

Sunday, May 24th 2026

The Day of Pentecost



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WELCOME TO EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

“How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!”
(Psalm 84:1) We are thankful that God has brought you here with us this morning to hear His Word and receive His gifts! You’ll find everything you need for the worship service in this bulletin and in *Lutheran Service Book*, our hymnal. If you have any questions about our worship service, our congregation, or what we believe, please ask our pastor or any of our members.



OUR COMMUNION POLICY:

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation by baptized believers in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

If you are not a member of a congregation in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive Communion, we kindly request that you first speak with our pastor.

SERVANTS DURING WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

Pastor – Rev. E.B. Holschuh
Lay Reader – Dave Layland
Assisting Elder – Dave Layland
Usher – Clayton Wolf
Acolyte – Calvin Monroe

We are using the Church Music Solutions Church Organist Service, an iPad application that provides us with accompaniment for our worship service. **There is a brief introduction to the musical parts of the liturgy unless otherwise noted.**

AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

The Risen Lord Jesus Pours Out the Holy Spirit

The Lord took “*some of the Spirit*” that was on Moses “*and put it on the seventy elders*” of Israel (Num. 11:25), and they “*prophesied in the camp*” (Num. 11:26). In the same way, our risen Lord Jesus poured out His Holy Spirit at the Feast of Pentecost – the 50th day and the “*Eighth Sunday*” of Easter. When “*a sound like a mighty rushing wind*” and “*tongues as of fire appeared*” and rested on each of the 12 apostles, “*they were all filled with the Holy Spirit*” and proclaimed “*the mighty works of God*” (Acts 2:2–4, 11). The Lord Jesus grants this same Spirit to His Church on earth to proclaim Him glorified on the cross and risen victorious from the grave for us sinners. From His open heart, our crucified and risen Lord pours out His Holy Spirit in “*rivers of living water*” (John 7:38) and invites everyone who thirsts to come to Him and drink freely (John 7:37). Through this life-giving work of the Holy Spirit, we hear our pastors “*telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God*” (Acts 2:11), and “*everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved*” (Acts 2:21).

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR

Prelude

Selected Music

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor

Announcements

Opening Hymn “*Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven*”

LSB 502

(stand)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** *Ps. 130:3-4*

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

[Luke 18:13]

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

[John 20:19-23]

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30

P O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

C **These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.**

P When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

C **When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis (no intro)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



☐ 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(sit)

First Reading

Numbers 11:24-30

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with

the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(stand)

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

John 20:31



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel Reading

John 7:37-39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(sit)

Hymn of the Day

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

LSB 496

(stand)

Apostles' Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

(sit)

Prayer of the Church

**☩ Lord, in Your mercy
☩ hear our prayer.**

Offering

Usher

(stand)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

[Colossians 3:1]

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

[Psalm 136]

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (no intro)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



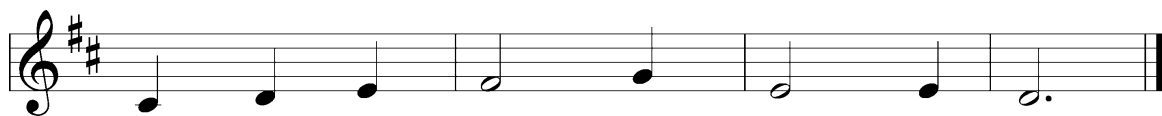
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(sit)

Distribution Hymn

“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”

LSB #498

(stand)

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

(sit)

Closing Hymn

“O Day Full of Grace”

LSB 503

P Go in Peace!

C Serve the Lord!

Postlude

Selected Music

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CATECHISM CORNER | *Bite-sized teachings from Luther's Small Catechism*

Written in 1529 in Q&A format, the Small Catechism explores the Six Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine: the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Confession, and the Sacrament of the Altar.

CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

7. *Who is Christ?*

The Son of God, true God and man.

8. *How many Gods are there?*

Only one; but there are three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

SERMON NOTES: Acts 2:1-21

“What does this mean?”

1. On the _____ day after Jesus' resurrection Christians were given the Holy Spirit, who frees, _____, and unbinds hearts and consciences from all sin, and _____ them to Christ their proper Master.
2. _____ spoke about the _____ event a _____ before it happened.
3. The _____'s New Testament activity is wrapped up with the real-life, historical work of Jesus Christ, who lived, died, and rose for mankind's _____.
4. The Spirit's rushing upon the _____ is not so much a discrete event as manifestation of a _____ already _____.
5. Jesus had told his _____ to wait for the _____ of the Holy Spirit, who would inaugurate an age of _____.
6. _____ is the counterpart to what happened at the Tower of Babel; there God _____ languages to undercut human pride; here, He used _____ languages to bring glory to Himself.



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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

The first step to becoming a member of our congregation is to speak with our pastor. We believe, teach, and confess that we are all broken sinners in need of God's salvation, which He freely gives through His Word and Sacrament. Church is not a club for the sinless— it's a hospital for sinners!

You may become a member of Epiphany Lutheran Church by transferring your membership from a sister congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) or you may receive instruction from the pastor and become a communicant member of Epiphany and the LCMS through Adult Instruction Class or through a profession of faith.

Epiphany Events Calendar: Our congregation calendar is on our website (epiphanybastrop.org); to add an event, please email secretary@epiphanybastrop.org.

Offering: Should you wish to make your regular tithe or offering online, you may do so at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZKYH/home> or scan this QR code.



