



Reach out to all

Embrace His Gifts

Announce His coming

Commit to Christian Living

Honor His Word

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 24, 2026

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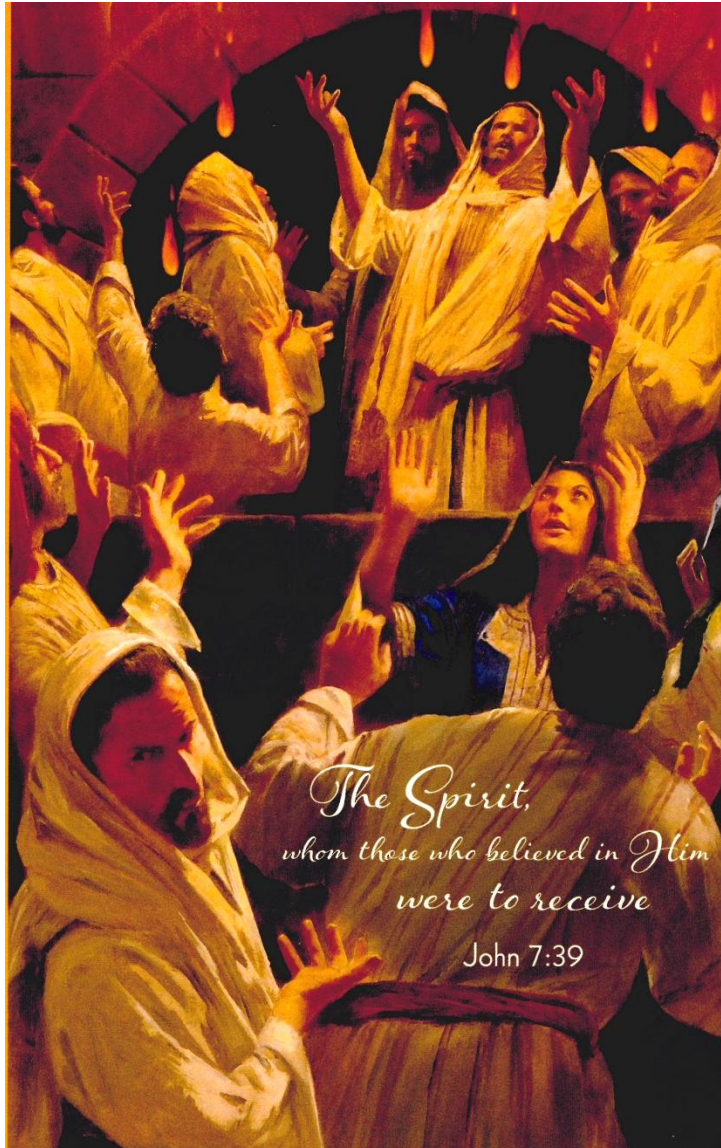
Procession of Flags and Pledges
Dedication of New Outdoor flags
Recognition of Veterans

Opening Hymn: "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Let us then confess our sins to God the Father

C: 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.



*The Spirit,
whom those who believed in Him
were to receive*

John 7:39



Day of Pentecost

Numbers 11:24-30- So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. **25** Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again. **26** However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. **27** A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” **28** Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!” **29** But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!” **30** Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Epistle- Acts 2:1-21 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,^[b] ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “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. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved

Gospel: John 7:37-³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “**Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.** ³⁸ **Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.**”^[a] ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe one holy and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn: “Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

Sermon : “A Festival of Pouring” John 7:37-39a

Welcome New Members



Pray for our country, for our military, for our healthcare workers & first responders, for those that are sick, for those in need, for those who have lost loved ones, for our home-bound, for wisdom for our leaders, and for all of your concerns. Prayers of Strength and Comfort for the Ukrainian People and wisdom for all NATO Members. Pray for all your concerns.

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: “God Bless Our Native Land”

SERMON REVIEW FOR May 24, 2026

“A Festival of Pouring” John 7:37-39a

Introduction: A ‘pouring’ is not the same as a ‘spilling.’
One is P_____ (the other accidental.)

I. An Old Testament outpouring of WATER

- A. The setting of today’s Gospel is the Feast of T_____
- B. Background
 - 1. A festival celebrating the W_____ W_____ (Leviticus 23:40-43)
 - 2. An agricultural celebration of the H_____ (EX. 23:16 & Zachariah 14:16-28)
 - 3. The high point of the seventh day: (Lev. 23:40)
A golden pitcher of water poured on the A_____
 - 4. At that moment, Jesus declares:
“If anyone is thirsty, let him come to ME and drink!”

II. The Pentecost outpouring of the HOLY SPIRIT

- A. The Apostles received “P_____ from A_____”
 - 1. Pentecost took place at the second harvest festival (The ‘Feast of Weeks,’ _____ days after Passover)
 - 2. The birthday of the New Testament C_____
- B. The Holy Spirit fills us with faith in Jesus Christ
 - 1. “Stream of L_____ Water”
 - 2. Satisfies all our needs.

III. The New Testament outpouring of WATER and the SPIRIT

- A. Through Baptism we are joined to all God’s past P_____ and future B_____
- B. God’s deliberate outpouring of all that is needed for out S_____ and E_____ Life.



ADULT BIBLE CLASS will not meet today but will continue next Sunday.

Jr. Bible Class: Classes will meet May 31st.

Reception Today

We would like to honor our veterans and welcome our new members during the regular church service. Afterwards we invite everyone to join us for cake and refreshments.



May - Lutherans for Life

Lutherans For Life exists to equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. An effective For Life message is one that is spoken with truth in love.



The ground level door will be open on Sunday mornings for those who wish to avoid climbing the hill. Also shortly after service begins both doors will be locked for security reasons.



Belize Missionary

There is a newsletter out on the table in the Narthex. You may read it or take one with you.



**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!
Acts 2.4**

Alleluia