



HE LIVES TO POUR OUT HIS SPIRIT

Day of Pentecost

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

May 24, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Paul's. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news of God's forgiveness through Jesus.

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

Spirit of Life, though I do not see you, open my eyes to your work today. Refresh me in the fact that you were poured out on the church on that Day of Pentecost so that your message of grace and forgiveness could reach my heart—and not just mine but all people. Focus all of your people on the gifts you yourself give us in order to proclaim the victorious work of our risen Savior. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children's activity sheets are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. The church basement is also available with a live feed of the worship service along with a Kids' Corner for parents with children to utilize during the service if needed.

THANK OFFERING

You may leave your offering in the plate in the lobby. The QR code to the right will provide the link to our online giving option. If you're visiting with us today you are welcome to give an offering, but don't feel compelled by guilt or embarrassment to do so. God wants all offerings to be made freely and with joy.



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship '93

The Service of the Word offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

OPENING HYMN (8:00 am)

589 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid the world's foun - da - tions
2 O Source of light, our Coun - sel - or, the Fa - ther's help to
3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high in an - swer to our
4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame, at - tend th'al-might - y



first were laid, come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; come,
us as - sure. Come down, as prom - ised, with your fire, and
ear - nest cry. Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive and
Fa - ther's name; the Sav - ior - Son be glo - ri - fied, who



pour your joys on hu - man - kind. From sin and sor - row
hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire. Your sa - cred, heal - ing
prac - tice all that we be - lieve. Give us your wis - dom
for all hu - man - kind has died; and e - qual ad - o -



set us free; may we your liv - ing tem - ples be.
mes - sage bring to sanc - ti - fy us when we sing.
that we see the glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.
ra - tion rise to you, O Spir - it, in the skies.

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856, abr.; tr. John Dryden, 1631-1700, alt.; Tune: Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder, Strassburg, 1541, alt.
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SCHOOL CHOIR (10:00 am)

Always Prepared

Stand

INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

CONFESSION

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment.

Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

ABSOLUTION

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

Prayer and Praise

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

(short musical intro)

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.



The Word

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were completely baffled and said to one another, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—

we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.”¹²They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?”¹³But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.”

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them:

“Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words.¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷This is what God says will happen in the last days:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions.

Your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the sky above,

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 107C



1 Give thanks un - to the LORD our God. How
2 Let God's re - deemed re - peat these words and
3 He gath - ered them from out the lands, from
4 Their wea - ry soul with - in them fairs when



good and kind is he, whose ten - der mer - cy
give him thanks and praise who res - cued them from
north, south, east, and west. They strayed in des - ert's
thirst and hun - ger press; in trou - ble then they



shall en - dure through all e - ter - ni - ty.
hos - tile hands, pre - served them all their days.
path - less way, no cit - y found to rest.
cried to God; he saved them from dis - tress.

5 He made the way before them straight,
and he became their guide,
that they might to a city go
and there in peace abide.

6 Let all the children of the LORD
now praise him for his grace,
and for his works of wonder done
in ev'ry time and place!

*Text: Scottish Psalter, 1929, alt.
Tune: American
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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3–11

³Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "A curse be upon Jesus," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are various kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord. ⁶There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone.

⁷Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one person a message of wisdom is given by the Spirit; to another, a message of knowledge, as the same Spirit provides it; ⁹by the same Spirit, faith is given to someone else; and to another, the same Spirit gives healing gifts. ¹⁰Another is given powers to do miracles; another, the gift of prophecy; another, the evaluating of spirits; someone else, different kinds of tongues; and another, the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them to each one individually as he desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Antiphon for Pentecost

Alleluia!

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 7:37–39

³⁷On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and called out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink! ³⁸As the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from deep within the person who believes in me."

³⁹By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were going to receive. For the Holy Spirit had not yet come, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

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

Be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children who are in grade four and younger may come forward and sit on the front step for the children's devotion. Older children, parents, or other family members may come forward to encourage the younger children's participation.

