please contact Pr Jared or the office.

Good Samaritans Quilters are always looking for used sheets and fabric: the quilters are asking, as you clean closets and downsize, to keep them in mind. They are looking for used sheets (no white, please) and fabric (cotton preferred). If you have questions, please contact Ann in the office.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

We're continuing a practice at Our Savior's to be mindful of our prayer for one another. Each week, staff will be praying for, and congregation members are encouraged to pray for families of the congregation, by name. This week we pray for Jon Strang, Susan Strang, Michael & Lori Strom, Carmen Svenningsen and Maureen Svihovec families. *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone" 1 Timothy 2:1*

A look ahead at the week of May 24th to May 31st, 2026.

TODAY: 8:45 am | Coffee and Fellowship
9:30 am | Worship
9:30 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 FM Radio Broadcast

MON: **Office and building closed in honor of Memorial Day**

TUES: 9:00 am | Quilters
12:30 pm | Staff Meeting
12:30 pm | Vacation Bible School
1:30 pm | Text Study

WEDS: 9:30 am | Bible Study
12:30 pm | Vacation Bible School

THURS: 12:30 pm | Vacation Bible School

SAT: 7:30 am | Men's Bible Fellowship

SUN (5/31): 8:45 am | Coffee and Fellowship
9:30 am | Worship
9:30 am | Facebook Worship Livestream
11:00 am | KOVC 1490 AM/96.3 F Radio Broadcast