9am Adult Sunday School: Join us as we continue the video study, *Drive Thru History: Ends of the Earth*. We're following host Dave Stotts as he travels the globe to tell the 2,000-year story of how the Gospel of Jesus Christ reached the Ends of the Earth.

Lutheran Radio: Hear The Lutheran Hour each Sunday on station KBUK-FM 104.9 at 7:00 a.m. or on station KANJ-FM 91.5 at 12:30 p.m. or go to lhm.org for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live. You can also listen to The Lutheran Hour on the local Austin station KLBJ (590 AM or 99.7 FM) at 7am on Sunday.

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PRAYERS AT EPIPHANY

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please share any prayer request on the Prayer Requests sheet as you enter on Sunday. You may also email a prayer request, as well as a request to become a part of Epiphany's prayer chain, to secretary@epiphanybastrop.org.

Please continue to pray for...

- John and Jenn Wolf and their children, Ian, Sean, Thad, Annalise, and Angus - missionaries in Kenya
- Fey Betak, Francis Eschberger, Jim Haynes, Anita Hickman, Ranita Murphy, Elaine Ottinger, Sally Potthast, Gert Schriener, and all the residents at Argent Court Assisted Living in Bastrop
- Daughter of Chase and Claire Harris
- Robb Family
- Lester Rainer – Deb and Dave Layland's Brother-in-Law

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY:

Sunday, May 24th

- 9:00am – No Children's Sunday School Today
- 9:00am – Adult Sunday School (Children may join their parents!)
- 10:00am – Fellowship / Coffee Time
- 10:30am – Worship Service with Communion

Sunday, May 31st

- 9:00am – Children's Sunday School
- 9:00am – Adult Sunday School
- 10:00am – Fellowship / Coffee Time
- 10:30am – Worship Service with Communion

Answers to Sermon Notes:

1. On the 50th day after Jesus' resurrection Christians were given the Holy Spirit, who frees, releases, and unbinds hearts and consciences from all sin, and restores them to Christ their proper Master.

2. God spoke about the Pentecost event a century before it happened.

3. The Holy Spirit's New Testament activity is wrapped up with the real-life, historical work of Jesus Christ, who lived, died, and rose for mankind's salvation.

4. The Spirit's rushing upon the Apostles is not so much a discrete event as manifestation of a reality already present.

5. Jesus had told his disciples to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit, who would inaugurate an age of witness.

6. Pentecost is the counterpart to what happened at the Tower of Babel; there God multiplied languages to undercut human pride; here, He used multiple languages to bring glory to Himself.

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From Babel to Pentecost

The story of the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11 and the story of Pentecost in Acts 2 stand as striking opposites in the Scriptures. At Babel, humanity sought unity apart from God. At Pentecost, God created unity through Christ. One story ends in confusion and scattering; the other begins the gathering of the Church from every nation under heaven.

After the flood, humanity shared one common language. United in speech and purpose, the people settled in the land of Shinar and said to one another, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves” (Genesis 11:4). On the surface, the project may have seemed impressive—a symbol of human cooperation, ingenuity, and ambition. But beneath it was rebellion. The people did not want to spread throughout the earth as God had commanded. Instead, they sought security, identity, and glory apart from Him. Babel was humanity attempting to climb its way into heaven by its own wisdom and strength.

God’s judgment came swiftly. He confused their language so they could no longer understand one another, and He scattered them across the earth. The unity of Babel was shattered because it was rooted in sinful pride. The very thing that once united the people—their common speech—became the means of division. Babel reminds us that human unity without God ultimately collapses. Nations, cultures, ideologies, and even churches fracture when human pride replaces humble faith in the Lord.

Now consider Pentecost. Fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead, Jews from many nations had gathered in Jerusalem for the Feast of Weeks. Suddenly the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles with the sound of a mighty rushing wind and with tongues as of fire resting upon them. Then something extraordinary happened: the apostles began speaking in other languages, and the people gathered there heard “the mighty works of God” proclaimed in their own native tongues.

Pentecost is not the undoing of languages themselves, as though diversity were the problem. Rather, Pentecost is God working through those languages to proclaim one Gospel. At Babel, many languages divided humanity in judgment. At Pentecost, many languages became instruments through which God united people in Christ. The miracle was not merely that the apostles could speak different languages. The greater miracle was that sinners from many nations were gathered together by faith in Jesus Christ crucified and risen.

The contrast is profound. At Babel, people tried to ascend to heaven. At Pentecost, heaven came down to earth. At Babel, humanity sought to make a name for itself. At Pentecost, the name of Jesus was proclaimed for the salvation of the world. At Babel, pride scattered the nations. At Pentecost, grace began gathering them back together.

This matters just as much today as it did then. Our world is still filled with Babel-like efforts to create unity through politics, power, technology, wealth, or cultural identity. Yet every human attempt eventually fractures because sin still lives within the human heart. True unity cannot be manufactured from the ground up. It must come from above.

That is precisely what the Holy Spirit does through the Gospel. He gathers people who otherwise would remain divided—young and old, rich and poor, different cultures and backgrounds—and unites them around one Savior. The Church is not held together by language, ethnicity, politics, or personality. The Church is united by Christ.

Every time the Word of God is preached, every time Baptism is administered, every time believers gather around Christ's gifts, Pentecost continues. The Holy Spirit is still at work calling, gathering, enlightening, and sanctifying God's people. Babel reminds us what sinful pride produces. Pentecost reveals what God's grace accomplishes: one people, one faith, one Lord, gathered from every nation beneath heaven.