HYMN OF THE DAY

585 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your grac - es
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, and cause the Word of
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the will your



be out-poured on each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
work to do and in your ser - vice to a - bide;



your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the bright-ness
and call him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry er - ror
let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by your pow'r pre -



of your light you gath - er and in faith u - nite
keep us free; let none but Christ our mas - ter be
pare each heart, and to our weak - ness strength im - part



your Church from ev - 'ry land and tongue: this to your
 that we in liv - ing faith a - bide, in him, our
 that brave - ly here we may con - tend, through life and



praise, O Lord our God, be sung. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 death to you, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (st. 1): German, 15th cent.; (sts. 2–3): Martin Luther, 1483–1546; Tune: Eyn Enchiridion oder Handbüchlein, Erfurt, 1524
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SERMON

John 7:37–39

The One Who Helps Quench Thirst

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there 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.**

Be seated

OFFERTORY

752 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings sts. 1, Ref, 2



1 Gra - cious God, you send great bless - ings new each
2 By your Word you formed cre - a - tion filled with



morn - ing all our days. For your mer - cies
crea - tures large and small; as we tend that



nev - er end - ing, for your love we of - fer praise.
end - less trea - sure may our care en - cir - cle all.

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, your peo - ple who your



gifts un - num - bered claim, through the shar - ing



of your bless - ings may bring glo - ry to your name.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Praise to you, Holy Spirit! We worship you as the Lord and adore you as the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to give life to all created things and as you enlightened and equipped the disciples on the Day of Pentecost by the baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word you made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord. We confess:

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth and source of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful nature. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, and train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

Holy Spirit, you comfort and counsel us in every need. In dark and difficult days strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, and encourage our fearful hearts. Support us with the promise that in your final creative act you will raise up our bodies so that together with all believers we may see and enjoy the glorious return of Jesus Christ.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.

Brief intercessory prayers may be added here.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

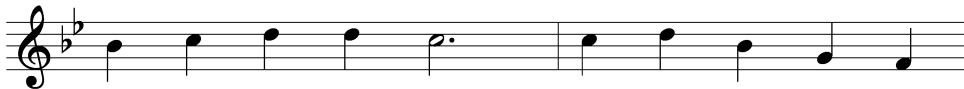
Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts
And kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.

HYMN

586 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, and make our
 2 To you, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, to you, the
 3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's al -
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, and shed your



hearts your place of rest; come with your grace and
 gift of God most high, the fount of life, the
 might - y hand be - hold while you with tongues of
 love in ev - 'ry heart; the weak - ness of our



heav'n - ly aid, and fill the hearts which you have made.
 fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 fire pro - claim to all the world his ho - ly name.
 mor - tal state with death - less might in - vig - o - rate.

- 5 Drive far away our wily foe,
 and your abiding peace bestow;
 with you as our protecting guide,
 no evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
 and you, from both, as Three in One
 that we your name may ever bless
 and in our lives the truth confess.
- 7 Praise we the Father and the Son
 and Holy Spirit, with them One,
 and may the Son on us bestow
 the gifts that from the Spirit flow!

*Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878, alt.; Tune: Geistliche lieder auff's new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1533, ed. Joseph Klug
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Stand

PRAYER

Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

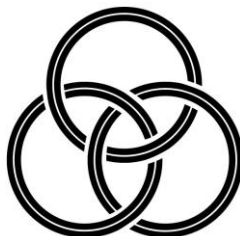
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated



CLOSING HYMN

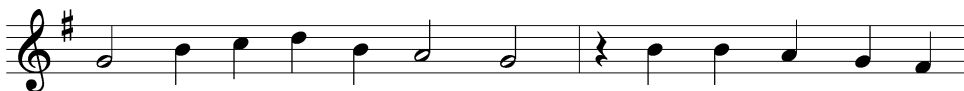
591 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace that we our
 2 Help us that we your sav - ing Word in faith - ful
 3 Then when our earth - ly race is run, death's bit - ter



Lord and Sav - ior in faith and fer - vent love em - brace
 hearts may trea - sure; let e'er that bread of life af - ford
 hour im - pend - ing, may your good work in us be - gun



and tru - ly serve him ev - er, so that when death is
 new grace in rich - est mea - sure. Make us to die to
 con - tin - ue till life's end - ing, un - til we glad - ly



near at hand we at his cross may
 ev - 'ry sin; each day cre - ate us
 may com - mend our souls in - to our



firm - ly stand and there find our sal - va - tion.
 new with - in that fruits of faith may flour - ish.
 Sav - ior's hand to rest in peace e - ter - nal.

*Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–1599; tr. Oluf H. Smeby, 1851–1929, alt.
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH AND SCHOOL PICNIC TODAY!

Join us for St. Paul's Church and School Picnic today at 11:15 am at the school. We will be celebrating our country's 250th anniversary as part of the picnic theme. Bring a side dish and a chair if we're able to be outside. God bless our country and our fellowship!

AMMO CAN FUNDRAISER FOR LMSG

Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) is a non-profit organization providing Christ-centered support to WELS/ELS military service members, veterans, and their families. This whole month of May we look to support their ministry to Christian soldiers. An ammo can has been placed in the narthex through Memorial Day where you can place your freewill offering. Your offering will go to support the LMSG-sponsored retreats and workshops, scholarships and grants, and the production of the Christian Service Members' Handbook. Find out more about LMSG at lutheranmilitary.org.

YARD SIGNS!

It is that time of year to dig out your St. Paul's Lutheran School yard signs to help promote enrollment at our school. If you are in need of a yard sign, they are located in the church narthex.

THE DEVIL DOESN'T TAKE A SUMMER BREAK

As we get ready to take our break from formal Bible studies for the summer, we recognize that the devil still attacks our faith and living. If you would like devotional or Bible study materials to continue to grow and be strengthened during the summer months, please contact Pastor Groth (pastor@stpaulsbangor.com). Studies will resume after Labor Day.

MONDAY WORSHIP

Monday worship begins for the summer on June 1st at 7:00 pm. It will continue until August 31st (the Monday before Labor Day).

FUNERAL COMMITTEE DIRECTOR

St. Paul's is in need of a Funeral Committee Director. There is a group of very experienced ladies

that have been volunteering their time and will continue to do so. Since Liz Michaels passed, Diane Arndt has been heading the committee. It is all working very smoothly. Diane and the other ladies are willing to help one hundred percent. We just need another Director. If you are willing to help out, call Diane Arndt at 608-343-1282.

FUNERAL USHERS

There is a monthly rotation of names of men who serve as ushers at funerals, and we could use a couple more volunteers for the list. If you are willing and able to serve, please contact Paul Wittmershaus at 608-317-0585.

SUMMER BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS

We will be having another Bible Information Class this summer. This would be the class for refreshing yourself on the foundational truths of Scripture and for those who would like to become members of St. Paul's. If you or someone you know would be interested, please email Pastor Groth at pastor@stpaulsbangor.com as he will soon begin to communicate with attendees to find the best day and time for the class.

CAMM LETTER FOR MAY

You can find copies of the Central Africa Medical Mission newsletter in the narthex.

LWMS CONVENTION

The 63rd Annual LWMS Convention will be held June 25-28 at the Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison. This is an opportunity to hear updates about home and mission projects as well as inspirational mission stories. The convention opens and closes with worship services and devotions are held daily. The Convention workshops include: "Hope for a Church Starting Over"; "Shining Christ's Light Across Borders"; "In the Lion's Den—The Joy of Ministering to College Students"; "Christ-centered Healthcare in Rural Kenya-Central Africa." Fees: Adults-\$300 for the full convention Or Sat and Sun only- \$200. Students (13-22 yrs) \$195 and \$175, respectively. Register online at 63.lwms.org and must be postmarked by June 1st.

PRAYERS

This week we keep in our prayers: Gary and Christa Lemke, Clarice Koltermann, Dan Chandler, Vivian Havens, Shelly Horstman, and the family of Bryce Arndt.

OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2026 Weekly Budget: \$11,428.44 Budget to Date: \$228,568.80
Received Last Week: \$6,294.42 Rec'd to Date: \$170,913.37

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 98 Online Viewers: 68 10:00 am: 180 Total: 346
Sunday Bible Study: 28 Sunday School: 11 Tues./Wed. Bible Study: 22

CALENDAR

TODAY

Day of Pentecost
8:00 am Worship
9:10 am Sunday School
9:15 am Bible Study
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Church and School Potluck Picnic

THURSDAY

2:00 pm Ladies Aid Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 am Worship
10:00 am Worship

NEXT MONDAY

7:00 pm Worship (same as Sunday)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

Pastor Brock Groth

Accompanist

Micah Gray

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